



## Steven Jay Roby

June 7, 1943 - June 10, 2023

Steven Jay Roby, 80, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at St. Vincent Mercy Hospital, Toledo, Ohio. He was born on June 7, 1943, in Bellefontaine, Ohio to John and Ida “Lucille” (Black) Roby. On June 10, 1967, Steve married Susan Dye Harris at Trinity Methodist Church in Columbus, Ohio. He was a graduate of DeGraff Riverside High School and Ohio University, where he was a member of the Bobcat Varsity Football Team. Steve proudly served his country in the US Air Force as a member of the 394th SMS Squadron at Vandenberg AFB, California.

Steve initially was employed as an engineer at Campbell Soup Company in Napoleon, Ohio and Camden, New Jersey. He worked for 45 years as an engineer for Gilson Screen, Inc. in Malinta, Ohio, retiring in 2021. Steve actively supported Napoleon High School Band Boosters, both while his children attended school and afterwards. He was instrumental in the building of the new football stadium and was inducted into the Napoleon High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010. Steve served as the Napoleon Township representative on the Henry County Fair Board for 33 years. He especially enjoyed serving as a co-chairman for the NTPA Tractor Pulls each year. For over 40 years, Steve was an active member of the Henry County United Way, where he served on several committees and boards. In 2001 he received the Friends of the United Way Award.

Steve is survived by his wife of 56 years, Susan; children, Christi (Todd) Ranzau and Robert (Shannon) Roby; grandchildren, Brodie (Hannah Bailey) Ranzau, Sydney Ranzau, Drake Roby, and Kylee Roby; brother, Rick Roby; and extended family, Mike (Connie) Madden, Kenneth Madden, Rita Maier, and Nina Madden. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, John Roby, Jr. and his sister, Judy DeLong.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Funeral services will be held at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Napoleon, on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Interment with military honors will follow at Locust Grove Cemetery, Ridgeville Corners, Ohio, accorded by the Napoleon American Legion Post #300. Memorial contributions may be made to the Henry County United Way, Napoleon Athletic Boosters, Archbold Athletic Boosters, or the Henry County Agricultural Society. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Locust Grove

Ridgeville Corners, OH

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUN 14. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Public Viewing

JUN 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul United Methodist Church  
Napoleon

## Funeral Service

JUN 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul United Methodist Church  
Napoleon

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Video*



**Rodenberger Funeral Home** - November 07, 2023 at 04:09 PM

JH

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. He was a classmate during our senior year as our two schools were consolidated in 1960-61. He was such a genuinely nice guy --always smart, steady, helpful and generous. Jill Foreman Hultin*

**Jill Foreman Hultin** - June 21, 2023 at 02:42 PM

SS

“ *Hugs and Prayers. Shelley Simon-Miller*



**Shelley Simon-Miller** - June 19, 2023 at 01:31 PM

IW

“ *The memories are many - like the leaves on the tall oak tree. They start with his Campbell Soup days and span those years to they present. He is receiving the rewards for a life well lived. The easy smile and ready to do, help, plan, support, and just be a great person always.*

**Irene Woods** - June 16, 2023 at 11:50 AM

IM

“ Irene M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Jay Roby.

Irene M. - June 16, 2023 at 11:38 AM

JS

“ There was never a better friend to Napoleon High School and the community as a whole. Condolences go out to the entire Roby family. It doesn't get any better than Steve. Always the quiet, behind the scenes supporter, Steve did not know how to say no to lending a hand and getting things done. Buckenmeyer Stadium is a fitting tribute to him as he voluntarily served as contractor, helping oversee the entire construction process. Further, he continuously saw to its improvements and upkeep, and ensured that the student-athletes of Napoleon would have a home to be proud of and one that would be the envy of NW Ohio. Mission accomplished Steve! When you noticed something new was added to the athletic facilities at NHS, you didn't even have to ask how it happened; inevitably Steve was somehow involved. ANd, it was always done right with no shortcuts. This is just one of the countless things he undertook to offer his support. But beyond that, he was a genuinely kind and good humored man with a selfless heart of gold. He is the epitome of selflessness and clearly lived by the mantra: "It's amazing what can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit". Next time you visit "The Buck", I guarantee Steve will be hanging around in spirit. God bless Steve and all the Roby's.

John Snoad - June 16, 2023 at 04:23 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Steven Jay Roby.*



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June 15, 2023 at 02:05 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven Jay Roby.*



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June 14, 2023 at 08:24 AM



“ *My condolences to Sue, Christi, Rob and family. Steve will be missed by many as he has touched so many lives. He was one of the most intelligent and generous persons I've ever known. He was also one of the few engineers who could multitask!! We had some good times together at Gilson Screen. In his office, which looked like a tornado had hit it, he knew where to find what he wanted. We were told not to move anything!! I feel blessed to have known Steve and will not forget him. God has called him home and given him peace and rest.*

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**Betty Kerr** - June 13, 2023 at 08:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Steven Jay Roby.



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June 13, 2023 at 08:00 PM

“ From the frozen tundra of Korea to fields and forests of war-torn Europe 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 the 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.

*Brigadier General (Retired) Mark W. Lee, United States Army*

JW

“ He will surely be missed..... Never saw him in any frame of mind but 'happy'. He always greeted me with a smile and that laugh.....and a BIG hug ! Making me feel welcome and appreciated. No other quite like him that I will ever meet !!! Much condolences to the Family on this great loss. ❤️💔

Janey Willis - June 13, 2023 at 03:00 PM

DR

“ Donna R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Jay Roby.

Donna R. - June 13, 2023 at 01:59 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Steven Jay Roby.



June 13, 2023 at 01:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven Jay Roby.



June 13, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven Jay Roby.*



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June 12, 2023 at 08:58 PM



“ *I have lost my best friend in this whole world. I will miss him every day for the rest of my life.*

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**Susan Roby** - June 12, 2023 at 03:59 PM

DB

*Susan, all my sympathies to you and your kids. Steve was a great man. Debra Betts Storch*

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**Debra Betts** - June 13, 2023 at 12:08 PM

PD

“ *I spent many a happy time with he and the family at the farm in Degraff. RIP Steve*

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**Patty Dix** - June 12, 2023 at 03:54 PM

ST

“ *Just wanted to share how much I appreciated Steve and Sue's support as a Napoleon alum who also marched in the Ohio University Marching 110. My parents only were able to make a few games per season, but Steve always had a big smile for me. It was nice to see people from my hometown when I was away for college. He was so kind and I hope the memories will bring comfort to his family.*

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**Shanna Taylor** - June 12, 2023 at 01:42 PM

MK

“ We haven't seen all of you in years, and were deeply saddened by the news of Steve's passing. Cousins Connie and Nina gave us the news after I messaged them about my brother Eric Crouch's passing on Sat. As well. I was always mesmerized by Steve's Air Force photo at John and Lucille's, such a handsome cousin.

Marsha Crouch Kyper - June 12, 2023 at 01:18 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Steven Jay Roby.



June 12, 2023 at 11:55 AM

TF

“ The Stammen family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Steven Jay Roby.



The Stammen family - June 12, 2023 at 11:19 AM

TF

“ The Stammen family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Jay Roby.

The Stammen family - June 12, 2023 at 11:19 AM