



## Wilfred "Bill" Cordes

March 26, 1925 - December 29, 2017

Wilfred "Bill" Carl Cordes age 92 of Napoleon, Ohio passed away Friday, December 29, 2017 at Genacross Lutheran Services-Napoleon Campus. He was born on the family farm in Napoleon Township on March 26, 1925 to John and Marie (Plassman) Cordes. On June 7, 1946 he married Marian Gilliland who preceded him in death on August 19, 1977. On September 22, 1979 he then married Iva (Moore) Cymbola who passed away on July 3, 2015.

Wilfred served in the U.S. Army during WWII from 1945-1946 in the infantry as a paratrooper. He was a part of the 101st Airborne Division and received a WWII victory medal.

He farmed the homestead property along with making a career as the area manager of

maintenance at Campbell Soup Company in Napoleon. He retired in 1987 after working 30 years.

He was an avid fan of both the Detroit Tigers and Lions, and enjoyed attending many games. His hobbies included golfing, fishing on Lake Erie, pheasant hunting in South Dakota, playing cards, and frequenting the casinos.

Bill also enjoyed extensive traveling with Iva throughout the States and abroad. He was a member of the American Legion Post 300 and AMVETS.

Bill and Iva enjoyed spending countless hours watching their grandchildren participate in various sporting events and extra-curricular activities over many years. Wilfred was baptized, confirmed, and married at Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Okolona, Ohio where he remained a lifelong member. He served as

deacon, trustee, elder, and as congregational President.

Wilfred is survived by daughters, Peggy (Ken) Frysinger, Cindy (Bill) Sheridan, Jodie (Tim) Howe; step-children, Larry (Karen) Cymbola, Kenny (Laurie Ziegler) Cymbola, Julie (Terry) Slagle, Lori (Bob) Bevelhymer; grandchildren, Jamie, Nick, Jordan, Megan, Kevin, Haley; step-grandchildren, Shelley, John, Amy, Jackie, Trevor, Casten; 13 great grandchildren; sisters, Mary Baden and Margie Lange. He was preceded in death by both his wives along with 3 infant children; Robin, Jeffrey, and a stillborn son; his parents; and brothers Edmund Cordes and Harvey Cordes.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 30997 Gerken Road, Defiance, Ohio with visitation from 10 a.m. till the time of service. Interment will be in the church cemetery with military honors accorded by the Napoleon Joint Veteran Posts. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Rodenberger Funeral Home and online condolences may be made at [www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery, Okolona

30997 Gerken Road  
Defiance, OH 43512

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 4. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Okolona  
30997 Gerken Road  
Defiance, OH 43512

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



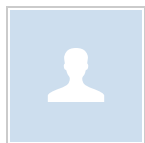
“ *I remember Uncle Wilfred...*

*telling me stories of pheasant hunts in the Dakotas  
catching my cousin David and I teasing the hogs in the barn  
teaching me to bird hunt  
amazing me with his Canadian Moose hunt story  
always asking me when I was going to retire  
I will always remember !!!*

*Les Lange*

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**Les Lange** - January 05, 2018 at 12:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Wilfred "Bill" Cordes.*



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January 03, 2018 at 03:19 PM



“ *Peggy. U and ur family are in my prayers.*



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**julie proxmire** - January 01, 2018 at 02:02 PM

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*“ I really enjoyed talking with Bill while at the Alpine Village. You could tell how proud he was of his family and I loved hearing the stories! He will be missed!*



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**Elaine Wells** - January 01, 2018 at 12:47 PM

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*“ I loved Bill like he was my own family I took care of him at alpine! Every morning we would have our talks and he would ask me all the time where I was from I would tell him Evansport. He said I had cattle there.*

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**ChevEllen Rex** - December 31, 2017 at 08:52 PM



*“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Wilfred "Bill" Cordes.*



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December 31, 2017 at 04:46 PM