



## Vernon Ralph Meyer

December 3, 1925 - August 2, 2021

Vernon Ralph Meyer, 95, of Defiance, Ohio passed away on August 2, 2021. He was born on December 3, 1925, in Henry County's Harrison Township, to Henry Louis and Clara Dorothy (Biederstedt) Meyer. He and his twin brother, Virgil, were baptized by the pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon. Vernon graduated from North Richland Adams (Jewell) School in 1944. He served in the Philippine Islands in the South Pacific and in the occupation of Japan during WWII. An Honorable Discharge was given on Dec. 3, 1946, Vern's 21st Birthday. After he returned to Defiance, he met Lillian Marie Miller and they were married on September 18, 1949.

Vernon farmed all but the last few years of his life. He also worked at Fulton Tubing in Archbold as a setup man for many years. Vernon was a faithful member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and served as a Deacon, Trustee, and Cemetery Treasurer. He enjoyed making wine and playing euchre.

Vernon is survived by his loving wife, Lillian; four daughters: Debra (Jon) Grill of Marathon, Florida, Joyce (Greg) Johnston, Karen (John) Helmke, and Elaine Talbert, all of Defiance; grandchildren, Amy Grill, Matthew (Robin) Fronk, Jennifer (James) Gill, Ryan (Joey) Helmke, Kyle (Brittnay) Helmke, Amber Helmke, Tyler (Megan) Talbert, and Dakota Talbert; and 10 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his twin brother, Virgil.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Melvin and Walter; sister, Mildred Wendt, son-in-law, Michael Fronk; and grandson, Nathan Grill.

Funeral services will be conducted at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona, on Saturday, August 7, 2021, at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. He will be laid to rest in the church cemetery with military honors.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral, Napoleon, on Friday, August 6, 2021, from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM. The family requests that masks be worn if possible.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or CPH Inpatient Hospice. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery, Okolona

30997 Gerken Road  
Defiance, OH 43512

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

AUG 6. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Public Viewing

AUG 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona  
30997 Gerken Road  
Defiance, OH 43512

## Funeral Service

AUG 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona  
30997 Gerken Road  
Defiance, OH 43512



# Tribute Wall

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“ *Heartfelt condolences to all the Meyer families.*

Rich Clevenger - August 12, 2021 at 10:00 PM

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“ *So sorry for your loss.*

Jackie Baden Kane - August 06, 2021 at 01:16 PM

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“ *So very sorry for your loss. Enjoyed seeing and speaking to him when I visited Bethlehem. Prayers of comfort to you all.*



Kathy (Wiechers) Lieb - August 05, 2021 at 11:28 PM

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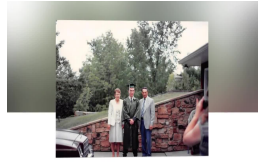
“ *CK Technologies purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Vernon Ralph Meyer.*



CK Technologies - August 05, 2021 at 01:32 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Meyer Tribute



Rodenberger Funeral Home - August 05, 2021 at 12:25 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Vernon Ralph Meyer.



August 05, 2021 at 07:24 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vernon Ralph Meyer.



August 04, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Vernon Ralph Meyer.



August 04, 2021 at 01:25 PM