



Richard L. Thayer

April 30, 2024

Richard L. Thayer, 72, of Napoleon, Ohio died peacefully on Tuesday, April 30th, 2024 at the CHP Defiance Hospice Center, surrounded by his loving family. He was born January 23, 1952 in Napoleon, Ohio to the late Burdette and Susanne (Gluss) Thayer. On November 11, 2006, he married Susan (Maassel) Knapp Thayer.

Rick was a 1970 graduate of Napoleon High School and started working at Snyder Chevrolet. After he graduated, he started working as an auto mechanic at Snyder Chevrolet, Napoleon. He also worked at Estle Chevrolet, Defiance, and Terry Henricks Dealership, Archbold. He also worked for AutoZone and O'Riley's in Napoleon, Defiance, and Wauseon.

Rick was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church, Napoleon and was the former Exalted Ruler for the Napoleon Elks Lodge.

Rick's true passion was working and rebuilding classic cars and his last build was on a 1953 Chevrolet Belair convertible. He also loved woodworking and crafted a boat at one time.

He is also survived by his children, Angie (Knapp) Buchanan, Joe (Ana) Knapp, Jacob Thayer, and Jessica (Randy) Thayer Jewell; siblings, Ann Thayer and Tim (Laurie) Thayer; and niece, Lisa Thayer; grandchildren, Aalissia (Sean) Kelley, Alex Knapp, Joey Robinson, Jayce Robinson, Ella Knapp, James Jewell, and Judah Jewell; and fur babies, Lucy, Penny, and Apollo.

He was also preceded in death by a grandson, Layne Knapp and brother,

Steven Thayer.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 4th, 2024 at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home. Interment will follow at St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery, Napoleon, Ohio.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 3-8 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, where an Elks 11th hour service will be conducted at 7 p.m.

Memorial contributions can be directed to CHP Hospice, Napoleon Filling Home of Mercy, Toledo Children's Hospital or Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Cemetery Details

St. Augustine's Cemetery

St. Rt. 108
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

MAY 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
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Tribute Wall

TS

“ We send our heartfelt sympathy on the passing of our relative, friend and faithful employee, Rick. Know we are thinking of you at this sad time.

Sincerely, Tom and Susie Snyder Family

Tom Snyder - May 03, 2024 at 07:33 PM



“ "God Has You" 21" Sonnet Chime was purchased for the family of Richard L. Thayer.



May 03, 2024 at 05:49 AM

DT

“ Sue and family, My sincere condolences! I got to visit several times with Rick at union functions. He was a kind man with a great sense of humor he will be greatly missed ! Sorry for your loss Deb Towers

Debra Towers - May 02, 2024 at 08:46 PM

BD

“ So sorry for your loss condolences to all of you 🙏

Barb Dangelo - May 02, 2024 at 11:47 AM

MJ

“ So sorry to hear of Rick's passing ..my condolences to Anne Tim Lisa..love you guys .Marty

Marty Jackson - May 02, 2024 at 10:55 AM

DA

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. I spent all my school years in Napoleon with Richard from St. Augustine's to NHS. A good man who will be missed.*
Deb Grieser Armstrong

Deb Armstrong - May 01, 2024 at 09:04 PM

RH

Mty sincere regrets for your loss Rick was a good friend to Doris and my self shared many good times together

robert hutchison - May 02, 2024 at 12:52 PM