



Raymond Frederick Schroeder

May 23, 1928 - April 6, 2022

Raymond Frederick Schroeder, 93, of Okolona, Ohio died peacefully on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at CHP Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center. Ray was born May 23rd, 1928 in rural Defiance, Ohio to the late Albert and Frieda (Badenhop) Schroeder.

Ray served in the United States Army during the Korean War. In 1952, he returned home from the service and started Ray's Garage in Okolona. He worked as an auto mechanic until 1985 and then spent part of his time in the fields farming.

Ray was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona, where he held various offices. He was also a member of Ridgeville American Legion Post 454 and served as a past post Commander. He was also a member of IGO. In his spare time, Ray enjoyed playing cards, bowling, fishing, and attending his grandchildren's activities.

Ray is survived by his wife, Harriet (Arps) Schroeder, whom he married on May 23rd, 1954 in St. John Lutheran Church, Deshler. He is also survived by his children, John (Lynette) Schroeder, Marc Schroeder, Susan (Todd) Mavis, Julie (Michael) Lawton, and Matthew (Shawna) Schroeder; grandchildren, Nicholas, Joshua, and Katelyn Schroeder, Samantha, Amanda, and Makenna Schroeder, Monica (Philip) Manto, and Lydia and Zakary Schroeder; great granddaughter, Camille "Millie" Manto; and a sister, Mary Ann (Arnold) Rosebrock.

He was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Gabrielle Schroeder; and

siblings, Herman (Tillie) Schroeder, Albert (Laura) Schroeder, Clara (Melvin) Bostelman, Viola (Gus) Helberg, Amelia (Melvin) Bleeks, and Florence Schroeder.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 9th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona. Interment will follow at Glenwood cemetery, where military honor will be accorded by Ridgeville American Legion Post 454

Visitation will be held on Friday from 3 – 7 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers and gifts, memorials are suggested to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona, CHP Hospice, or Henry County Transportation Network.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.rodenbergergray.com

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Cemetery

Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona
30997 Gerken Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Funeral Service

APR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ML

“ *Many blessing to the wonderful family that Ray and Harriett produced. I embrace many heartfelt memories of this family! My prayers are with all of you at this time. Remember, he earned his wings! Our loss is heaven's gain!*

Blessings,

Mary Leupp and family (Saputo and Carl Clans)

Mary Leupp - April 08, 2022 at 12:08 PM

DB

“ *Our deepest condolences - thinking of you all and praying you find moments of peace and comfort in your time of grief. Take Care!*

Dan & Luann Boyd - April 08, 2022 at 08:53 AM

JH

“ *Jeremy & Jen Hurst purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Raymond Frederick Schroeder.*



Jeremy & Jen Hurst - April 08, 2022 at 08:24 AM

KL

“ *So very sorry for your loss. Prayers for you all.*

Kathleen Lieb - April 07, 2022 at 08:28 PM

“ From the fields and forests of war-torn Europe to the jungles of Southeast Asia, from the deserts of Iraq to the mountains of Afghanistan, brave patriots have protected our nation’s ideals, rescued millions from tyranny, and helped spread freedom around the globe. America’s veterans answered the call when asked to protect our nation from some of the most brutal oppression the world has ever known.

Military service demands a special kind of sacrifice. The places where you are sent to live and serve bring risk every day. From the time you put on that uniform for the first time, the interests of the nation move to the forefront and define your life. Those duties are shared by family members who make many sacrifices of their own, sometimes bearing the burden of losing a loved one.

Service brings rewards as well. There is the pride in developing one’s own character, serving a cause far greater than self-interest. Every person who wears America’s uniform is part of a long, unbroken line of achievement and honor. No single military power in history has done greater good, shown greater courage, liberated more people or upheld higher standards of decency and valor than the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

That is a legacy to be proud of and those who contributed to it must never be taken for granted. To honor our veterans, we must keep the promises we have made to them. We must care for those who have been injured in the service of our country. We must honor and remember those who have died. And we must remember those whose fate is still undetermined. We fly the Prisoner of War flag on Veterans Day for a reason, to show that this nation will not relent until we have accounted for every one of our missing Americans. Thank you for your service. Thank you for all that you have sacrificed for this great nation. Thank you for being the backbone of America.

COL (Retired) Mark W. Lee, USA



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Raymond Frederick Schroeder.*



April 07, 2022 at 10:16 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond Frederick Schroeder.*



April 06, 2022 at 05:35 PM