Richard "Dick" Denny

January 29, 1935 - January 2, 2023

Richard “Dick” Denny, 87, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away on January 2, 2023. He was born Ecorse, Michigan on January 29, 1935 to Rex Denny and Mary Ludeman. Richard married Gerry Lee Miller on June 7, 1958 at St Augustine Catholic Church, Napoleon, Ohio.

Dick proudly served his county in the US Navy. He was a member of S. Augustine Catholic Church where he served on various committees and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Dick enjoyed all sports and was the coach for the school football team. He was an avid Buckeyes fan, loved going to football and basketball games, and playing golf.

Dick is survived by his wife, Gerry; son, Doug (Kim) Denny; daughter, Anne (Craig) Bloesser; grandchildren, Colin Denny, Megan Denny, Jonathan (Paisley) Bloesser, and Ryan Bloesser; and great grandchildren, Stormy and Sonny Bloesser. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Steve Denny, Jim Denny, Pat Denny, and Mary Jo Grohl.

Friends and family will be received at the St. Augustine Catholic Church Ministry Center on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 from 10:00 am until 11:00 AM. Mass will be celebrated at St. Augustine Catholic Church at 11:30 AM. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Augustine Catholic Schools. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at

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Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Augustine Ministry Center
210 E. Clinton St.
Napoleon, OH 43545

The Ministry Center is directly across the street from the Church

Mass

JAN **10**. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Augustine Catholic Church
726 Monroe St.
NAPOLEON, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

JF

I have known Dick Denny for a long time, and when my dad wasn't around, he would eventually become a second dad to me. He loved football and basketball, because he played both sports in high school. He enjoyed going to high school athletic events over the years and I would tag along with him. Everywhere we went, he was definitely a 'face in the crowd'. He knew many, many people, from all over northwest Ohio and was a huge supporter of high school athletics. I remember going with him to Buckeyes' football games and riding in his Scarlet and Gray van with Mike Lecklider, Randy Bachman, Randy Kruse, Terry Adams, Paul Inselmann, Dick Cobb and Larry Christy. He always enjoyed going to the Hineygate pre-game parties on Lane Avenue Holiday Inn before the OSU football games. He was also a fixture at Spenglers after work and playing euchre with his friends. I'm sure that he is playing euchre with Dick Nye, Spike Leclkider and Mike Lecklider in heaven now.

John Fryman - January 11, 2023 at 07:08 PM

RT

I was a young boy at St Augustine school when I first met Mr Denny. He was the football coach for our team he showed me how to be a good defensive lineman. I would play the position of nose tackle, which had me lined across from the center. We would practice and I became very good at the position. When I left St Augustine to go to Napoleon high school I lost touch with him. Then when I started to work a Snyder Chevrolet, I started to see him again. He worked for Maumee Valley Vending Co and would bring the new vending machines to our break room. As I got older, I joined the Napoleon Elk's lodge, where I would see him from time to time. We would play cards and watch football "Go Buckeyes". He would also cook for outside party's and we would work in the booth at the fairgrounds. We made a lot of
Curly fries. I could go on and on but is time to get to my point, and tell you the best thing he did for me was be my friend and helped turn me into the man I came to be today. Thank you for all the good times we had and he will be missed. Past Exalted Ruler, Richard Thayer Napoleon Elk's #929

Richard Thayer - January 09, 2023 at 06:24 PM

SK

Sarah (Hinschlager),Hazen + Wolfie Krieg purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Richard "Dick" Denny.

Sarah (Hinschlager),Hazen + Wolfie Krieg - January 09, 2023 at 05:48 PM

LV

One of Napoleon Ohio's finest. A great citizen, father, and gentleman. My first football coach in 1967. He loved football. Loved his sense of humor. He will be greatly missed. Condolences to all loved ones.

Larry Vocke - January 09, 2023 at 02:12 PM

JN

Haven't seen Dick or the family for many years but my memories always include his big smile and friendly manner. Condolences to the family.

Jim Nye - January 07, 2023 at 04:01 PM

BH

Anne, our family sends condolences to you and your family. We will continue to pray for you during these difficult days. And we Thank your dad for serving our country. Barbara Hamilton ❤️

Barbara Hamilton - January 06, 2023 at 07:20 PM

AL

Austin and Ashly Lecklider purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard "Dick" Denny.

Austin and Ashly Lecklider - January 06, 2023 at 01:13 PM

MP

Dick and Gerry were the best neighbors ever. Sending hugs to Gerry, Anne and Doug. Hoping wonderful memories lift you up during this difficult time.

Mary Small Poore - January 05, 2023 at 06:19 PM

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Denny.

January 05, 2023 at 11:55 AM

HS

Haupt Preschool Staff purchased the Ocean Bree ze Spray for the family of Richard "Dick" Denny.

Haupt Preschool Staff - January 04, 2023 at 10:18 PM

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Denny.

January 04, 2023 at 10:35 AM

SP

I worked with Dick for many years at Maumee Valley Group. He was always upbeat, positive, and a good friend. He loved to talk sports, but you could never win an argument with him. The best you could do was smile and wait for the next time. He was a unique and will be missed by all who knew him.

Scott Plassman - January 04, 2023 at 10:33 AM

SL

Dick was the only person who still called me Stevie - and I didn't mind. Head of the best family was no accident.

Steve Lankenau - January 04, 2023 at 08:27 AM

So many memories of going to Ohio State football games in Dick's van, basketball games and hanging out at Spengler's and the Elks. He was definitely a great friend to Mike (Link) and Spike and we are all wondering what those 3 are getting into now that they are together again! Dick you will be missed by many! ❤️ Deb Lecklider Rohrs

Debra Rohrs - January 03, 2023 at 09:37 PM

KP

Sending hugs and prayers to the Denny family. Dick was the Best of the Best.
Much love,
Tony and K.C. Phillips

KC Phillips - January 03, 2023 at 09:15 PM

Please accept our condolences on Dick's passing. We are sorry to hear the news of your loss. With sympathy and prayers, Kim Neal and Brian Shingleton

Brian Shingleton - January 03, 2023 at 08:16 PM

GS

So many fond memories, and was a great neighbor for many years. Prayers to all of you. Glenn & Jayna Small

Glenn & Jayna Small - January 03, 2023 at 06:58 PM

JS

Please accept our sincerest condolences on Dick's passing. He was always cheerful and had a great story to share. We will truly miss him.
Sincerely, Jan and John Stover

Jan Stover - January 03, 2023 at 05:15 PM

RS

One of Napoleon's best! He was a wonderful neighbor and friend. He will certainly be missed but never forgotten.

Rick Small - January 03, 2023 at 04:19 PM

BD

Great guy our sincere condolences

Brad Daman - January 04, 2023 at 06:53 AM

Dick Cobb, Dick Denny and I Connie Cobb went to NHS together and Graduated in 1955. He and Gerry doubledated from then on with us. We both married, Cobbs in 1957, Denny's in 1958. We lived in the same newborhoods near each other. Dick Cobb bought a 35ft. RV and we all traveled to all OSU games, plus the guys went to many other BIG Ten Games. We have been Lifelong friends since those early days. I am so glad he and Gerry moved in Genecross while I was there. it has been special to share our early memories. Gerry and I can continue doing so., while the men continue on in Heaven. We all are BLESSED with beautiful families

Connie Cobb - January 04, 2023 at 12:39 PM