



Richard "Rick" Franz

September 14, 1956 - August 23, 2025

Richard "Rick" Franz, 68, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away at his home, surrounded by his family on August 23, 2025. He was born in Napoleon on September 14, 1956, to the late Edwin and Mildred (Sickmiller) Franz. On June 2, 1978, Richard married Bonnie Spieth.

Rick was a graduate of Napoleon High School and Four County Joint Vocational School where he began his career as a welder. He worked for Gilson Screen as a welder and retired in 2023 as a plant supervisor. Rick also ran his own business as Rick's Welding and fabrication for local farmers. Rick farmed with his father and twin brother, Ron, until 1986. He was a member of the Napoleon Church of the Nazarene and enjoyed camping, fishing and a few rounds of golf.

Rick is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Bonnie; children, Michael (Jennifer) Franz, and Ernie (Jaclyn) Franz; grandchildren, Addison, Oliver, Simon and Matilda; siblings, Judy Pierce, Dennis (Coleen) Franz, and Ron (Deb) Franz; many nieces and nephews; and faithful canine companion, Theo. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Janice Thompson; and brother-in-law, Jerry Pierce.

Friends and family will be received at the Napoleon Church of the Nazarene, 630 Appian Avenue, on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, from 2:00 PM until 8:00

PM. Funeral services will be held at the church on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Memorial contributions may be made to Napoleon Church of the Nazarene or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com. Arrangements entrusted to Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon.

Cemetery Details

Hoy Cemetery

St. Rt. 109
Napoleon, OH

Previous Events

Public Viewing

AUG 27. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Church of the Nazarene
630 Appian Ave.
Napoleon, OH 43545

Public Viewing

AUG 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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630 Appian Ave.
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Funeral Service

AUG 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Your Americold Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard "Rick" Franz.*



Your Americold Family - August 26, 2025 at 09:09 AM

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“ *The Velocity Team purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Richard "Rick" Franz.*



The Velocity Team - August 25, 2025 at 08:58 AM