



Wayne F. Knape

August 23, 1924 - May 13, 2017

Wayne F. Knape, 92, of Ridgeville Corners, Ohio died peacefully on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Genacross Lutheran Services - Napoleon Campus. He was born August 23, 1924 in Ridgeville Corners to the late Franklin and Nellie (Miller) Knape. On December 3, 1966, he married Emma Arnos at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners, Ohio.

Wayne worked and retired for the State of Ohio Highway Department. However, his main passion was his nursery. Wayne owned and operated Knape Nursery in Ridgeville Corners and was an arborist at heart. He was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners. He served in the United States Army.

He is survived by his loving wife, Emma Knape, sister, Eunice Green of Kalamazoo, Michigan, sister-in-law, Orpha Knape of Napoleon, and nieces and nephews; Kerry Knape of Walkerton, Indiana, Susie Harris of Bluffton, Indiana, David Green of Seattle, Washington, Jerri Lynn Crawford of St. Petersburg, Florida, Susie Nowak of Darien, New Hampshire, Karen (John) Gruenhagen of Napoleon, Ohio, James (Diana) Walters of Lancaster, Ohio, and Karl (Kathy) Walters of Fostoria, Ohio. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Ned Knape.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, May 17th at 11 a.m. at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners. Interment will follow at the church cemetery where military honors will be accorded by the Ridgeville American Legion.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to St. Peter Lutheran Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery

CO RD X
Ridgeville Corners, OH 43555

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

MAY 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Lutheran Church
20-191 US Highway 6
Ridgeville Corners, OH 43555

Service

MAY 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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“ Wayne loved baseball in the early 1950's he used to go to Florida to watch the Major League players in the spring training..... He picked up some very useful hints which he brought back to Ridgeville Corners to help us players learn how to play better He was a great volunteer coach and human being..... My condolences to his family..... david toles

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