



Thomas Arps

May 15, 1943 - September 11, 2017

Thomas H. Arps, 74, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away Monday, September 11, 2017 at his home. He was born on May 15, 1943 in Defiance, Ohio to the late Henry (Hank) and Hilda Marie Arps. He married Sharon Olmstead on May 15, 1982 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon and she survives.

Tom worked at Gerken Construction for 14 years and a few years at Napoleon Spring. He then started his transmission business repairing transmissions and retiring later in 2009. Tom was very inventive especially when it came to fixing things. He will be most remembered for his truck pulling and owner of the Black Widow. He was in the truck and tractor pulling family for over 40 years. He was a member of the NTPA Pulling Association, Wolverine Pullers, and the Ohio State Pulling Association. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon. He enjoyed listening to polka music and tinkering in his shop.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon; daughter, Amy Jo Arps (Jim Buchhop) of Ridgeville Corners, Ohio; sisters, Janice (Tavi) Prundeanu of Dexter, Michigan, Karen (Ed) Gerken of Defiance, Ohio, Phyllis (Kenny) Miller of Ridgeville Corners, Ohio, and Joann (Terry) Robinson of Garrett, Indiana. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon. Interment will follow the service at St. Mark's Cemetery in Defiance, Ohio.

Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, September 15 at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon and one hour prior to the service at

the church on Saturday.

Memorials are suggested to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon or CHP
Defiance Inpatient Hospice.

Online condolences may be made at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Mark's Lutheran Cemetery

25950 Nagel Rd.
Defiance, OH 43512

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545
(419) 592-2333
help@rodenbergergray.com

Visitation

SEP **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
1075 Glenwood Ave.
Napoleon, OH 43545

Service

SEP **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
1075 Glenwood Ave.
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Sharon,

We were so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was always so warm, kind and welcoming. Our hearts and prayers are with you.

*Patty & Mike
Toledo, Ohio*

P Hernandez - September 15, 2017 at 10:28 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas Arps.



September 14, 2017 at 06:58 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Thomas Arps.



September 14, 2017 at 03:45 PM

PV

“ Amy, Very sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. We will all miss him. You're in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time and in the days ahead. Steve and Pat Vandenberg

Patty Vandenberg - September 14, 2017 at 03:24 PM

JK

“ Sorry to hear of your loss he will be missed hadnt seen him in years. Janet kinder

Janet kinder - September 14, 2017 at 11:39 AM

MN

“ Missy Norden lit a candle in memory of Thomas Arps



Missy Norden - September 14, 2017 at 10:39 AM

AM

“ Anita &Ken McCabe lit a candle in memory of Thomas Arps



Anita &Ken McCabe - September 14, 2017 at 10:01 AM

DN

“ So sorry for ALL of you losing your brother. God bless you and your families!💜

Deborah Norden - September 13, 2017 at 03:37 PM

JF

“ Thoughts and Prayers to the Arps family. I know it has been many years but I remember spending countless hours with all of you out in the garage and many tractor pulls. Amy No was a joy to know during these early years. RIP Tom.

Jean Fairchild - September 13, 2017 at 10:15 AM

JF

“ *Jean Fairchild lit a candle in memory of Thomas Arps*



Jean Fairchild - September 13, 2017 at 10:09 AM



“ *R.I.P. Tom Prayers to your family*



Michelle Iffland Nadeau - September 13, 2017 at 07:45 AM



“ *Marguerite Weber lit a candle in memory of Thomas Arps*



Marguerite Weber - September 13, 2017 at 07:44 AM

SL

“ *Our sympathy. Steve and Kathy (Wiechers) Lieb*



Steve and Kathy Lieb - September 13, 2017 at 07:01 AM

KI

“ *Kittykinder lit a candle in memory of Thomas Arps*



kittykinder - September 12, 2017 at 10:59 PM

RR

“ *Richard & Ruby Rinesmith lit a candle in memory of Thomas Arps*



Richard & Ruby Rinesmith - September 12, 2017 at 08:59 PM

PW

“ *Phil & Kathy Wagner lit a candle in memory of Thomas Arps*



Phil & Kathy Wagner - September 12, 2017 at 04:31 PM