



Walter H. Delventhal

May 26, 1925 - March 1, 2015

Walter H. Delventhal, 89, of Napoleon, Ohio died Sunday, March 1, 2015 at Fulton Manor Nursing & Rehab Center, Wauseon, Ohio.

He was born May 26, 1925 in Gerald, Ohio to the late Herman and Emma (Ranzau) Delventhal. He married Lucia (Gerken) Cordes on May 22, 1953. Walter was a self-employed welder. He learned the trade from his father at a blacksmith shop in Gerald, Ohio. He became the owner-operator of that blacksmith shop one year after he was discharged from the US Navy where he had served in Norfolk, VA during WWII welding on the ships in the shipyards. His patriotic spirit carried over into his civilian life where he served in various offices of the Ridgeville American Legion Post 454, including Commander and County Council Legionnaire. He was part of many honor guard troops who were called to assist at military funerals. Walter was a leader. He was Chairman of the Building Committee to build St. John Lutheran Church. He was the Treasurer of the Henry County Fair Board for many years and received a special award in Columbus for being an Outstanding Fair Supporter. For many years he was on the Ridgeville School Board serving as president or vice president. Later he was called to serve on the School Board of St. John Lutheran School. He was on the Freedom Township Zoning Board and worked on the Archive Committee at St. John. He could read and speak German fluently and was often asked to translate some letters or writings. He was a founding member of the Low German Club. Most of all, Walter was a living historian. He could remember details that many had forgotten until he

reviewed them.

Walter loved to tell stories and almost every thing he saw reminded him of a story to tell. He dearly loved his grandchildren and would allow them to play in his shop to build some imaginary objects or to take a ride on the tractor with him. He teased them and they loved it. Laughter was part of every visit to his shop or house.

Walter was a farmer who worked from sun-up to sun-down to bring in the harvests. He was a good steward of the earth and provided for his family. He also worked for Vernon Nagel Construction Company for many years.

He is survived by his loving wife and partner of 61 years, Lucia; daughters, Nancy Cordes Hoover; Jane (David) Crandall, Joyce (Dan) Wiechers and Mary (Doug) Kossow; 11 grandchildren who will try to follow his guidelines; Nick (Kasia) Hoover; Kirk (Kasey) Hoover; Jill (Drew) Snoply; Rachel (Ross) Durham; Ryan (Audrey) Crandall; Matt (Erin) Crandall; Nathan (Danacia) Wiechers; Marcus (Alex) Wiechers; Eric Wiechers (Faith Decker); Tyler Kossow; Logan Kossow; and they have blessed the family with 18 great-grandchildren, Sydney; Elise; Madelyn; Kaylee, Konner; Katelyn; Eli; Olivia; Sam; Luke; Claire; Spencer; Simon; Calvin; Adam; Charlie; Gavin; MaKenna; and one on the way. Many nieces and nephews will also mourn his loss. He was preceded in death by son, Rick Cordes; a granddaughter, Stephanie Kossow; and sister, Mary Ann Gerken

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 6 at St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township with Rev. Stephen Niermann and Vicar Reed Shoaff officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery where military honors will be accorded by the US Navy and Ridgeville American Legion.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon and Friday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are suggested to St. John Endowment Fund.

Walter was a man of strong faith, believing in the power and strength of Christ's love and the beauty and peace that would await him after his passing.

Online condolences may be made at www.rodembergerfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. John Lutheran Freedom Township Cemetery

16035 Co Rd U
Napoleon, OH 43545

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

MAR 6. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township
16035 County Road U
Napoleon, OH 43545

Service

MAR 6. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LH

“ *Lucia and family.*

We are sorry for your loss but glad we were able to visit with you and Walter this past Christmas. We will see you again on our next visit to Napoleon.

Larry and Connie Holers

Larry and Connie Holers - March 05, 2015 at 09:35 PM

US

“ *Dear Lucia and family: our heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of you, and we feel a special bond with you at this time of grief. We have fond memories of our numerous visits on the farm in Ohio, when we enjoyed your generosity and your fellowship. Walter will live in our hearts forever. We'll miss his long letters at Christmas..... Greetings in the name of the LORD from your friends in Canada. Peace be with you*
Uwe & Inge

Uwe & Inge Storjohann - March 05, 2015 at 08:55 AM

GB

“ *Gary and Jackle Bowling purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Walter H. Delventhal.*



Gary and Jackle Bowling - March 05, 2015 at 05:05 AM

MB

“ I am sorry for the family's loss of a wonderful man but glad he is now with the Lord and no longer suffering. We had a wonderful visit last summer with you. God's blessing be with you Lucia.

LOve, Mary Gerken Beaber

Mary Beaber - March 04, 2015 at 06:40 PM

DK

“ Our sincere sympathy to all the family of Walter. He and my Dad (Wilfred Genter) were good friends and we have lots of pictures of them together as they served at the Legion and the Henry County Fair Board. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. So sorry we will not be able to attend services. Dave & Karen Keesbery

David & Karen Keesbery - March 04, 2015 at 04:03 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter H. Delventhal.



March 04, 2015 at 11:33 AM

JH

“ Our deepest sympathy, you are in our thoughts and prayers, Kenny & Jackie Hall



Jackie Hall - March 03, 2015 at 07:31 PM

CH

“ We are so sorry for your loss! Keeping you all
in our thoughts and prayers
Todd Hesterman Family



Chris Hesterman - March 03, 2015 at 11:18 AM

JG

“ Jim and Pat Gerken purchased the Sweet Tranqu
ility Basket for the family of Walter H. Delventhal.



Jim and Pat Gerken - March 03, 2015 at 09:35 AM

JR

“ Sincere sympathy to Walter's family He will be missed....John and
Jody Rettig

Jody Rettig - March 02, 2015 at 09:13 PM

JS

“ 14 files added to the album Walter Delventhal Pictures



Jill (Crandall) Snoply - March 02, 2015 at 05:42 PM