



Thomas Gustwiller

December 31, 1949 - January 19, 2023

Thomas Joseph Gustwiller, 73, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away on Thursday, January 19, 2023. He was born in Napoleon on December 31, 1949, to Alfred and Flossie (Shepard) Gustwiller. On April 15, 1972, Tom married Bonnie Long at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Grand Rapids, Ohio.

Tom proudly served his country in the US Army during the Vietnam War and was a member of the American Legion and VFW. He enjoyed sitting on the porch and tinkering with projects in the barn. Tom was a fun loving guy and quite the jokester. He also enjoyed watching football, car races and wrestling.

Tom is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Bonnie; children, Michelle (Garry) Travelstead, Chevelle (Steve) Rex, and Dawn (Ken) Liddle;

grandchildren, Sierra (Andrew) Roth, Baylee (Braden Miller) Rex, Hannah (Tyler) Balula, Tanner Travelstead, Haley (Brendon Kesler) Decker, Carter Travelstead, Zach Rex; great grandchildren, Luca Gustwiller, Tatum Roth, Kaidynce Owens, Kyleigh Balula, Bentley Balula and Tinsley Balula on the way. Also surviving are brothers, Larry (JoAnne) Gustwiller and Daniel (Barb) Gustwiller. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sister, Mary Lou (Jim) Hertzfeld; and brother, Ron Gustwiller.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home,

Napoleon on Thursday, January 26, 2023 from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Funeral services will be held in the funeral home on Friday, January 27, 2023 at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Interment with military honors will follow in Hockman Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Northwest Ohio, 30000 E. River Road, Perrysburg, Ohio 43551. Online condolences may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Public Viewing

JAN 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
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Funeral Service

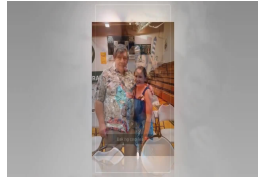
JAN 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album tribute video



Rodenberger Funeral Home - November 03, 2023 at 12:54 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Gustwiller.



January 25, 2023 at 12:31 PM



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



January 25, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“ We have fond memories of Bonnie, Tom, and family while camping at West Otter Lake Campground. Sincere condolences to the entire family. Sending prayers for comfort and peace. May you feel the arms of Jesus holding and sustaining you during this period of grief. Hugs. Depending on weather we will try to make it over on Friday.

Donna McEvoy - January 24, 2023 at 09:50 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.

BG (Retired) Mark W. Lee, USA



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



January 23, 2023 at 09:59 AM



“ *Love your Texas Friends purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Thomas Gustwiller.*



Love your Texas Friends - January 22, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ *So very sorry Bonnie to hear about Tom's death. We shared a lot of fun softball games in our back yard with a bunch of friends living in the neighborhood! He was always so easy going. My prayers are with you and the family at this very difficult time. Blessings to you all.*



jerrie gray - January 22, 2023 at 12:27 PM

JG

“ So many great memories with Tom and the Gustwiller “gang” Knew them all as wonderful friends!! Their mom and dad wonderful people Al and Flossie— remember them well!! So sorry Bonnie not home to share more!! Luv you all and know my heart and prayers ate with you
♥️ Hugs to all the family!!



jerrie gray - January 21, 2023 at 10:36 PM

MC

“ Bonnie, we are so sorry for your loss.
Mike and Marsha Cox

Marsha Cox - January 21, 2023 at 10:07 AM