



## Wayne Lewis Feather

September 23, 1947 - October 4, 2020

Wayne Lewis Feather, 73, of Liberty Center, Ohio passed away on October 4, 2020. He was born on September 23, 1947 in Toledo, Ohio to Fred and Mabel (Sylvester) Feather. On February 21, 1970 Wayne married Rita Jennings at St. Paul Methodist Church in Napoleon, Ohio.

Wayne was a member of Shiloh Christian Union Church and loved his Lord. He was actively involved with Transport for Christ. Wayne proudly served his country in the US Army during the Vietnam War. He was honored to take part in Honor Flight and American Huey 369. Wayne enjoyed tinkering with antique cars, trucks, and motorcycles in his spare time. He was not only a truck driver, but also started his own school in order to teach new drivers. Wayne was an extremely hardworking man that loved spending time with his family.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 50 years, Rita; son, Matthew (Shirley) Feather; grandchildren, Nathan (Megan Fife) Thrasher and Hannah Feather; great granddaughter, Amelia Thrasher and siblings, Floyd (Sylvia) Feather and Leroy (Marilyn) Feather. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Glenn Feather.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon on Friday, October 23, 2020 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM. A memorial service with military honors will be held on Saturday, October 24,

2020 at Shiloh Christian Union Church, 2100 County Road 5, Delta, Ohio, at 2:00 PM with an hour of visitation prior to services. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to CHP Home and Hospice or the Henry County Veterans Association. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at [rodenbergergray.com](http://rodenbergergray.com).

In true lifelong truck driver fashion, Wayne completed his final run on 10-4.

Due to the current health conditions surrounding COVID-19, masks will be required to attend services or visitation in accordance with the State. Please also respect social distancing and make use of the website to contact the family if you are not feeling well.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

OCT **23.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Memorial Gathering

OCT **24.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Shiloh Christian Union Church  
2100 County Road 5  
Delta, OH 43515  
(419) 822-4261  
<https://www.shilohcu.church/>

## Memorial Service

OCT **24.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Shiloh Christian Union Church  
2100 County Road 5  
Delta, OH 43515  
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# Tribute Wall

JO

“ *John, Kae & Alan Walker & American Huey 369 Org. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Wayne Lewis Feather.*



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**John, Kae & Alan Walker & American Huey 369 Org. -**  
October 23, 2020 at 04:20 PM

JB

“ *Deepest condolences to Rita, Matt, & all the Feather Family. Wayne was one-of-a-kind. He'll be hard to replace but we all have wonderful memories of our times with Wayne. He was a proud Grand Rapids High School, Class of 1965 graduate. He was my classmate from 1st through 12th grade. Later on, he was the motivating force behind organizing many of our class' get-togethers & reunions. He was always concerned that our classmate Virgil Terwillager (Vietnam KIA-MIA) should be honored & remembered properly. Many times Wayne gave out Gideon Bibles at truck stops as a comfort to those on the road. These are just some of the things that Wayne did from his heart while always caring for others. He will be greatly missed by all his GRHS classmates & friends. PIRATES FOREVER WAYNE!*

*Judy Beal*

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**Judy A. Beal -** October 20, 2020 at 09:32 PM

CK

“ *Condolences to the Feather Family. This is a great Christian family that was a great influence for my son & me. So sorry for your loss.*

*Christine Kummerer*



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**Christine Kummerer** - October 20, 2020 at 03:21 PM

RC

“ *To All The Feathers' Family,*

*Please accept our sincere sympathy for your loss of Wayne.  
Our families go back a long way.*

*Rodney & Kathie Carson*

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**Roney & Kathie Carson** - October 20, 2020 at 11:26 AM

RB

“ I’m at a loss for words in hearing of Wayne’s passing..  
It was 30 years ago this spring that I became Wayne’s first student at Whitacre Trucking.  
Had an awesome time those few weeks in the truck with him...and it was his recommendation that I continue training others at Whitacre and later on urging me to go to Owens College and teach truck driving there as well..  
Thanks to Wayne for opening doors for me that allowed me to become who I am today.  
One of the many cute stories I can share is the time when I had just started training with Wayne. It was about the second day in the truck and we had went to Chicago to drop & hook, and come back. It was late in the evening when we got out of Chicago, and Wayne had me drive back to Weston...he was going to catch some sleep, and said if I get too tired to let him know & he’ll take over...Well, he’s over there in the passenger seat and I drive all the way back to Weston....I figured I would stop about 100 yards from the shop, stop the truck, set the brakes and act like I’ve pulled over...”hey Wayne....Wayne...can you take over?”....as he woke up, “sure...no problem, where are we?”...gotcha! 🥺  
  
It’s been a long time, Rita & Matt, you’re in my prayers....

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**Roger Beard** - October 18, 2020 at 09:41 PM

JM

“ My sincere condolences to the Feather family we were neighbors when we were young have many memories of him. We would all get together and play softball he will be missed by many so lucky to have known him . My prayers and thoughts will be with whole family stay strong for each other you all have a guardian Angel to watch over you .

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**Jane Hernandez Mendieta** - October 16, 2020 at 04:45 PM

JK

“ Oh my, I am so sorry to hear of Wayne's passing but just seeing his picture evokes such nice memories of kind and pleasantly encouraging conversation. Truly am thankful to have had the pleasure of meeting this gentleman, a sweet and giving soul, here on earth. Rita, we will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Kindly, Jodi & Bob Kieffer

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**Jodi Kieffer** - October 16, 2020 at 11:56 AM

DB

“ Hi Rita, It is so interesting when seeds of love and friendship planted so long ago are there for ever. Thanks for keeping us in your circle of friends for so many years. You were a great loving, steady, faithful guiding light in Wayne's life. Our hope and goals of life together are forever seated in the loving, faithful arms of Jesus. Love and gratefulness to you. Dan and Nancy Borton

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**Dan Borton** - October 12, 2020 at 08:59 AM

JB

“ RIP Dear Friend! Did not get to know you long but cherished the time. May God's peace be with your family now and forever!

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**Jon Burnside** - October 10, 2020 at 11:33 AM

DB

“ Dear Rita and family

*Our sincere condolences to you and your family. Wayne will be missed. I have known Wayne all of my life. We were country neighbors from birth and as we grew up. We were classmates all of the way through school. I learned a lot from Wayne especially as he faced many health issues. He handled these with dignity, grace and courage. I could only hope to do as well with similar challenges.*

*I would like to share a story about Wayne from my mother. A couple of days ago I took her a copy of Wayne's obituary. Later in the day mother's nurse , Sam, came to see her for her weekly check up. Mother likes to chat with Sam about what is going on. She mentioned to Sam that one of her son's high school classmates, Wayne Feather, had just passed away. Sam looked at her for a moment as he was thinking and then said I knew Wayne. It turns out that about 20 years ago Sam had decided he wanted to be a truck driver to supplement his income. Wayne taught him how to drive the big trucks. Wayne touched so many lives. He will be missed. He will be remembered.*

*With our deepest sympathy,*

*Doug and Cindy Box*

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**Doug Box** - October 08, 2020 at 09:20 PM

RR

“ *I met Wayne and Rita as a child. Going to Wesleyan Church in Liberty Center faith is cited to start a group call Pass it on for us teens at their home . We all loved them and their Christian group. Rest in peace Wayne you are with the Lord. You were a big impact on the Patton children*

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**Rita Robertson** - October 07, 2020 at 09:43 AM

JB

*I, too, attended it Pass it On. Blesses to have the examples and teaching from Wayne and Rita at a time that was critical in my spiritual life! Well done, my friend!*

**Joy Bowser** - October 08, 2020 at 08:57 PM

GQ

*“ Well I was Wayne's in home respite care nurse through the VA. Though I did not get to be with these wonderful people long, Wayne and Rita have a way of touching hearts. Wayne was so gentle and understanding. He was patient and kind. He loved having long discussions about old cars. I too have a love for them. We watched you tube videos often on building or racing of different cars. From the beginning I felt like family. He was always sweet and ornery and liked to have a good time.*

*I am so thankful that he is no longer in pain and can continue to fly high, as he told me he will forever go fast in his Henry J.*

*Truly a blessing to know such wonderful people.*

*10-4 Good Buddy!!*

*Much love,*

*Gail Queen*

**Gail Queen** - October 07, 2020 at 08:24 AM

GS

*“ Wayne & Rita have been family friends for years. We mourn with you in his passing, but celebrate with you that Wayne's now walking the streets of gold with our Lord. Praying for your family.*

**Glenn & Jayna Small** - October 06, 2020 at 09:08 PM

RA

*“ I have so many good memories of Wayne, I can't recall any special one but I'm honored to have been a good neighbor and friend, R.I.P. my brother*

**Robert Allgire** - October 06, 2020 at 07:57 PM

MS

“ I’ve known Wayne and Rita my whole life. Wayne always had a smile on his face and would always tell some little joke to make us (my brothers and I) laugh. When I think of Wayne, I think kind and sweet. He will be missed.

Megan Spengler - October 06, 2020 at 03:12 PM

DE

“ God presented the opportunity for me to get to know Wayne and Rita last year and what an incredible blessing. Great memory sitting in the kitchen talking with Wayne about the many things we shared an interest in. I never got the opportunity to attend Huey 369 with Wayne but definitely was incredibly humbled to be invited to go with him. Also I will never forget spending some time in the barn with Wayne looking at his station wagon as well as some of the other cool things he had collected. Despite being shorter than I would have chosen I praise God for the time I got to really know Wayne and wont ever forget the time we hugged and told each other we loved one another. I felt 10 feet tall when I walked home that day. Wayne is standing in the Glory of our God now! That brings Joy to my heart.

Doug Elling - October 06, 2020 at 12:31 PM

 Crystal Hughes

“ A wonderful man who will be missed by all. My fondest memories are from the Liberty Center Library, when I called to let them know they had books in. He would usually answer the phone "hello, this is crystal... is Wayne available?" It was my favorite phone call to make in the mornings....



Crystal Hughes - October 06, 2020 at 08:31 AM