



Robert "Bob" Tilse

January 23, 1944 - October 11, 2025

Robert "Bob" James Tilse, 81, of Defiance, Ohio, passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, October 11, 2025. He was born on January 23, 1944, in Ridgeville Township, to the late Henry and Esther (Meyer) Tilse. On November 14, 1965, he married the love of his life, Susanne Schroeder at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township. They would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 14, 2025. He was also confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church, Stryker, Ohio.

Bob was a faithful member of St Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township. He served as Sunday School deacon and superintendent, church financial secretary, cemetery committee member, church elder and extended elder. Bob served his country proudly in the National Guard from 1964 until 1970 and was a member of the Ridgeville American Legion. He was a life long farmer in Henry County.

He is survived by his loving wife, Susanne; children, Brad (Darla) Tilse and Michelle (Tim) Clark; grandchildren, Chase (Meaghan) Clark, Levi Tilse, and Derek Tilse; great-grandson, Cooper Clark; siblings, Jeanette Brandt, Delmar Tilse, and Mary Jane Rebeau; as well as many nieces and nephews. Bob is preceded in death by his parents Henry and Esther Tilse.

Friends and family will be received at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home,

Napoleon, on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, from 4pm until 7pm. Funeral Services will be held for Bob at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township, on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 11 am, with an hour of visitation prior to services. Interment will follow at the church cemetery, with military honors accorded by Ridgeville Legion Post 454. Memorial contributions can be made out to St Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township. Online condolences may also be left for the family at www.rodembegergray.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Twp.

16976 County Road Q1
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

OCT **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Napoleon Township
16976 County Road Q1
Napoleon, OH 43545

Funeral Service

OCT **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Napoleon Township
16976 County Road Q1
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall



“ I try to take in good advice ... Bob left a lot for me to pass on to the younger people. Bob WILL be missed.

Marcus E. Schuette - October 14, 2025 at 04:00 PM



“ PEO Chapter FG purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert "Bob" Tilse.



PEO Chapter FG - October 13, 2025 at 07:47 PM



“ Trisha Fisher planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Tilse.

Trisha Fisher - October 13, 2025 at 06:26 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Tilse.



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