



## Thomas Richard Hefflinger

August 5, 1949 - June 7, 2026

Thomas Richard Hefflinger, 76, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2026. He was born in Napoleon on August 5, 1949, to the late Ronald and Nelda (Stevens) Hefflinger. Tom married Mary Ellen Phillips on October 23, 1976, in Napoleon.

Tom was a member of the Liberty Center United Methodist Church. He proudly served his country in the US Army and was a member of the Liberty Center VFW and the Defiance Amvets. Tom also was a member of Masonic Lodge 518, Henry County Scottish Rite, the Zenobia Shrine of Toledo, and a charter member of the River City Rodders. He was a talented woodworker and carpenter and retired from Carpenter Local 1581 after 19 years. Tom then worked for Tenneco for 10 years before completely retiring to enjoy car shows and puttering in his home workshop. In earlier days, the family took many vacations and camping trips. He truly enjoyed his family, especially teaching the grandchildren to fish. Tom will be embraced by family and friends that have passed before him and missed and treasured by those left to cherish his memory.

Tom is survived by his loving wife of almost 50 years, Mary Ellen; children, Scott (Katelyn) Hefflinger, and Andrea (Derek) Francis; grandchildren, Eric, Elise, Callan, and Evan; siblings, Dan (Debbie) Hefflinger, Ronda (Rick) Miller, and Larry (Denise) Hefflinger, and many nieces and nephews. He was

preceded in death by his parents.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at the Liberty Center United Methodist Church at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Military honors will be presented at the Church by the Liberty Center VFW and Napoleon American Legion. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Liberty Center VFW, the American Kidney Foundation or the American Heart Association. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

JUN 10. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Memorial Gathering

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

Liberty Center United Methodist Church  
307 East Street  
Liberty Center, OH 43532

## Memorial Service

JUN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Liberty Center United Methodist Church  
307 East Street  
Liberty Center, OH 43532

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ *Mary Ellen and family: Jerry & I are so sad to hear of Tom's passing. We are praying for comfort and peace for you all. God bless you!*

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**Jerry & Diane Endicott** - June 19 at 08:40 AM

LM

“ *Mary Ellen and family, you have our deepest sympathy. We are so sorry to hear of Toms passing.. May you find comfort in the memories.*

*Jim and Linda Brashear Miller*

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**linda miller** - June 13 at 08:47 AM

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“ *Derek, Tiff, Jackson, Patrick & Riley purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Thomas Richard Hefflinger.*



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**Derek, Tiff, Jackson, Patrick & Riley** - June 10 at 06:13 PM

CH

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I am sending heartfelt thoughts to the Hefflinger and Phillips family. May you all be comforted by the love of family and friends.*

*Cheryl Creager Houghtby*

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**Cheryl Lynn Houghtby** - June 10 at 12:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Thomas Richard Hefflinger.



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June 10 at 08:59 AM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Thomas Richard Hefflinger.



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June 09 at 04:16 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections* was purchased for the family of Thomas Richard Hefflinger.



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June 09 at 04:03 PM



“ *Amber, Denise and Katelyn* purchased the *Joyful Memory* for the family of Thomas Richard Hefflinger.



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**Amber, Denise and Katelyn** - June 09 at 05:03 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thomas Richard Hefflinger.

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June 08 at 09:55 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Richard Hefflinger.



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