



Ronald N. Wilkerson

October 20, 1944 - November 18, 2025

Ronald N. Wilkerson, 81, of Napoleon, Ohio died peacefully on Tuesday, November 18th, 2025 at CHP Defiance Inpatient Hospice.

Ron was born October 20, 1944 in Los Angeles, California to the late Charles and Betty (Creech) Wilkerson. After completing Highschool, Ron served in the United States Marine Corp. from 1962-1968 and attained the rank of Sargeant. On July 20, 1969, Ron married Kathy Lange at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona, Ohio.

Ron worked as a Millwright for GM Powertrain, Defiance for 30 years, retiring in 1998. After retirement he worked part-time at St. Mike's Golf Course, Defiance, where he spent as much time playing golf as he did working.

Ron was a member of Florida United Methodist Church and Life member of the Defiance AMVETS and the American Legion. He also enjoyed woodworking, remodeling projects and attending his grandchildren's activities and events.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy; children, Shelley (Harry) Graves, Mark (Lori) Wilkerson, and Brad (Julie) Wilkerson; grandchildren, Everett (Mackenzie) Wilkerson, Kacey and Payton Wilkerson; great-grandchildren, James and Robert; and sisters, Maryann Sillyman and Janie Turnage. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Richard Wilkerson.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, November 24th, 2025 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona, Ohio. Interment will be held at a later date.

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 1-5 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, Ohio and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. Memorial Contributions are suggested to Florida Methodist Church, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona, or Defiance CHP Inpatient Hospice. Online condolences may be left at www.rodenbergergray.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

NOV **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona
30997 Gerken Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Video*



Rodenberger Funeral Home - December 10, 2025 at 04:13 PM

MC

“ *Ronald was a kind, caring, loving neighbor of ours in Lehigh Acres ,FL. for the past 15 years. We had a wonderful group of "snowbirds" who shared Holidays, Movie Nights & Coffee Club experiences together. Our sincere condolences to Kathy & her family. Ron will be deeply missed. Mary Chelli, Clem Chelli.*

Mary Chelli - November 27, 2025 at 11:28 PM

KM

“ *Kirsten M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald N. Wilkerson.*

Kirsten M. - November 23, 2025 at 09:09 AM

JT

“ *I will see you again. ❤️*



Janie Turnage - November 22, 2025 at 10:06 AM

CA

“ So very sorry for the loss of Ron. I certainly enjoyed getting to know him! I will keep you, Kathy, and the family in my prayers for some comfort and peace in the coming days.. Hold on to those precious memories!



Carol Agler - November 21, 2025 at 02:20 PM

AE

“ Alan Eickholt lit a candle in memory of Ronald Wilkerson



Alan Eickholt - November 20, 2025 at 10:56 AM

DS

“ Dave Oberhaus Tony and Sally Stites planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald N. Wilkerson.

Dave Oberhaus Tony and Sally Stites - November 20, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ "On Angel's Wings" Sympathy Gift Wind Chime to Send for Funeral Or Memorial was purchased for the family of Ronald N. Wilkerson.



November 20, 2025 at 10:30 AM