



## Robert "Bob" W. Orthwein

March 16, 1926 - February 25, 2015

Robert W. "Bob" Orthwein, 88, of Napoleon, formerly of Hamler, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at the Lutheran Home in Napoleon.

He was born on the family farm near Malinta on March 16, 1926 to Edwin and Mathilda (Rettig) Orthwein. He married Alma Godeke on June 24, 1962 at St. John Lutheran Church, Deshler and she preceded him in death on November 11, 2009.

He was a 1944 graduate of Malinta-Grelton High School and joined the Army to enter World War II in the European Theater. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

He farmed and worked at Gilson Screen until his retirement. He was a lifelong member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Flatrock Township, Napoleon.

He is survived by his daughter, Ann (Michael) D'Esposito of Wauseon, son, John (Silvia) Orthwein of Meilen, Switzerland, four granddaughters; Kristin (Joel) Weber and Mary Kate D'Esposito of Wauseon, Lucia Orthwein and Elise Orthwein of Switzerland, great granddaughter, Kallahan Weber, and a great grandchild on the way, sisters; Geraldine (Stanley) Openlander of Napoleon, Dorothy (Ken) Fundum of Malinta, and Margaret (Bill) Straley of Napoleon. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Kenneth, an infant brother, James, and niece, Charlotte Straley.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Flatrock Twp. Interment will follow in the church cemetery

where military honors will be accorded by the Napoleon Joint Veteran Posts. Visitation will be held on Friday from 2-8 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are suggested to St. Paul Lutheran Flatrock Twp. Church, The Filling Home, or the Lutheran Home.

The family would like to thank the staff at Alpine Village and the Lutheran Home for their care of Bob over the past few years.

Online condolences may be made at [www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Paul Lutheran Flatrock Twp. Cemetery

12868 County Road K  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 27. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home  
1010 Westmoreland Avenue  
Napoleon, OH 43545  
(419) 592-2333  
[help@rodenbergergray.com](mailto:help@rodenbergergray.com)

## Visitation

FEB 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Flatrock Twp. Cemetery  
12868 County Road K  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Service

FEB 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church-Flatrock Twp.  
12868 County Road K  
Napoleon, OH 43545



# Tribute Wall

DD

“ Sorry to hear of your fathers passing. We seen him awhile back while he seemed well. I remember that he & Kenneth got me to riding motorcycles & even sold me a big old Harley. I always thought we should have seen more of each other. Too busy I guess!! We are out here in Arizona until it gets warmer. These computers are wonderful for finding out things - take a lot of time also. Can read the paper also

*Dan & Marilyn Degler*

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**Daniel & Marilyn Degler** - February 28, 2015 at 01:02 PM

MR

“ I remember Bob as one who was very quiet and kind. Even though Bob was 16 years older than me he always would take time to visit with me. Our families had numerous Family gatherings and reunions. Our thoughts and prayers for all members of the family, Marvin Rettig a first cousin

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**Marvin Rettig** - February 27, 2015 at 07:37 PM

HG

“ We wish to extend our condolences to you Ann, John and your families for the loss of your Dad. May you always cherish and remember the good times you've had with him.

*Our deepest sympathy, Henry & Pat Godeke*



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**Henry and Pat Godeke** - February 27, 2015 at 06:24 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" W. Orthwein.*



February 27, 2015 at 12:32 PM



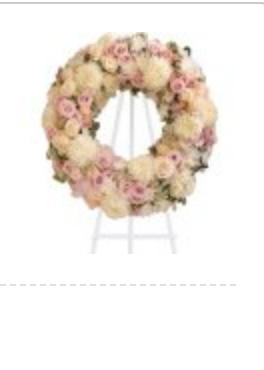
“ *Jamie R. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Robert "Bob" W. Orthwein.*



**Jamie R.** - February 27, 2015 at 08:02 AM



“ *Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" W. Orthwein.*



February 27, 2015 at 07:05 AM



“ *You will be missed uncle Bob. Take care.*



**Andrew Orthwein** - February 26, 2015 at 06:19 PM

RH

“ Hello Ann and John,

*When I was little (probably in grade school), I remember that Uncle Bob could always make me laugh...he'd say funny things, like when he was visiting and getting ready to leave he'd say, "See you in the funny papers!" One time I asked him if he had some money (who knows why kids ask the questions they do!), he said, "Just one stinkin' rotten penny," and he laughed....and gave me the penny! That type of kindness leaves an impression on a child...always.*

*Rose Fundum Hoffman*

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**Rose Hoffman** - February 26, 2015 at 02:55 PM

JF

“ Dear Cousin Ann & Cousin John,  
Our sympathy to you both upon the death of your Dad.

*We had a prayer for Uncle Bob last night at our Lenten Service. "Eternal Father, You alone make the decisions concerning life and death. We ask You to show mercy to Your servant, Robert Orthwein, whose death seems imminent. If it be Your gracious will, restore him and lengthen his earthly life: but if not, keep him in his baptismal grace and in Your abiding care. Give him a repentant heart, firm faith, and a lively hope. Let not the fear of death cause him to waver in confidence and trust. At Your chosen time, grant him a peaceful departure and a joyous entrance into everlasting life with the glorious company of all Your saints,; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen."*

*I often like to sing this hymn during the commendation of the dying: "Lord, let at last Thine angels come, to Abram's bosom bear me home, that I may die unfearing; and in its narrow chamber keep my body safe in peaceful sleep until Thy reappearing. And then from death awaken me that these mine eyes with joy may see, O Son of God, Thy glorious face, my Savior and my Fount of grace. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend, and I will praise Thee without end. Amen." (TLH 429, v. 3)*

*I have many good memories of Uncle Bob. Sometimes I got to drive tractor with him at Grandma Orthwein's farm. He often had to fix the lawnmower for me so that I could mow that big barnyard. Once we both were up on the barn to nail down some of the roofing that had blown off. Once we went up in a small Cessna together at the Henry County Airport. (They advertised rides at the Henry County Fairgrounds.) I think Uncle Bob really enjoyed it, except that there was a crosswind that day and the pilot made a rough landing. Long ago, I remember your Dad & Mom & you kids coming up to the U.P. of Michigan--Brimley--where we would always go fishing. How nice it was for your parents also to drive all the way to Hancock, MI when Marcy and I were married.*

*My Dad and your Dad always got along so well. As my Dad was getting worse with Alzheimer's, he often called your Dad--and Uncle Bob was always patient and kind.*

*I miss the many visits your Dad & Mom made to my parent's house.*

*We look foward to a happy reunion in heaven.*

*James & Marcy Fundum*

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**James & Marcy Fundum** - February 26, 2015 at 01:01 PM