



## Richard "Rick" Hamlin

May 19, 1954 - May 4, 2023

Richard "Rick" Darwin Hamlin, 68, of Ridgeville Corners, Ohio passed away on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at Defiance Inpatient Hospice. He was born in Sacramento, California on May 19, 1954, to Aldon and Elizabeth (Johnson) Hamlin. Rick was a 1972 graduate of Liberty Center High School and Four County Joint Vocational School. On June 29, 1974, he married Suzette Davis at the United Methodist Church in Liberty Center.

Rick was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Ridgeville Corners, where he served on the church council and cemetery board. He was a member of the Ridgeville Fire Department for 25 years, retiring as Captain. As a Journeyman Tool and Die Maker, Rick worked for many area businesses, including Wauseon Manufacturing, Napoleon Spring Works, L&L Machine and Tool, and NN Metal Stampings. Rick started his own business, RDH Design and Detail, in 2000. He served his community on the Telephone Board, the Water and Sewer Board, and was honored as the Hometown Hero in 2013. He liked the outdoors, mowing around the home, and playing golf when he could. Rick enjoyed woodworking and vacationing with his family. Rick unselfishly would do anything for anyone in need. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family.

Rick is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Suzette; daughters, Jennifer (Josh) Behnfeltdt, Nicole (Jason) Baden, and Kristen (Ben) Martin;

grandchildren, Zane and Kaylen Behnfeldt, Claire and Will Baden, and Calvin and Trevor Martin; brother, Michael (Marlene) Hamlin, and sisters, Robin Weirauch, and Dianne (Todd) Weimer. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Bruce Weirauch.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Friday, May 12, 2023, from 2PM until 8PM with a Fireman's Last Call Service at 7PM. Funeral services will be held at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners, on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at 11AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Interment will take place at St. Peter Lutheran Church Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to CHP Defiance Inpatient Hospice, the Ridgeville Fire Department, or St. Peter Lutheran Church. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery

CO RD X  
Ridgeville Corners, OH 43555

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAY 12. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon  
1010 Westmoreland Avenue  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Fireman's Last Call Service

MAY 12. 7:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon  
1010 Westmoreland Avenue  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Public Viewing

MAY 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Lutheran Church  
20-191 US Highway 6  
Ridgeville Corners, OH 43555

## Funeral Service

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MAY 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Lutheran Church  
20-191 US Highway 6  
Ridgeville Corners, OH 43555

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album tribute video



Rodenberger Funeral Home - November 07, 2023 at 03:24 PM



“ Suzette and family, so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you.

*Dave and Kirsten Palmer*

Dave and Kirsten Palmer - May 12, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Hamlin.*



May 12, 2023 at 01:02 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Hamlin.*



May 12, 2023 at 09:29 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Hamlin.



May 12, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Hamlin.



May 12, 2023 at 07:35 AM



“ Suzette and family. Rick was always willing to rescue us in time of need! He gave us his time no matter what he was doing! I'll be over in a little bit he would tell us and there he was! Ridgeville encompasses the best of the best! We will surely miss him! RIP RICK!

**larry and Helen Hesterman** - May 12, 2023 at 07:31 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Hamlin.



May 11, 2023 at 03:56 PM

LB

“ Suzette I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.



Lori Brooks - May 11, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Hamlin.



May 10, 2023 at 08:41 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Hamlin.



May 09, 2023 at 04:57 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Hamlin.



May 09, 2023 at 04:27 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Hamlin.*



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May 09, 2023 at 03:00 PM



“ *I Have You In My Heart Plush Blanket was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Hamlin.*



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May 09, 2023 at 02:46 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Hamlin.*



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May 09, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Hamlin.*



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May 08, 2023 at 09:21 PM

EC

“ *Everyone at Stoneco and The Shelly Co. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard "Rick" Hamlin.*



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**Everyone at Stoneco and The Shelly Co.** - May 08, 2023 at 08:14 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Hamlin.*



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May 07, 2023 at 05:52 PM

NS

“ *Norbert & I lived around Ridgeville for over 40 years and got to know him through our daughter Ann. Ann & Nicole were in the same grade, graduating in 1997. Ridgeville was very fortunate to have him in the area as a volunteer, serving in different capacities in the community and church. He will be greatly missed by all. Suzette and family, you have our deepest sympathy! Remember all the good times, and know that he is happy now with his Lord and Saviour, smiling down on you, with no more pain and suffering!*

*Norbert & Linda Sonnenberg*

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**Norbert & Linda Sonnenberg** - May 07, 2023 at 03:39 PM

KV

“ Suzette and family. So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you. Kevin and Tammy Vajen

Kevin Vajen - May 06, 2023 at 11:42 AM



“ Ridgeville community was blessed with this man's commitment and service. Our condolences to the family. I had the opportunity to work with Rick at Napoleon Spring Works, and admired his talent and ethics.

Mike Meyer - May 05, 2023 at 08:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard "Rick" Hamlin.



May 05, 2023 at 08:34 PM

PK

“ Oh Suzette and family, What can I say...Rick was such a sweetheart and he always made us laugh. It was great running into you on the golf course now & then and Mike will always remember the late-night belly smackers in the pool and chicken skin.

Pam Kruse - May 05, 2023 at 01:47 PM

KL

Such a great friend, always friendly with everyone, he was one of my mentors when I was a rookie, I will miss him dearly! RIP Rick I'll see you again!

Kristopher Lauber - May 05, 2023 at 08:01 PM

MM

*Ridgeville community was blessed with his talents and commitment. Worked with Rick at Napoleon Spring Works, and enjoyed his knowledge and ethics. Our condolences.*

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**Mike Meyer** - May 05, 2023 at 08:32 PM

DK

*Memories are our only true possessions. The memories I made with Rick always makes me smile. I'm glad we became friends and spent time together. RIP my friend.*

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**Doug Koester** - May 08, 2023 at 08:46 PM

JB

*Suzette and family. May God richly bless you during this difficult time. It is not easy wondering how you will deal with all of this. But, we hope close friends and family will show you how. Please accept our condolences.*

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**Jim and Leesa Battershell** - May 10, 2023 at 12:24 AM