



Roger Helberg

May 20, 1938 - August 24, 2024

Roger Lee Helberg passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at Henry County Hospital in Napoleon, Ohio. Roger was born on May 20, 1938 to the late Eldor and Ruth (Hogrefe) Helberg. On July 10, 1959 he married Mary Alice (Wade) Helberg, who preceded him in death on April 2, 2024. Roger was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Napoleon Township. He was a member and served on the board of the Farm Bureau for many years. He was a member of the German Lutheran Heritage Society and a volunteer for The Red Cross Disaster team where he would help to set up shelters for those affected by the hurricanes. In his younger years he was involved in the Maumee Valley Civic Theatre and loved doing plays. Roger learned to call square dances as a teenager and enjoyed singing as well as playing the harmonica. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Roger is survived by his son, Michael (Dusti) Helberg; his daughter, Michelle Helberg; granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann Helberg; step grandchildren, Taylor, Timothy, and Trevor Lines; sister, Joyce Melick; brother, Lynn (Jackie) Helberg; sister-in-law, Twila Helberg and many loving nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Alice; his parents, Eldor and Ruth; his brother, Larry Helberg; his brother-in-law Frank Melick; his brother and sisters-in-laws Esther (Kenny) Gerdes; Eileen (Richard) Rendoff; Marvin (Phyllis) Wade; Phyllis (Delmer) Beck; Melvin (Mary Ann) Wade.

Friends and family will be received at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township, on Friday, August 30, 2024, from 10:00 AM until the time of the

memorial service at 11:00 AM. Interment will follow in the church cemetery where military honors will be accorded by the Ridgeville American Legion. Memorial contributions may be made to the church. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com. Arrangements entrusted to Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon

Cemetery Details

St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery- Napoleon Township

16976 County Road Q1
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery- Napoleon Township
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Funeral Service

AUG 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Mike, Michelle and Elizabeth, we are so sorry for your loss. Your dad was a good guy and took care of our Aunt Mary Alice. Roger was friendly and Kevin shared his interests in woodworking. Love to all, Kevin, Sara and Marcia

Wades - August 29, 2024 at 01:11 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger Helberg.



August 29, 2024 at 12:26 PM

“ From the fields, forests, plains of Africa and war-torn Europe, to the frozen tundra of Korea, to the jungles of Southeast Asia, from the deserts of Kuwait and Iraq to the mountains of Afghanistan, brave patriots have protected our nation’s ideals, rescued millions from tyranny, and helped spread freedom around the globe. America’s veterans answered the call when asked to protect our nation from some of the most brutal oppression the world has ever known. Military service demands a special kind of sacrifice. The places where you are sent to live and serve bring risk every day. From the time you put on that uniform for the first time, the interests of the nation move to the forefront and define your life. Those duties are shared by family members who make many sacrifices of their own, sometimes bearing the burden of losing a loved one. Service brings rewards as well. There is pride in developing one’s own character, serving a cause far greater than self-interest. Every person who wears America’s uniform is part of a long, unbroken line of achievement and honor. No single military power in history has done greater good, shown greater courage, liberated more people or upheld higher standards of decency and valor than the Armed Forces of the United States of America. That is a legacy to be proud of and those who contributed to it must never be taken for granted. To honor our veterans, we must keep the promises we have made to them. We must care for those who have been injured in the service of our country. We must honor and remember those who have died. And we must remember those whose fate is still undetermined. We fly the Prisoner of War flag on Veterans Day for a reason, to show that this nation will not relent until we have accounted for every one of our missing Americans. Thank you for your service. Thank you for all that you have sacrificed for this great nation. Thank you for being the backbone of America.

Brigadier General (Retired) Mark W. Lee, United States Army

DF

“ Dan Wade & Elias Flores purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Roger Helberg.



Dan Wade & Elias Flores - August 28, 2024 at 10:34 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Roger Helberg.



August 28, 2024 at 06:36 PM

FD

“ Forever Love, Taylor, Kathie and Diane planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger Helberg.

Forever Love, Taylor, Kathie and Diane - August 28, 2024 at 06:36 PM

LM

“ So sorry to hear of your Dad passing. Had fun at Farm Bureau gatherings starting when our families were young and met rotating at our homes. Dad was such a dear man and we will miss him.

Larry + Pat Mahnke - August 28, 2024 at 05:53 PM

CH

“ Roger and I were classmates at NHS. I always enjoyed seeing him somewhere on our family trips from Louisiana back to Napoleon. One of our last visits was at the Henry County Fair a couple of years ago while we listened to the music and discussed The Good Old Days . 🥺 RIP Roger. 🙏

Connie Holers - August 28, 2024 at 05:13 PM

LK

“ My Christian Sympathy to the family. Roger served well as a member of the German Lutheran Heritage of Northwest Ohio, with his wealth of information and as an officer. He will be missed.

Lillian A. Keller - August 28, 2024 at 11:15 AM

PG

“ It's overwhelming that Roger is the last of a family generation. I would like to picture Roger calling square dances and the family members who have passed before him are dancing and laughing. It's difficult when both parents have passed especially within a little over four months of each other. Mike and Michelle allow yourselves to grieve for however long you need and reach out to people for support. ☐

Pat Gerdes - August 28, 2024 at 10:06 AM

TJ

“ Timothy Lines and Mara Jaworski purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Roger Helberg.



Timothy Lines and Mara Jaworski - August 27, 2024 at 01:19 PM

TF

“ *The Ehmann Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Roger Helberg.*



The Ehmann Family - August 27, 2024 at 01:12 PM

CH

“ *Roger was a big part of the Ridgeville legion and we will miss him alot. Chaplain Eddie Harris.*

Chaplain Eddie Harris - August 26, 2024 at 05:36 PM