



William Arps

January 20, 1925 - October 14, 2020

William Arps, 95, of Defiance County, Ohio passed away on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. He was born on January 20, 1925 in Defiance County to William and Helene (Backhaus) Arps. He married Lois Rickenberg on May 7, 1950 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township.

Bill proudly served his country in the US Navy during WWII. He learned his trade as an electrician during his time in the Navy. Bill enjoyed his occupation and the people that it brought into his life. He retired from ITT Higbie Manufacturing/ Fulton Tubing in Archbold, Ohio. Bill was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Defiance County, where he served as the cemetery sexton for over 20 years. He and Lois were avid sports fans and enjoyed supporting the Tinora Rams at baseball, football, and baseball games. They also enjoyed spending time on the water and fishing together.

Bill is survived by his children, Deborah (John) O'Brien, Robert Arps, Diane (David) Layne; grandchildren, Bradley (Shelly Demeo) Arps and Jeff (Katlin) Arps, Grant, Patrick, and Sarah O'Brien; and great grandson, Zeke Arps. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Lois, granddaughter, Jessica O'Brien and sister, Clara (Ralph) Sweinhagen.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon on Sunday, October 18, 2020 from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Funeral

Service will be held on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 11:00 AM at St. Mark's Lutheran Church with an hour of visitation prior to services. Interment will follow in the church cemetery with military honors. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mark' Lutheran Church. Online condolences may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com.

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.

Cemetery Details

St. Mark's Lutheran Cemetery

25950 Nagel Rd.
Defiance, OH 43512

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 18. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

OCT 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark Lutheran Church
25950 Nagel Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Service

OCT 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark Lutheran Church
25950 Nagel Road
Defiance, OH 43512

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Arps.*



October 17, 2020 at 11:56 AM



“ *Bill & Donna McNally purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of William Arps.*



Bill & Donna McNally - October 17, 2020 at 09:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Arps.*



October 16, 2020 at 12:05 PM



“ *Bill was a great friend he worked on 5 of my clocks & we sat together at the fish fry sometimes talking about our Navy experience that we had. We would call each other & ask how are we doing He will be missed Dewey Van Valkenburg*

Duane Van Valkenburg - October 15, 2020 at 05:20 PM

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Dewey, he enjoyed the conversations you had. He really missed the fish fry's these last months. Thank you for your friendship! Debbie Arps O'Brien

Debbie OBrien - October 16, 2020 at 09:13 PM



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Rodenberger Funeral Home - October 15, 2020 at 03:57 PM