



Waldo E. Imbrock

October 29, 1922 - February 28, 2017

Waldo Elmer Imbrock, 94, of Napoleon, Ohio, died on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at Henry County Hospital in Napoleon, Ohio. He was born on October 29, 1922 in Henry County, Ohio to the late Martin and Laura (Koppenhofer) Imbrock.

Waldo worked for Magnavox in Ft. Wayne and then served in the US Navy from 1943-1946 during WWII. On June 13, 1946, he married Clara H. Bostelman at Bethlehem Lutheran Church Adams Ridge Road. They moved to Defiance County and Waldo became a dairy farmer and Honegger feed salesman, for over 55 years. In that time, he developed a herd of high quality registered Holsteins. After he retired, he moved to Napoleon and became a greeter at the Napoleon Walmart and had the distinction of being known as "Waldo from Walmart"

Waldo was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church Adams Ridge and held several positions in the church over the years. He served on several dairy boards, 4-H advisor for "Our Gang" and was inducted into the 2014 Defiance County Agriculture Hall of Fame.

He is survived by his children, Sharon Miller of Defiance, Ohio, Kathleen (Dean) Francisco of Southport, North Carolina, Rodney Imbrock (Tina McQuillin) of Wauseon, Ohio, and Vickie (Mike) Moser of Defiance, Ohio; grandchildren, Lisa (Mike) Baxter, Ryan (Jen) Imbrock, Christopher and Jason Malone, Kristian (Renee) Imbrock, Holly (Sam) Tedrick, Danielle and Jeffry McQuillin, Amiee Moser and Alex Moser; great grandchildren, Amanda (Josh)

Bowers, Erin and Emily Baxter, Sofia and Roger Imbrock, Liam and Lincoln Imbrock, and Owen, Jack and Max Tedrick, and a great great granddaughter, Amelia Bowers; siblings, Marvin Imbrock of Malinta, and Carmen (Donald) Hogrefe and Alice (John) Tussing, both of Deshler, Ohio. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Clara, son-in-law, Paul Miller, sister, Mary Imbrock, brother, Raymond Imbrock and sister-in-law, Loretta Imbrock. Funeral services will be held on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Adams Ridge, Defiance, Ohio. Interment will follow at the church cemetery where military honors will be accorded by Napoleon Joint Veteran Posts.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 4 from 2-8 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon and one hour prior to the service on Sunday.

The family suggests memorials be made to Henry County Home Health and Hospice or Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Adams Ridge.

Online condolences can be made at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery - Adams Ridge Road

02499 Adams Ridge Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545
(419) 592-2333
help@rodenbergergray.com

Visitation

MAR 5. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Adams Ridge road)
02454 Adams Ridge Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Service

MAR 5. 2:30 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Adams Ridge road)
02454 Adams Ridge Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Sharon, Ryan, Jen, Sophia, Roger, & the Imbrock Family,

I am sorry for your loss. All of us at Evansport Church are praying for you. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces at church.

John Henry

Evansport United Methodist Church

John Henry - March 08, 2017 at 08:21 PM

TJ

“ Our sympathy to Waldo's family, from Tom Moore and Tom Moore Jr., customers of Waldo selling horse feed to us for 15 years.

Tom Moore Jr. - March 06, 2017 at 04:49 PM

PR

“ To the Imbrock family
*We are keeping you in our prayers at the loss of a wonderful man.
Rob and Penny (Shock) Richardson
Edgerton, Ohio*

Penny Richardson - March 06, 2017 at 04:47 PM

VE

“ To Ryan, Jen, Sophia and Roger... as well as other family. You have our deepest sympathy. Ron & Velma Shock

To Roger, I'm sorry about your grandpa. From Nathan.

Velma - March 06, 2017 at 04:42 PM

DK

“ Rod and family---We were sorry to learn of your dad's passing. May the many memories you have of him help in this sorrowful time. He was a nice man and we enjoyed talking to him about his cows.
Dennis and Susan Knisely

Dennis Knisely - March 06, 2017 at 12:57 PM

JG

“ So sorry hearing of Waldo's passing!! Such a great man and never without a smile!! Going to miss his smiling face at Walmart and the chats we shared in my coming and goings!! Peace be with you Waldo--so happy you are reunited in heaven with your loving family!!

Jerrie Gray - March 05, 2017 at 10:08 PM

MD

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories of Waldo*



Matt Day - March 05, 2017 at 09:45 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Memories of Waldo*



Matt Day - March 05, 2017 at 09:42 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Matt Day - March 05, 2017 at 08:28 PM

AT

“ *Ann (Henry) Turmel lit a candle in memory of Waldo E. Imbrock*



Ann (Henry) Turmel - March 04, 2017 at 11:30 PM

AT

Vickie, Rod, Kathy, Sharon and families, You all know how special your father was to his community. He was always such a happy and kind gentleman. May God rest his soul with his wife Clara in eternal peace.

Ann (Henry) Turmel - March 04, 2017 at 11:39 PM

RH

“ *Our sympathy to Waldo's family. So sorry to hear of his passing. Such wonderful memories of a great man!*
Rod & Robin (Hockemeyer) Hormann

Robin (Hockemeyer) Hormann - March 04, 2017 at 08:14 PM

JA

“ *I remember Waldo from when I worked at the Napoleon Oh Walmart store, such a friendly, kind person. May he rest in peace. Janet and Tom Taylor*

Janet - March 04, 2017 at 07:55 PM

MB

“Waldo was a very nice man and he will greatly missed. I enjoyed him as a friend at work as well as a personal friend!!

Michael Brown - March 04, 2017 at 01:49 PM

RO

“Great childhood memories of Waldo and family. As the 4H leader always supporting Our Gang members' projects. Waldo and neighbors working together at farmwork. Neighborhood family friends getting together for hamburger fries at Archbold park or at each others homes with kids playing and adults enjoying each others' company, often playing cards. Still remembering Waldo's smile and great laugh!! Enjoying himself and others! I'm smiling now remembering.

All my love to Waldo's family.

Rollin Nagel

Rollin - March 04, 2017 at 10:48 AM

PR

“We always enjoyed talking with Waldo at Walmart. We especially remember sharing cake with him there on his 90th birthday. He will be missed by many of us,

Phil and Lucinda Ruby - March 04, 2017 at 08:35 AM

JW

“Sending my condolences to this wonderful man's family and friends! My son loved saying hi to him and we loved seeing him every time we came to Walmart! May he rest in peace. ❤️



Jacquelyn Weaver - March 03, 2017 at 06:23 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Waldo E. Imbrock.*



March 03, 2017 at 05:14 PM



“ *My husband and I lived a couple miles from Clara and I Waldo on 66 north of Defiance. I got my dog food and beef from them and ever now and then Clara had homemade butter and baked goods to hand out. All of our kids left, and Clara and Waldo retired to Henry Co. We went to the lake. Great ppl who would do anything for anyone. RIP! And God bless!*

Sue Shenkel - March 03, 2017 at 02:53 PM



“ *Always put a smile on my face. Will miss the twinkle in waldos eye.*



Mary Lou vanAusdale - March 03, 2017 at 12:32 PM



“ *Rip, Waldo....another great German, Henry-countian and vet has flown to heaven....you left lots of smiles ...and family behind....rip Fruth's*

jim fruth - March 03, 2017 at 12:26 PM

LM

“ *Lauren Kaiser and Christopher Malone purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Waldo E. Imbrock.*



Lauren Kaiser and Christopher Malone - March 03, 2017 at 11:14 AM

LC

“ *The Imbrock family has wonderful memories for our family. In 4-H and the Defiance County Fair. Always enjoyed talking with Waldo and Clara. Wonderful family. May the Lord bless you now. Lucille Culler and family*

Lucille Culler (Mrs. David Culler) - March 03, 2017 at 11:01 AM

MW

“ *My condolences to his family on losing such a wonderful man. I felt like an old friend when he greeted me at Walmart. He was one of the nicest people I have ever met. He will be greatly missed.*

Maryann Walden

Maryann Walden - March 03, 2017 at 10:54 AM

BD

“ *Lighting a candle and saying a prayer for the family of Waldo. May God bring you peace and comfort.*

Brenda Dickerson - March 03, 2017 at 10:21 AM

VK

“ *Kathy Francisco and Imbrock immediate family members (brothers/sisters)...I know you will miss your German father and the Polish/German community area participating in, with him. in the Polka music and German beer!! What fabulous memories to have/hang on to... of music, laughter, and merriment.*

Now he is up in heaven teaching them to Polka!!

*My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
God Bless and Love You.*

*Victoria Kollert
formerly of Dublin, Ohio now
Surprise, AZ*

Victoria Kollert - March 03, 2017 at 10:07 AM

KL

“ *Sorry to hear of Waldo' s passing. He was such a wonderful and friendly individual. Prayers for the whole family. Kathy &Steve Lieb*



Kathy Lieb - March 03, 2017 at 09:54 AM

DW

“ *Favorite part of shopping having Waldo say hi and have a nice day with his amazing smile always made me smile!! He will be greatly missed*

Dawn Wolf - March 03, 2017 at 09:46 AM



“ *Waldo's happy disposition, kind words and smile will be sadly missed upon entering Walmart. Rest in God's arms now!*

Melissa Tiffany Carnahan - March 03, 2017 at 08:25 AM

LB

“ *Lee& Jennie Newcomer , Chris & Nicole Brickner purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Waldo E. Imbrock.*



Lee& Jennie Newcomer , Chris & Nicole Brickner - March 03, 2017 at 07:49 AM

MA

“ *Marilyn lit a candle in memory of Waldo E. Imbrock*



marilyn - March 03, 2017 at 07:36 AM

EW

“ *I looked forward to any store visit when Waldo was there. ALWAYS got a handshake and a warm, genuine greeting. It made my day. Waldo really did inspire folks to make a positive impact in the city. I know he did in my case. How nice to have been (as he must have been) such a universal friend!*



Eric Witte - March 03, 2017 at 07:24 AM

LM

“ *Waldo always had a great smile and kind words when ever we saw him at Walmart ! My kids looked forward to seeing him to hug him and give him high fives! Walking through the doors at Walmart won't be the same with out him . He will be greatly missed by my family! Prayers for his family.*

Leslie McMurtrie - March 03, 2017 at 05:56 AM



“ *Almost everyone in Napoleon knew Waldo and I'm sure most took great comfort in the idea that Waldo knew them. most of the time they were right but if they weren't waldo would never let on. no matter who you were he greeted you like an old friend. He always had a smile for you and a moment to chat. When Sam Walton came up with the concept of a greeter he had someone just like Waldo in mind.*

Jim Richardson - March 03, 2017 at 04:47 AM

 Julie Delgado

“ *Very nice n respect ful man always had a smile on his face !!! R.I.P Waldo*

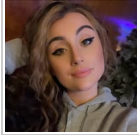
Julie Delgado - March 03, 2017 at 12:02 AM

 Alexis Miller

“ *Sending love and prayers. I've known this man since I was a young child. I'm 14 now, always made my day better when I went to Walmart with my mom and saw him. Lots of hugs. I'll never forget how amazing he was at lighting up my day at Walmart. <3*

-Alexis (Lexi) Miller

Alexis Miller - March 02, 2017 at 09:44 PM



“ I only knew Waldo as the greeter at Walmart. He was always smiling and happy and kind. You don't meet very many people like him. He's what I looked forward to when I went to Walmart. He had such a beautiful soul. My condolences to his family on losing such a wonderful man.

Paige Shank - March 02, 2017 at 09:24 PM

MF

“ Waldo was by far an amazing man, coworker, and friend at Walmart. Anytime you were having a bad day or upset Waldos smile alone made everything all ok. He was amazing to talk to and I will miss him dearly. Dear lord take care of Waldo for us for he is and always will be a big part of all our lives and hearts. God Bless You Waldo.

Love Mary Freytag

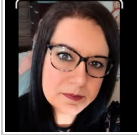
Mary Freytag - March 02, 2017 at 08:01 PM

DA

“ I will miss him. He was a great person to work with.



Danielle - March 02, 2017 at 07:48 PM



“ *Leah Short lit a candle in memory of Waldo E. Imbrock*



Leah Short - March 02, 2017 at 06:49 PM



“ *Waldo was one of the nicest people I have ever met! He choose a fitting job for his later years! He was so nice to everyone that walked through the door s at Wal-.mart. He will be missed by everyone who's life he toughed! God Bless you who knew him best.*

Mary Sowers - March 02, 2017 at 06:18 PM



“ *Won't be the same going into Wal-Mart...
Rest in heaven Waldo ❤️*

Kelly marksch - March 02, 2017 at 06:08 PM



“ *You will be missed sweet Waldo! RIP*



Renee Barlow - March 02, 2017 at 04:05 PM

CJ

“ *Waldo was such a nice person. Always greeting you at Wal-Mart and saying kind words.*

He sure will be missed. Colleen Jameson

Colleen Jameson - March 02, 2017 at 01:44 PM

 Sheri Heckerman

“ *Will miss Waldo's uplifting personality; his smile; his sweetness. Thoughts and prayers with his family.*



Sheri Heckerman - March 02, 2017 at 12:21 PM

GR

“ *Was an honor to know you the inspiration you gave us will always be remembered*

gwen rivera - March 02, 2017 at 10:56 AM

JK

“ *thoughts and prayers to the family jean kline*

jean kline - March 02, 2017 at 08:39 AM

TA

“ *Terri Agler lit a candle in memory of Waldo E. Imbrock*



Terri Agler - March 02, 2017 at 08:36 AM

TA

I met Waldo when I worked at the Extension office in Henry County in the 70's-80's. I now work at the Defiance Soil & Water and see that he was a Supervisor for the Defiance Soil & Water for three years (1962 - 1964) when he and his family lived in Defiance County. His heart stayed with agriculture. Through all these years whenever I saw him he always smiled and said "hello" and we would chat for awhile. He will be missed my many.

Terri Agler - March 02, 2017 at 08:45 AM



“*Sure gonna miss you at Wal-Mart always enjoyed seeing you Rest in Padrise Waldo. Going to Wal-Mart will not be the same gonna miss your friendly smile and your Hellos* ♥♥♥



Michelle Iffland Nadeau - March 02, 2017 at 07:08 AM

MV

“*Waldo was a wonderful smiling happy gentleman. I loved seeing him at church and Walmart. He was like a 2nd grandfather to me. I will really miss you. Rest in peace. Marsha knape voress*

Marsha voress - March 01, 2017 at 08:30 PM

DR

“*Waldo was an amazing man and coworker. He was definitely a must see person when you would come to walmart. Always had a smile on his face and a high five for the kids. My two will definitely miss those as I will our little talks. He will surely be missed.*

Danielle Ruskey - March 01, 2017 at 07:44 PM

MT

“ *Mel T lit a candle in memory of Waldo E. Imbrock*



Mel T - March 01, 2017 at 02:37 PM



“ *He was a nice gentleman he always had a smile on his face when he greeted the people when I always would see him I would call him young man and his smile was from ear to ear....R.I.P Young man God gained an Angel*



Patricia Acosta - March 01, 2017 at 01:02 PM

BR

“ *Barb & Ron Rosebrook lit a candle in memory of Waldo E. Imbrock*



Barb & Ron Rosebrook - March 01, 2017 at 10:27 AM

JC

“ *Waldo was a very nice man. I cared for he and his wife during her hospice care. He was very devoted. Waldo loved being around people and enjoyed his greeter duties at Walmart. He will be missed.*

Janelle Cline - March 01, 2017 at 09:11 AM

LD

I always loved talking to Waldo at Wal-Mart. He was a great man. Rest in peace Waldo.

Larry Von Deylen - March 02, 2017 at 12:57 PM

RH

waldo was a freind who always talked and smiled when we seen him he and his smile will be missed rest in peace good and faithful servant ron and mary hoops

ron hoops - March 02, 2017 at 05:13 PM

CB

My Mom and I alsways loved chatting with Waldo, he was such a charming, friendly man! He will be missed! ❤️

Cathy Bertz - March 02, 2017 at 06:45 PM

JR

Waldo was a very special man . Will miss you at Walmart. The years I worked with him will always hold a dear spot in my heart. Prayers to the family. GOD you got an angel ! Love you Waldo !!

Judy Rose - March 02, 2017 at 08:54 PM

NF

Kathy, Dean and all the family,you are in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time. We never met your dad but from all the wonderful stories you have told us of your folks and family we feel like we have known him for a long time. He is at peace but will be on your hearts forever. Nancy and John Francisco

Nancy and John Francisco - March 03, 2017 at 01:59 PM

JG

Auf Wiedersehen, mein Freund. Ruhe in Frieden! Will remember our German conversations. Will miss you!!!

Juergen and Cheri Goertz - March 03, 2017 at 07:17 PM