



## Rodger A. Meyer

September 16, 1954 - January 19, 2026

Rodger A. Meyer, age 71, of Napoleon, Ohio, passed away on Monday, January 19, 2026, at CHP Inpatient Hospice in Defiance, Ohio. He was born on September 16, 1954, in Napoleon, Ohio, to the late Edward and Lorina (Wachtmann) Meyer.

At the age of 16, Rodger suffered a severe neck injury that left him paralyzed. Through pure determination and countless hours of strenuous therapy, he defied the odds and proudly walked across the stage at his graduation from Liberty Center High School. Following graduation, Rodger began his career with Kahrs Tractor Sales in Wauseon, where he worked for over 40 years before retiring in 2019. Throughout his life and career, Rodger never once complained about his disability, facing every challenge with perseverance. Rodger was a member of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Wauseon, where he served as church secretary and was an active member of the dartball team and the Lutheran Laymen's League. He also enjoyed following SPL sports, the Liberty Center Tigers, and the Cleveland Indians games on the radio. Rodger is survived by uncles and aunts, Melvin (Margaret) Wachtmann, Mildred Gerken, Gerri Wachtmann, and Norm (Lois) Wachtmann; first cousins, Marna Lou Bechtol, Robert Meyer, Linda, Vernon, David, Lynn, Lisa, Doug, Sue, Tim, Brent, Tom, Mike, David, Mark, Janet, Bruce, Cindy, Bob, Teresa, and Kim; and his dedicated caregiver, Beverly Holloway. He was preceded in death by his parents; uncles and aunts; Rudolph (Lucille) Meyer, Harold (Emma) Wachtmann, Arther Wachtmann, Ray (Marge) Wachtman, Ronald

Wachtmann and; cousin, Larry Meyer; and in-laws, Jack Bechtol and Sue Meyer.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 23, 2026, at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Wauseon, Ohio. Visitation will take place at the church from noon until the time of the service. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Luke Lutheran Church or The Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.rodenbergergray.com](http://www.rodenbergergray.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Luke's Lutheran Cemetery

1588 State Route 108  
Wauseon, OH 43567

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **23**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
1588 State Route 108  
Wauseon, OH 43567

## Funeral Service

JAN **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BH

“ Beverly Holloway sent a virtual gift in memory of Rodger Meyer



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**Beverly Holloway** - January 23 at 07:54 PM

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“ Beverly Holloway lit a candle in memory of Rodger Meyer



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**Beverly Holloway** - January 23 at 01:47 PM

BH

“ Good bye my friend  your up in Heaven walking around..!ll miss you but forever in my heart 



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**Beverly Holloway** - January 23 at 01:36 PM

LV

“ *My first thought, when I learned of Rodger's passing, was that he is getting his body back. Farwell to a great, brave coworker and friend for many years. Wishing God's peace and comfort for his family and friends.*

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**Loren Volkman** - January 21 at 03:46 PM

CK

“ *He was a really great guy ! My sister Bev Holloway had 20 great years with him ! RIP buddy until we meet again!!*

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**Connie king** - January 20 at 04:01 PM

RM

“ *One of the nicest human beings I ever met. One of the strongest and most determined people I ever knew. Never complained, rest in peace, Rodger.*

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**Rick Miller** - January 20 at 12:24 PM

GF

*Rest in peace Rodger, never complained and was always smiling. Till we meet again in heaven. God bless you my friend.*

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**Gary Foreman** - January 22 at 11:42 AM