



## Thomas J. Franz

October 6, 2021

Thomas James Franz, 67, passed away October 6, 2021 in his home following a quick experience with Pneumonia and Pulmonary Fibrosis.

Tom was born December 19, 1953 in Napoleon, Ohio to Eldor and Betty (Rohrs) Franz. Tom graduated from Napoleon High School in 1972 and from the Community and Technical College of the University of Toledo in 1974. Tom worked at Color Tile and Wauseon Silo and Coal Company, before becoming a forklift driver at the Campbell Soup Company. A time of developing great friendships.

Tom was a member of Napoleon Church of the Nazarene. Tom dealt with antiques, refinishing pieces under the name of Past Pleasures for 45 years, selling in 10 different shops in both Michigan and Ohio during that joyous endeavor. Tom, which lived a block from the senior center, was involved in planning trips of the travel committee of the Henry County Senior Center. But, Tom's biggest love in life was fishing in Florida; Lake Erie; St. Joseph, MI; the Maumee River; Devil's Lake, MI; Vineyard Lake, MI, etc. His fishing excuse was that he had to provide food for the family.

Tom is survived by his wife Jan (Tietje) Franz; daughters Adrienne (Eric) Freytag, of Napoleon, OH, and Angela (Doug) Day, of Sugarcreek Township, OH. He will be missed by his loving grandchildren, Alivia Freytag, Ember Day, Asher Day, Izaiah Freytag, Brenner Day, Skyler Day, River Day, Weller Day (Deceased) and Winter Day (Deceased). Funeral services will be held Friday, October 15, 2021 at 11:00 at Napoleon Nazarene Church, Napoleon, OH with Chip Bullock officiating. Interment will be at Grelton Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, October 14, 2021 from 5-7 at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Grelton Cemetery

Grelton, OH 43523

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

OCT 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Memorial Service

OCT 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Nazarene  
630 Appian Ave.  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Tribute Wall

LL

“ Dear Jan, unfortunately I have not met you. Tom and I were classmates, and more importantly 2nd or 3rd cousins on the Franz side. We never quite nailed it down. I have been away from Napoleon since '72 except for visits so other than FB I have lost touch with Tom over the years. My last contact was a few weeks ago when I commented on one of his posts. But I want to say, when we're young, I knew Tom as a caring and kind guy. He was nice to everyone and you couldn't but like the guy because he was so genuine. I am so sorry for your loss. You and yours have my sympathy and prayers. Take good care.



Liz Ludeman-Hopkins - October 14, 2021 at 11:01 PM

CM

“ I got to know Tom while visiting my friends at Northcrest Nursing Home in the past few years. He would come in to visit with his mom, Betty. He would always stop and talk with us. He was such a kind and thoughtful man. May Jan and his family find peace in loving memories of him.

Cindy McBride - October 14, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Franz.



October 14, 2021 at 09:42 AM

DW

“ Jan and family. So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. You and your family are in my prayers.

Deb Wensink - October 13, 2021 at 03:27 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Franz.



October 12, 2021 at 09:21 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Franz.*



October 12, 2021 at 06:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Franz.*



October 12, 2021 at 01:02 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Franz.*



October 12, 2021 at 08:58 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Franz.*



October 11, 2021 at 06:21 PM

MB

“ *Jan and family, I was so sorry to hear about Tom. What a wonderful person with such wit and humor. I pray that he is at peace and for ever watching over you and your family. Your friend, Mazy Bissinger*

**Mazy Bissinger** - October 11, 2021 at 04:25 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Franz.*



October 11, 2021 at 07:05 AM

TB

“ *Jan, So sorry to hear about Tom. Tammy Boggs (Pinetree)*

**Tammy Boggs** - October 10, 2021 at 09:03 PM

PD

“ *My cousin Tom was one of the kindest persons I know. I always enjoyed his humorous postings, laughing each time, thinking, oh that Tom. We loved visiting him and his wonderful wife Jan when we traveled to Ohio. He had my Aunt Betty's disposition, and that is quite a compliment. Our hearts and thoughts go out to Jan and my cousin Bill.*

**Peggy Rohrs Dorta** - October 10, 2021 at 08:36 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Franz.*



October 10, 2021 at 05:24 PM

RY

“ *Dear Jan and family, I extend my condolences to you all on the loss of Tom. Keeping you in thought and prayer this week as you remember Tom.*

**Renee Yoder** - October 10, 2021 at 03:24 PM

JG

“ *I worked with Tom for many years at Campbells. He was ornery & always up to mischievous. I never trusted him, he got me too many times. My thoughts & prayers are with his family. He was a good man.*

**Judy Geitgey** - October 10, 2021 at 01:43 PM

MI

“ Always a gentleman, I've known Tom since my college days at Toledo University. It was so nice to reconnect on Facebook with him and Jan. Will be missed dearly by all who knew him.

Mike - October 09, 2021 at 08:45 PM

RM

“ Oh my, Jan, I'm so sorry to hear about Tom! Such a good man! My DEEPEST CONDOLENCES.



Reda Maynard - October 09, 2021 at 10:13 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Franz.



October 08, 2021 at 08:43 PM

MB

“ He was always ready to lend bait to a fellow fisherman in need, or help a less skilled fillet their catch. Sorry for your loss. Catch them in heaven now Thomas.

Mike Brinkman - October 08, 2021 at 08:40 PM

JH

“ I am so sorry to hear about Tom. He was a great neighbor at Vineyard Lake. We had a great time at an association golf scramble, he was a lot of fun! Jane Harrell

Jane Harrell - October 08, 2021 at 07:49 PM



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



October 08, 2021 at 06:52 PM

KL

“ *I wish I would have gotten to know you better long before. I can't imagine the void  
Sending love and sympathy to your family. Rest In Peace Tom*

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**kim lange** - October 08, 2021 at 05:41 PM