



Ronald Kruse

December 23, 1946 - January 22, 2022

Ronald Carl Kruse, 75, of Holgate, Ohio passed away on Saturday, January 22, 2022, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on December 23, 1946, in Freedom Township, to William Sr. and Olga (Miller) Kruse. On January 31, 1970, he married Sharon Koester at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Napoleon.

Ron was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church and retired from General Motors after more than 50 years with rarely a day missed. He proudly served his country in the US Air Force and was a lifetime member of the American Legion. Ron was fortunate to have gotten to experience a Dayton Honor Flight trip to Washington DC. He was a lifetime Patrick Henry Athletic Booster, enjoyed coaching baseball, and following the Ohio State Buckeyes. Ron also enjoyed attending his granddaughter's figure skating with BGSC and the Findlay Silver Blades. He would cheer on his grandson's football and baseball teams at Liberty Benton; and their hockey teams with the Findlay Jr. Trojans and the Northwest Eagles.

Ron is survived by his loving wife of over 50 years, Sharon; daughter, Tamara (Rodney) Maas; son, Brian (TyLynn Osborn) Kruse; grandchildren, Savannah Kruse, Brandon Maas, Ryan Maas, and BayLee Osborn; siblings, Margaret Busch, Norma Behrman, Lester Kruse, Shirley (Rob) Walker, and Nancy (Wil) Behnfeltdt; and sister-in-law, Elvera Kruse. In addition to his parents, he was

preceded in death by brother, William Kruse Jr; sisters, Arleen (Glenn) Bressler and Donna Kruse; brother-in-law, Howard Behrman; and sister-in-law, Diane Kruse.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Funeral services will be private for the family. Interment with military honors will take place at Riverview Memory Gardens, Defiance. Memorial contributions may be made to Dayton Honor Flight or Wounded Warriors. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Memory Gardens

29321 County Rd 424
Defiance, OH 43512

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Video*



Rodenberger Funeral Home - February 04, 2022 at 11:01 AM



“ *Rest in Peace my dedicated work friend.*

Todd Wagner - January 26, 2022 at 03:47 PM

“ From the fields and forests of war-torn Europe to the jungles of Southeast Asia, from the deserts of 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 ultimately 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 the pride in developing one’s own character, serving a cause far greater than self-interest. Every man and woman 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.

COL (Retired) Mark W. Lee, USA

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“ Alan Eickholt lit a candle in memory of Ronald Kruse



Alan Eickholt - January 25, 2022 at 04:30 PM

LH

“ Sharon, You have my deepest sympathy. Both my boys had him as a baseball coach. He was the best. He touched many lives. Lynn Hoops

Lynn Hoops - January 25, 2022 at 11:30 AM

CE

“ Sharon, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. He will always be with you. Your friends will always be there for you. Love you Carol Echler

Carol Echler - January 25, 2022 at 08:27 AM

JP

“ Sharon, send my love and sympathy to you and your family my heart is so broken over all of this for you remember your friends are always with you love you Joyce and Bill Pacak Delta, Ohio

Joyce Pacak - January 24, 2022 at 06:30 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of *Ronald Kruse*.



January 24, 2022 at 04:17 PM