



## Richard "Dick" Henning

October 30, 1929 - August 21, 2024

Richard "Dick" F. Henning, Jr. passed away peacefully surrounded by family, August 21 at Glenn Park Assisted Living, Defiance. Richard was born in Toledo, Ohio on October 30, 1929, to the late Richard, Sr and Jennie Maxine Henning. He married Florence Ahleman on August 4, 1950, at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Napoleon. They celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary before she preceded him in death, August 15, 2023.

He graduated from DeVilbiss High School and attended the University of Toledo. In February 1952 he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp, where was stationed in Japan and served in the Korean Conflict. After active duty he served in the Reserves until 1960 when he was honorably discharged as Lance Corporal. He was very proud of his days on the field as a tackle on the Bayone, New Jersey, Navy Football Team. Once out of active duty, Dick and Florence settled in Liberty Center where they lived the majority of their life and raised their family.

Dick loved riding horses which was rooted from his teenage years spent helping on his uncle's ranch in California and led him to be a race judge for over 40 years at the Henry County Fair. He passed that knowledge on to his daughters by helping them train and show 4H horses. He most enjoyed spending time with his family and loved cheering on his kids and grandkids at their activities, including music events, ballet recitals and sporting events.

Richard was an active member of the Liberty Center Fire Department for 50+ years. When the siren blew, he responded. He was well known for directing traffic at the LC. Tiger football games and frying sausage for the annual LCVFD Superbowl Pancake & Sausage Breakfast. He was honored as the Henry County Hometown Hero representing the LC Fire Department in 2008. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon. He belonged to the VFW and American Legion. Dick worked for the Campbell Soup Company for 33 years. He spent most of those years as Supervisor at the V-8 Warehouse. He retired in 1988 as a Manager in Customer Service.

Richard is survived by daughters, Debora (Joe) Bergstedt of Napoleon, and Lori (Rusty) Coey of Liberty Center; grandchildren Jennifer (Frank) Dudas, Jessica (Scott) Durham, Alyssa (Codi) Bird; Jason (Celeste) Coey and Jacob Coey; 12 great grandchildren, sisters Carol Mavis and Linda Kirchhof and brother Bill (Mary) Henning. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Florence; a beloved daughter Chari Lynn Henning, a brother James Henning, and brothers-in-law, Larry Kirchhof and Ronald Mavis.

Visitation will be held at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Sunday, August 25, 2024, from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM with a Firemen's Last Call Service at 4:00 PM. Funeral Services will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon, on Monday, August 26, 2024 at 10:30 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Interment will follow at Health-Colton Cemetery with military honors accorded by the Napoleon American Legion Post #300. Memorial contributions can be gifted to St. Paul Lutheran Church Endowment Fund or the Liberty Center Volunteer Fire Department. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Heath-Colton Cemetery

Liberty Center, OH

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

AUG **25**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Public Viewing

AUG **26**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
1075 Glenwood Ave.  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Funeral Service

AUG **26**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Jacob’s Outback Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Dick" Henning.

Jacob’s Outback Family - August 24, 2024 at 10:10 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Henning.



August 24, 2024 at 10:10 AM

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“ Carol, Linda, Bill & Mary purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard "Dick" Henning.



Carol, Linda, Bill & Mary - August 23, 2024 at 10:23 AM

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“ Carol, Linda, Bill & Mary planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard "Dick" Henning.

Carol, Linda, Bill & Mary - August 23, 2024 at 10:23 AM

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Deb Bergstedt - August 23, 2024 at 10:22 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Henning.



August 23, 2024 at 07:42 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Henning.



August 22, 2024 at 05:54 PM



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Rodenberger Funeral Home - August 22, 2024 at 03:27 PM