



## Ronald Lee Bittinger

March 3, 1946 - May 3, 2025

Ronald Lee Bittinger, 79, Bryan, Ohio went home to heaven surrounded by his family on May 3, 2025, at Defiance Inpatient Hospice. He was born on March 3, 1946, in Toledo, Ohio to the late David and Gladys (Parsons) Bittinger. Ron was a 1965 graduate of Grand Rapids High School. On July 10, 1965, He married the love of his life, Joan Hill in Liberty Center, Ohio. Ron served for a short time in the US Army right after his marriage and after he worked for the Campbell Soup Company. He then went on to work for Libbey Ownes Ford, retiring in 1999. From 1971 until 2018, Ron and Joan made their home in Liberty Center until they moved to Bryan, Ohio.

Ron was a big Ohio State Buckeye, Cleveland Browns and Cleveland Guardians fan (although to him they will always be the Indians). He also enjoyed watching girls' college softball. His all-time favorite past-time was bowling. At one point he bowled in five different leagues and many tournaments. His biggest accomplishment while bowling was the three times he bowled a perfect game. During the final year of his life, he was unable to participate, but he made sure that he would always try to go to the bowling alleys to watch his friend's bowl. He always made sure that bowling would be recorded on TV so he could watch it whenever he wanted.

Ron is survived by his wife of 60 years, Joan; daughters, Rhonda Bittinger and Terri Bittinger; brother, Larry (Daisy) Bittinger; and many nieces and

nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sister, Ramona Bittinger; and brother, Terry Bittinger.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Saturday, May 10, 2025, from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM. A private graveside will be held for the family at Mohler Cemetery, Memorial contributions may be made to CHP Defiance Inpatient Hospice or a Humane Society of your Choice. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mohler Cemetery

Rd. U4  
Liberty Center, OH 43532

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAY 10. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

*Public viewing will be held for the public. Funeral Services will be private*

# Tribute Wall

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

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