



Wilbur Carl Lanzer

February 13, 1932 - July 25, 2023

Wilbur Carl Lanzer, 91, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at CHP Defiance Inpatient Hospice. He was born in Malinta, Ohio on February 13, 1932, to the late Carl and Laura (Fetter) Lanzer. On June 13, 1954, he married Janice Gilbert in Napoleon, Ohio.

Wib proudly served his country in the US Air Force during the Korean War era. He worked as a carpenter for Rausch Lumber before working for himself. Wib was a talented woodworker, that made beautiful pieces, and he enjoyed remodeling homes. Wib was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church where he sang in the men's choir. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping in his spare time.

Wib is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, Janice; children, Mike (Elizabeth) Lanzer, Jeff (Carol) Lanzer, and Julie Wiemken; 12 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren; and sister, Lavon Lanzer. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son Steven; son-in-law, Dave Wiemken; great grandson, Elliot Reiser; brothers, Herbert and Harold; and sister, Arlene.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Friday, July 28, 2023, from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Funeral Services will be held at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Napoleon, on Saturday, July 29, 2023, at 11:00 AM with an hour of

visitation prior to services. Interment with military honors will be private at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Cru (Campus Crusade Ministry), CHP Defiance Inpatient Hospice, or the Cherry St. Mission. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL 28. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Public Viewing

JUL 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Public Viewing

JUL 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul United Methodist Church
Napoleon

Tribute Wall



“ *Holding You Forever Holder Pendant was purchased for the family of Wilbur Carl Lanzer.*



June 27, 2025 at 11:36 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Tribute Video*



Rodenberger Funeral Home - August 04, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Lanzer family. I had the pleasure of knowing Wib professionally and personally. He was a true artisan in his craft and a kind and gentle man. But most of all, he was a Godly man. May he rest in peace 🙏*

Alfred G. Wiederwohl - July 29, 2023 at 03:30 PM



“ *Dean Teresa Lanwehr lit a candle in memory of Wilbur Lanzer*



Dean and Teresa Lanwehr - July 28, 2023 at 01:53 PM

AW

“ My deepest condolences to the Lanzer family! May the Peace of the Lord comfort you in this difficult time!
I am blessed to have known Wib for many years both professionally and personally. He was a skilled artisan in his craft, but most of all a gentle and godly man! May his soul rest in peace 🙏

Alfred G. Wiederwohl - July 28, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wilbur Carl Lanzer.



July 28, 2023 at 08:37 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wilbur Carl Lanzer.

July 28, 2023 at 08:37 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wilbur Carl Lanzer.



July 27, 2023 at 07:26 PM

GS

“ Our sympathy, and prayers to all of the Lanzer family.

Glenn and Jayna Small - July 27, 2023 at 03:48 PM

YV

“ *Your Friends at Vitamix purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Wilbur Carl Lanzer.*



Your Friends at Vitamix - July 27, 2023 at 03:13 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Wilbur Carl Lanzer.*



July 27, 2023 at 02:00 PM

SL

“ *Kara & family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Praying for you all to find peace during this difficult time - Sandy Lesco*

Sandy Lesco - July 27, 2023 at 12:17 PM

“ From the frozen tundra of Korea to fields and forests of war-torn Europe to the jungles of Southeast Asia, from the deserts of Kuwait and Iraq to the mountains of Afghanistan, brave patriots have protected our nation’s ideals, rescued millions from tyranny, and helped spread freedom around the globe. America’s veterans answered the call when asked to protect our nation from some of the most brutal oppression the world has ever known.

Military service demands a special kind of sacrifice. The places where you are sent to live and serve bring risk every day. From the time you put on that uniform for the first time, the interests of the nation move to the forefront and define your life. Those duties are shared by family members who make many sacrifices of their own, sometimes bearing the burden of losing a loved one.

Service brings rewards as well. There is the pride in developing one’s own character, serving a cause far greater than self-interest. Every person who wears America’s uniform is part of a long, unbroken line of achievement and honor. No single military power in history has done greater good, shown greater courage, liberated more people or upheld higher standards of decency and valor than the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

That is a legacy to be proud of and those who contributed to it must never be taken for granted. To honor our veterans, we must keep the promises we have made to them. We must care for those who have been injured in the service of our country. We must honor and remember those who have died. And we must remember those whose fate is still undetermined. We fly the Prisoner of War flag on Veterans Day for a reason, to show that this nation will not relent until we have accounted for every one of our missing Americans. Thank you for your service. Thank you for all that you have sacrificed for this great nation. Thank you for being the backbone of America.

Brigadier General (Retired) Mark W. Lee, United States Army

JM

“ So sorry for your loss. Wib will be missed.
Your Family is in my thoughts and prayers.



Janice Miller - July 27, 2023 at 10:24 AM

TG

“ Tammy, Heather, and Glen purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Wilbur Carl Lanzer.



Tammy, Heather, and Glen - July 27, 2023 at 08:56 AM

TG

“ Tammy, Heather, and Glen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wilbur Carl Lanzer.

Tammy, Heather, and Glen - July 27, 2023 at 08:56 AM

TS

“ Sending our sincere sympathy in the passing of Wilbur. He was a talented carpenter and we enjoyed having him tackle numerous jobs for us.
Fondly,
Tom and Susie Snyder

Tom Snyder - July 26, 2023 at 09:13 PM

BL

“ Remember growing up and visiting at the Uncle Carl Lanzer home Wilber would be making model airplanes and flying across the the road into the fields and ging looking from them when they went down. Good fun.

Also remember the beautiful clothes closet he build for us in our family room ,what a great talent he had making and building about anything. All The Best to you, Jan and all the family. Love and Prayers, Bernard and Nancy Lanzer

Bernard Lanzer - July 26, 2023 at 08:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Wilbur Carl Lanzer.



July 26, 2023 at 08:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wilbur Carl Lanzer.

July 26, 2023 at 08:04 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilbur Carl Lanzer.



July 26, 2023 at 07:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wilbur Carl Lanzer.

July 26, 2023 at 07:53 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilbur Carl Lanzer.



July 26, 2023 at 05:16 PM



“ Loving Brother - Bob Gilbert purchased the A Full Life for the family of Wilbur Carl Lanzer.



Loving Brother - Bob Gilbert - July 26, 2023 at 02:00 PM



“ Stan Gilbert & Hedy Nelson Families purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Wilbur Carl Lanzer.



Stan Gilbert & Hedy Nelson Families - July 26, 2023 at 01:42 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Wilbur Carl Lanzer.*



July 26, 2023 at 12:05 PM



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July 26, 2023 at 12:05 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilbur Carl Lanzer.*



July 26, 2023 at 08:54 AM