



Richard Storch

May 7, 2024

Richard F. Storch, 92, of Hamler, Ohio, went to be with his Lord Tuesday afternoon, May 7, 2024, at the Mercy Defiance Hospital with his wife and daughters by his side. He was born on June 23, 1931, at home, where he still lived, in Henry County, to the late Rudolph and Amelia (Bartels) Storch. On September 22, 1956, he married Dorene Fischer at Zion Lutheran Church in Waterville, Ohio, and she survives. They were married for 67 years. Richard was a 1949 graduate of Hamler High School and served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War with the 48th Fighter Squadron, 1950-1954. Richard and Dorene were partners for life as they farmed and raised three daughters together. Richard also owned his painting business from 1954-2001. He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church, Hamler, Ohio, where he served in different church council positions over the years. He was also a member of American Legion Post #262. Richard enjoyed spending time with his family and attending and supporting the many grandchildren's activities over the years as well as maintaining his bountiful garden for many, many years. He was honored to have gone on the Flag City Honor Flight in September, 2017. He attended numerous Patrick Henry sporting events until his later years. He enjoyed following the youth in sports.

He is survived by his wife, Dorene and son-in-law, Dale Gordon, (Avilla, IN) and daughters Marty (Tim) Behrman and Marsha (Rob) Bostelman (both Deshler, OH); 11 grandchildren, Adam (Elizabeth) Gordon, Alyssa Wade,

Andrea (Austin) Magnuson, Aimee (Taylor) Kistel, Andrew (Sydney) Gordon, Sarah (Adam) Sarka, Kyle (Nicole) Behrman, Cole (Chelsea) Behrman, Justin (Elle Janes) Bostelman, Kylee Bostelman, and Troy (Veronica Chen) Bostelman; 6 step-grandchildren; and 18 great grandchildren. He is also survived by two special nieces who cared for him deeply over the years, Lisa (Dick) Flowers and Kathy (Bob) Scheckelhoff. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Marla Gordon, twin infant grandchildren, sister and brother-in-law, Joanne (William, Jr.) Gerken.

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 2:00-6:00 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon and on Monday from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, Hamler. Funeral services will follow the church visitation on Monday at 11:00 a.m. with SAM Deacon Helena Morris officiating. Interment will follow in the Hope Cemetery. The family suggests memorials be given to Hope Lutheran Church, Vancrest Health Care Center, or Donor's Choice. Online condolences can be made at www.rodenbergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

Hope - St. Stephens Lutheran Cemetery

Hamler, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

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

Hope Lutheran Church
16 OH-18
Hamler, OH 43524
(419) 274-5765

Service

MAY 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ From the fields, forests, plains of Africa and war-torn Europe, to the frozen tundra of Korea, to the jungles of Southeast Asia, from the deserts of Kuwait and 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 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.

Brigadier General (Retired) Mark W. Lee, United States Army

BG (R) Dr. Mark W. Lee - May 11, 2024 at 08:46 AM

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“ *Chen Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Richard Storch.*



Chen Family - May 10, 2024 at 01:37 PM

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“ *Colleagues of BGSU Marketing Department purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Storch.*



Colleagues of BGSU Marketing Department - May 09, 2024 at 04:22 PM

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“ *Dorene, Marty and Marsha, We are so sorry for your loss. We have fond memories of playing at your house when we were kids. May you cherish all your memories of Richard and keep them close to your heart. Love, the family of Marvin and Marlene Buchhop*

Tracey L Hoff - May 09, 2024 at 11:52 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Richard Storch.*



May 09, 2024 at 11:45 AM