



## Vic Sonnenberg

April 15, 1925 - August 10, 2020

Victor Sonnenberg, 95, of Napoleon, Ohio and formerly of Holgate, Ohio passed away on Monday, August 10, 2020 at CHP Defiance Inpatient Hospice. He was born on April 15, 1925 in Holgate, Ohio to the late George and Sophie (Lange) Sonnenberg. He was a graduate of Holgate High School and proudly served his country in the US Navy during WWII., stationed in the Philippines. On June 30, 1946, he married Frances Miller at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hamler, Ohio.

Vic was a lifelong dairy farmer in Monroe Township and member of Hope Lutheran Church where he served as Church Council President and choir member. Vic was very involved in the community and served on several boards and committees; including the Henry County Bank Board of Directors, Henry County Commissioner, Monroe Township Trustee, Filling Home of Mercy Board and a member of the Holgate Local School Board. In his retirement years, Vic loved to golf, fish, and spend winters in Florida.

He is survived by his children, Pastor Tim (Diane) Sonnenberg, Vickie (Tom) Andres, and Steve (Karen) Sonnenberg; grandchildren, Dusty (Cheryl) Sonnenberg, Carey (Naomi) Sonnenberg, Jill (Jeremiah) Brinke, Ladd (Sara) Sonnenberg and Brittani Sonnenberg; 9 great grandchildren and siblings, Gilbert (Dona) Sonnenberg and Roger Sonnenberg. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Frances; grandchildren Roby and Blair Sonnenberg; brother, Hugo (Esther) Sonnenberg; sisters, Hulda (Otto) Hahn and Regina (Harold) Germann and sister-in-law, Eloise Sonnenberg.

Due to the health concerns surrounding COVID-19, a private burial will take place at Hope Lutheran Cemetery and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Lutheran Church, Hamler, Genacross Lutheran Services, Napoleon, or CHP Defiance Inpatient Hospice. Online messages and condolences may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Hope - St. Stephens Lutheran Cemetery**

Hamler, OH

## Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

NS

“ *Sonnenberg Family,*

*You have our deepest sympathy! After your folks moved to Alpine, Norbert & I would visit quite often. When Norbert's Dad (Eldor) was there too, they would visit each other also. It is hard to lose someone that was very active before, then goes into assisted living and still lives quite a few years yet. You see the decline each time you visit them. They are all up there in heaven talking German about old times and with their partners again. Remember all the good times you had with him!! God's peace be with all of you!*

*Norbert & Linda Sonnenberg*

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**Norbert Sonnenberg** - August 18, 2020 at 07:40 PM

RM

“ *To the Sonnenberg Family:*

*Vic and Fran were like second parents to me and for that I will always be grateful. Sorry for your loss.*

*Roger Kruse, MD*

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**Roger Kruse, MD** - August 17, 2020 at 10:41 AM

DS

“ *Tim, Vickie, Steve, and families*

*We wish to extend our sympathies to you on the passing of your father, grandfather. I have many great memories of both Vic and Fran. Vic was a true Henry County gentleman.*

*Dave and Connie Schuette*

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**David Schuette** - August 15, 2020 at 10:40 AM

BH

“ *Passing my sympathy along to you for the loss of your dad. Still have many memories growing up with the Sonnenbergs as our neighbors and friends. Please know that your mom and dad's friendship toward my mom and dad meant so very much to them. May they all rest in peace now.*

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**Bill Helberg** - August 14, 2020 at 09:25 AM

HI

“ *Tim, Vickie, Steve and families.*

*Our deepest sympathy on the passing of Vic. Your are all in our thoughts and prayers at this time. God bless.*

*Henry & Jean Irvine & family - N. Ireland.*

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**Henry Irvine** - August 13, 2020 at 04:18 PM

SJ

“ *We extend our sympathy to Tim, Vickie, Steve and families. Remember all the good times you had with your Dad/Grandpa. Vic was a man that stood by what he believed was right which has been an example to you. God Be with each of you.*

*Rog and Sue Junge*

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**Sue Junge** - August 13, 2020 at 07:42 AM

BP

*Tim, Vickie, Steve and families,  
Your dad was a special person. Enjoyed my years in choir with your mom and dad. They were great friends to my parents also for so many years. Loved his smile and laugh. You have our deepest sympathy. Tim and Becky Prigge and Jeanette Harms*

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**Becky Prigge** - August 20, 2020 at 02:12 PM



“ *Vickie, Steve and Tim, sorry to hear of your dad's passing. You have my sympathy. I always enjoyed visiting and seeing the cows when I was little. Good memories.*

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**Angela Hohenbrink** - August 12, 2020 at 02:12 PM

BO

“ *Dear Pastor Tim & Diane and family,  
Just a note to let you know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Indeed from reading Vic's obituary he was a man of faith and was active in sharing that faith with others. He was busy in his community too. May God's loving arms be around all of you now and in the days to come.*



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**Bob & Carol (Mann) Cain - Delta, Ohio** - August 12, 2020 at 12:30 PM

JG

“ *Sonnenberg Family.  
My condolences on the loss of your father.  
Jim Garbers*

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**Jim Garbers** - August 12, 2020 at 06:23 AM

DK

*To the Sonnenberg Family  
Sending prayers and hugs for the family.  
Donna Allen Knoechelman*

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**Donna Knoechelman** - August 14, 2020 at 11:45 AM

EW

“ *Sonnenberg family,  
Difficult times...I always loved talking with your mom and dad. Your dad knew me for a long time as "his cousin" and remembered I was Leo's daughter. One time he said "you look like Leo." My husband got a kick out of that! He taught me a few German phrases before I went to Germany...so when I saw him I would practice those phrases. Do take care as you move through your grief.  
George and Elaine (Sonnenberg) Wells*

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**Elaine Wells** - August 11, 2020 at 12:08 PM

KY

*Dusty, I was saddened to learn of your grandfather's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Kay Yantz*

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**Kay Yantz** - August 12, 2020 at 08:41 AM

BH

*To Tim, Vickie and Steve,  
Our condolences on your dad. He was a great neighbor and friend  
Many good memories.*

*Bob and Deb Hastedt*

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**Bob Hastedt** - August 13, 2020 at 02:42 PM