



## Ross Brian Moser

May 12, 1947 - February 17, 2026

Ross Brian Moser, 78, of Napoleon, Ohio, passed away on February 17, 2026, at CHP Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center. He was born on May 12, 1947, to the late Albert and Helen (Sabo) Moser in Grand Haven, Michigan. Ross was a graduate of Spring Lake High School. He attended Muskegon Community College and Leeward Community College. He majored in Police Administration at Michigan State University. A Veteran of Service with the U.S. Army, Ross was a graduate of the U.S. Army Ordinance Officer Candidate School. He was a company commander and First Lieutenant at the time of his discharge. Ross joined the Ottawa County Sheriff Department, Grand Haven Michigan, and was assigned to both Marine and Patrol Divisions. He was promoted to Corporal of the North Ottawa area after 2 and a half years with the department.

Ross joined the Ohio State Highway Patrol in 1973 as a member of the 97th academy class. He was assigned to the Defiance Post and served as a resident Trooper in Henry County. He was selected as Post Trooper of the year in 1976, 1977 and 1981, and District Trooper of the year in 1977. He received a 20-year Safe Driving Award and the Health and Physical Fitness Award. Ross retired as a Trooper in 2000 and continued serving at the Defiance Post as their maintenance repair worker.

After more than 40 years with the patrol, Ross was often called "The Legend" by his fellow troopers. He was an avid duck hunter and enjoyed hunting at Magee Marsh and along the Maumee River. Those who knew Ross knew his

favorite color was camouflage.

In 1998, Ross married Melynda (Christen) Moser. In addition to Melynda, Ross is survived by his son, Ben Moser, Sherwood, OH, and daughter, Laura (Richard) Weiland, Napoleon, OH; step-daughters, Katie (Dave) Jones, Sherwood, AR, and Jessica (Ross) Durham, Napoleon, OH; grandchildren, Amelia and Knox Moser, and Kinsley, Reece and Blake Durham; siblings, Jerry (Helen) Moser, Las Cruces, NM, Dale Moser, Jenison, MI, and Joan (John) Kupier, Ferrysburg, MI. Ross is preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at 11 am at the Moose Lodge Family Center, 1381 Oakwood Ave, Napoleon, OH, 43545. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed towards CHP Defiance Inpatient Hospice or Napoleon Moose Lodge 788. Online condolences may also be left for the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

FEB **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Napoleon Moose Family Center #788

1381 Oakwood Avenue

Napoleon, OH 43545

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# 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 Mark W. Lee, United States Army*

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**MG (Dr) Mark Lee, US Army** - February 25 at 03:33 PM

JD

“ *Joni Decator lit a candle in memory of Ross Moser*



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**Joni Decator** - February 23 at 09:05 AM

LR

“ *Ross and I were classmates in the 97th Academy Class of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. What a great individual. Always a smile and a kind word. A class act. The Highway Patrol and the citizens of Ohio were blessed to have Ross in their corner. Condolences and prayers to the entire family. Les Reel Ret. OSP*

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**Les Reel** - February 21 at 10:00 AM

CA

“ *So very sorry of your loss! My deepest condolences to all the family!*

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**Carol Agler** - February 20 at 02:59 PM

RW

“ *I knew Ross as a good and trusted colleague. I was always glad to see him in our office and we chatted many times. He was always a welcomed sight in our station. The State Patrol was blessed to have him. We also benefited from his knowledge and experience in Henry County and at my department. Peace be with his family.*

*R Weitzel  
Napoleon Police Dept Ret.*

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**Robert Weitzel** - February 19 at 05:17 PM

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*Mindy I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I loved Ross. He was always such a gentle man. Remember whenever we were not having such a good day at the office his visits always brightened the rest of the day. And those fabulous pumpkin shakes he would surprise us with out of the blue?*

*Rest in peace my friend! God bless you & your family Mindy  
Love  
Carol & Bob*

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**Carol & Bob Harper** - March 09 at 09:23 PM

JM

“*Ross, Gary Studer and myself were the 3 Henry Co. Resident Troopers in the late 70's and early 80's. He was a terrific person, a pleasure to work with and someone I knew always had my back. Always with a smile and a warm heart. Hugs to his family from someone very proud to have called him a friend*

*Jim Mercier*

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**Jim Mercier** - February 19 at 01:37 PM

GS

“*Had the honor and privilege to work with Ross at Defiance Post 20 1975-1981. He was a resident trooper in Henry Co; I was a Williams Co resident trooper. Such a good, fun loving and friendly guy. One of the best troopers Defiance has ever had. RIP Ross 🙏❤️☐*

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**gary smith** - February 18 at 05:29 PM

PT

“*I always enjoyed working with Rosco and taking a break after working the road under the huge shade tree by Jewel on the days we worked together. And as transitioned to our MRW the chip breaks we took. I Will cherish those memories! Pat*

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**Pat Tusko** - February 18 at 03:54 PM

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**Pat Tusko** - February 18 at 03:53 PM

JS

“ Ross and I used to cut firewood together, and had many good times in the woods. I always considered him a good friend. I used to think, if the highway patrol ever needed the perfect poster boy, it should have been Ross! He just had the "look!".... Many happy hunting trips in the world beyond.

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**John steele** - February 18 at 01:29 PM

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**Les Reel** - February 20 at 11:14 PM