



Richard James "Jim" Vajen

May 12, 1939 - November 15, 2020

Richard James "Jim" Vajen, 81, of Napoleon, Ohio died Sunday, Nov. 15th, 2020 at Mercy Defiance Hospital. He was born May 12, 1939 in Napoleon, Ohio to the late Chalmer and Helen (Harmon) Vajen. On September 24, 1960, he married Edna Ellerbrock and she preceded him in death on February 16th, 2018.

Jim was a lifelong farmer and worked in the maintenance department for Campbell Soup Co. for over 40 years. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon. He was also a member of the Napoleon American Legion and VFW.

He is survived by daughters, Deborah (Larry) LaForrest, Barbara Baumann, and Pamela (Bedford) Miller, all of Napoleon; grandchildren, Brent (Emily) Gerken and Blake (Morgan) Gerken; step grandchildren, Neidera LaForrest and Jennifer Oliver; great grandchildren, Eliza and Cora Gerken; step great granddaughter, Kinsley Hays; and a brother, Herbert Vajen of The Villages, Florida.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Wednesday, November 18th at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon and a livestream will be available at www.stpaulnapoleon.org A private graveside will be held at Florida Cemetery where military honors will be accorded by the Napoleon Joint Veteran Posts.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the church. Masks and social distancing will be observed.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Henry County Humane

Society or the St. Paul Prayer Shaw Ministry group.

Cemetery Details

Florida Cemetery

Florida, OH

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

GZ

“ So sorry for your loss. The services were past by the time we heard. We will be praying for your whole family. May your dad rest in peace.

Gary & Julie Zink - November 24, 2020 at 05:55 PM

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“ Goodmorning !! Sending my thoughts and prayers, strength to help the family manage this stressful time. Friend, member of the family !! Tom

thomas ellerbrock - November 18, 2020 at 01:38 PM

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“ I knew him as Jimmy. We are cousins. Our parents used to get together many Sunday evenings. Doris and Carl Kruse and their children joined us. The parents played cards. Jimmy's father and my father liked to try to cheat. We kids would play tag and run around outside. We usually had home-made ice cream and cake for dessert. We kids were expected to turn the freezer until it got too hard for us to turn. Jimmy's father would then grab the handle and spin it easily and then would announce the ice cream was ready to eat.
I believe that there was a summer kitchen when we were young. We were all poor and worked hard. The last time I talked with jimmy was at Junior's funeral.

Ronald L Harmon - November 17, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard James "Jim" Vajen.*



November 17, 2020 at 09:48 AM