



Ronald Dean Bretz

January 18, 1952 - January 31, 2025

Ronald “Ron” Bretz, 73, a cherished husband, father, Papa, brother, uncle, and friend, passed away peacefully on January 31, 2025, in Pineville, North Carolina surrounded by his family. He was born January 18, 1952 in Napoleon, Ohio to the late Martin and Hilda (Engler) Bretz. On August 19, 1972, he married the love of his life Nan Moore in Napoleon.

Ron was a graduate of Whitmer High School and enlisted in the Air National Guard during the Vietnam War. He worked as a mechanic for Campbell Soup Company, Napoleon, Ohio for over 40 years.

Ron was a faithful member of Sharon United Methodist Church. He was also a member of the American Legion and the Campbell Soup Retirees. He enjoyed woodworking and collecting miniature tractors.

Ron was a man of quiet strength and a constant, solid and loving presence for his family. He was a proud Papa, and his grandchildren were the light of his life. He loved nothing more than watching them play sports and surprising them with treats and trinkets. He was also a talented carpenter and was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. His love for his family extended to his siblings and he cherished the bonds they shared.

He is survived by his wife, Nan; children, Shannen (Annemarie) Bretz and Rachel (Brett) Strang; grandchildren, Emma and Betsy Bretz, and Brady and Tyler Strang; and siblings, Carolyn (Barry) Wallner, Martin (Kathy) Bretz, Myrl (Sheri) Bretz, Cinda Bretz, and Chris (Jackie Anderson) Bretz.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 9, 2025 at

Sharon United Methodist Church, Napoleon, Ohio.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 8th from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, Ohio and one hour prior the service at the church on Sunday.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sharon United Methodist Church.

Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at www.rodenbergergray.com

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 8. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Public Viewing

FEB 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Sharon United Methodist Church
9016 County Road P
Napoleon, OH 43545

Funeral Service

FEB 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

Sharon United Methodist Church
9016 County Road P
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

KA

“ Kelly A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Dean Bretz.

Kelly A. - February 10, 2025 at 12:22 PM

CF

“ Sending condolences to Ron's family. We would see Ron and Nan at family events. Butch and Kathy are our dear friends. With sympathy, Cindy and Bob Forest

Cynthia Forest - February 09, 2025 at 01:16 AM

CF

“ Extending condolences to Ron's family and siblings. We would see Ron and Nan at family events. Butch and Kathy are dear friends for many years. With sympathy, Cindy and Bob Forest

Cindy Forest - February 08, 2025 at 03:54 PM

TF

“ The Strang Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Ronald Dean Bretz.



The Strang Family - February 08, 2025 at 10:01 AM

TF

“ *The Minglin Family & The Mendel Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Ronald Dean Bretz.*



The Minglin Family & The Mendel Family - February 08, 2025 at 09:43 AM

TF

“ *The Minglin Family & The Mendel Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Dean Bretz.*

The Minglin Family & The Mendel Family - February 08, 2025 at 09:43 AM

DC

“ *DePaulos, Kanes, Disneys, Champines purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Ronald Dean Bretz.*



DePaulos, Kanes, Disneys, Champines - February 07, 2025 at 05:22 PM

SB

“ *Sherry Szaro and Tina Bogle purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald Dean Bretz.*



Sherry Szaro and Tina Bogle - February 07, 2025 at 02:36 PM

KF

“ Kieffer Brothers & families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald Dean Bretz.

Kieffer Brothers & families - February 07, 2025 at 01:54 PM

KF

“ Kieffer Brothers & families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ronald Dean Bretz.



Kieffer Brothers & families - February 07, 2025 at 01:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald Dean Bretz.

February 06, 2025 at 09:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald Dean Bretz.



February 06, 2025 at 09:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald Dean Bretz.

February 06, 2025 at 07:05 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Ronald Dean Bretz.*



February 06, 2025 at 07:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald Dean Bretz.

February 06, 2025 at 02:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald Dean Bretz.*



February 06, 2025 at 02:32 PM



“ *Dawn Weber, Erin & Gretchen purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ronald Dean Bretz.*



Dawn Weber, Erin & Gretchen - February 06, 2025 at 10:52 AM

RF

“ Roger and Julie Reece and family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Ronald Dean Bretz.



Roger and Julie Reece and family - February 06, 2025 at 10:03 AM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Dean Bretz.



February 05, 2025 at 09:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald Dean Bretz.

February 05, 2025 at 06:13 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ronald Dean Bretz.



February 05, 2025 at 06:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronald Dean Bretz.

February 05, 2025 at 06:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Ronald Dean Bretz.



February 05, 2025 at 06:03 PM