



William F. Rohrs

October 7, 1934 - December 26, 2020

William “Bill” Frederick Rohrs, 86, of Napoleon, Ohio, went to be with the Lord Friday December 26, 2020 due to complications with Covid-19.

He was born October 7, 1934, in Malinta, Ohio, the son of Frank and Emma (Witte) Rohrs. He was the youngest of 10 siblings. On July 19, 1958 he married Irmgard Badenhop.

Bill was baptized on October 23, 1934 by Pastor G.J. Ide and confirmed March 21, 1948 by Pastor A. J. Boomgarden at Hope Lutheran Church, Hamler Ohio. Confirmation verse -- Psalm 27 – “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

Bill graduated from Malinta-Grelton High School in 1952. He received a Bachelor of Science Agriculture Education graduating from The Ohio State University in 1956. In 1973, he received a Master of Education from Michigan State University.

Bill was a Vocational Agriculture Instructor in the Auglaize Brown Local School District from 1956 until 1967. In 1967, he went to work for The Ohio State University as a Defiance County Extension Agent- 4-H Program later on taking the roll as Agricultural Agent, retiring in 1987 with the rank of Associate Professor. From 1998 to 2004, he served as Coordinator for the NW Ohio Conservation Action Project.

Bill was a faithful and active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon, where he served on the Board of Elders, Endowment Fund and sang in the

choir. Prior to moving to Napoleon, he was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Defiance serving on the Board of Elders, School, Stewardship and Parish Education. He also was the PTL President and sang in the choir. Bill served on the City Tree Commission in Defiance and Napoleon and on the Lake Erie Protection Fund.

Bill leaves to cherish his memory wife of 62 years, Irmgard of Napoleon, Ohio; sons Steve Rohrs (Jona) of Akron, Ohio and Roger Rohrs of Perrysburg, Ohio; grandchildren Brittany Haught (Brett) and Julie Wheeler (Kavanaugh) of Akron, Ohio; Emma, Ashley, and Claire Rohrs all of Perrysburg, Ohio; and great-grandchildren Phillip Wallace III, Sydney Wheeler and Cora, Cooper and Chase Haught all of Akron, Ohio.

Proceeded in death by his daughter Terri Sue; parents Frank and Emma Rohrs; and siblings Walter Rohrs (Lora), Edna Meyer (Fred), Arthur Rohrs (Hilda), Esther Hahn (Otto), Frank Rohrs (Jeanne), Paul Rohrs (Margaret), Marian Fitzenreiter (Arnold), Martin Rohrs (Rozella) and Christine Kruse (Donald).

A private service for the family will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Thursday, December 31 and will be livestreamed at 11 am at www.stpaulnapoleon.org. Burial will be at Riverview Memory Gardens.

For those who wish, memorials may be given to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1075 Glenwood Avenue Napoleon, Ohio 43545, or a charity of your choice.

The family wishes to thank the doctors and nurses at St. Vincent Hospital and Henry County Hospital in Napoleon for the love, compassion and care provided to Bill.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Memory Gardens

29321 County Rd 424
Defiance, OH 43512

Tribute Wall

DF

“ I am so sorry to just learn of Bill's passing. My sincerest condolences to Irmgard and the rest of the family. Bill was my first boss way back in 1980-1984 when I was an assistant county extension agent in Defiance County, working on a special water quality project there. He was always so very kind and helpful to someone learning about the extension service, and working with other agencies and the press. Here is a photo of Bill and me from back in 1981 when working on construction of the Lost Creek monitoring site in western Defiance County.



Dennis Flanagan - April 26, 2021 at 02:40 PM

TH

“ Irmgard, My deepest sympathy to you and your family. I'm sure you know how much Bill meant to me personally and professionally. He greatly influenced my growth as a conservationist and farmer. What he did and accomplished with the Conservation Action Project was top notch and second to none.

I will miss him dearly

Todd and Chris Hesterman

Todd Hesterman - January 01, 2021 at 06:43 PM

EN

“ Always enjoyed working with Bill on several occasions when he was the C.A.P. coordinator in the early years of that program. My sympathy to Irm and his family.

Ed Nagel

Ed Nagel - January 01, 2021 at 08:46 AM

KD

“ Irm, my sincere sympathy to you and your family. Lynn and I thought so much of Bill. He was such a fine person. i shall keep you in my prayers as you continue this journey.

Kathy Davis Defiance, OH

Kathy Davis - December 30, 2020 at 06:24 PM

LF

“ Linda Meyer Patterson & Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of William F. Rohrs.



Linda Meyer Patterson & Family - December 30, 2020 at 05:52 PM



“ *Loved One Vertical Blanket was purchased for the family of William F. Rohrs.*



December 30, 2020 at 08:10 AM



“ *I was one of Bill's students in the 1960's at Oakwood High School. I can honestly say that My Rohrs was deeply loved and respected by the staff and students at Oakwood. He taught 3 of my older brothers and myself; we all thought the world of him because of his kindness, caring, and talent as a teacher. I still remember the day at assembly the school honored Bill for his tenure, the applause was simply thunderous and continuous. Never has a teacher been more esteemed by a student body, never. I believe the same kind of reception took place in heaven as Bill entered to the voice of the Lord saying, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant".*

May each one of you, his loved ones, find comfort in the satisfaction which surely must be yours in having this wonderful man in your lives. His influence will remain ever present in you as it will in each person blessed by knowing him.

Rolland and Judy Myers Oakwood, OH

Rolland Myers - December 29, 2020 at 08:45 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William F. Rohrs.*



December 29, 2020 at 08:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William F. Rohrs.*



December 29, 2020 at 08:14 PM



“ *Dear Irmgard and family, my deepest sympathy. My God help you through this difficult time. He will surely be missed!*

Arlene Wallace - December 29, 2020 at 06:28 PM



“ *Our hearts are open to Aunt Irm, Roger, and Steve during this time of their great loss. I remember my last Lake Erie fishing trip with Uncle Bill. He held the boat record for the most times catching the anchor rope. Also, he made a Texas-only cooler for the white bass I caught. I miss those trips with him, but I will have the memories of them forever. He was a great person, a model Christian in every way.*

Jim and Patti Meyer, Donny Meyer, Staci and Dusty Henderson

Jim Meyer - December 29, 2020 at 05:19 PM

EC

“ I am sorry for your loss. I was on the Napoleon Tree Commission with Bill. I so much enjoyed talking with him before, after and during the excursions with him on our Commission trips. Have missed him and his friendship and wisdom at our meetings.
Ed Clausing

Ed Clausing - December 29, 2020 at 11:25 AM

HH

“ Holly and Gary Hatter purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of William F. Rohrs.



Holly and Gary Hatter - December 29, 2020 at 11:25 AM

DP

“ So many good times had with the Rohrs family that are still with us today. They will live on!

daniel peck - December 29, 2020 at 10:35 AM

GK

“ It truly was with heavy heart I received the news from Steve of Bill’s passing yesterday afternoon. As I shared with him, Bill became the older brother I never had when I came to Defiance some 50 years ago. What a cherished friendship developed! We served together in various capacities at church, sang together in the choir and I was blessed with his faithful support and encouragement in my positions of teacher and principal.

In personal life, our families grew up together through thick and thin, sharing in sorrow on somber occasions like the passing of Bill & Irm’s daughter, Terri, and my first wife, Jan. But likewise we joyously shared school achievements and graduations of our children, retirement celebrations, cookout gatherings, a choir trip to Germany and just an evening of enjoying each other’s company. Although the move was made to relocate to Napoleon, our association never wavered or slowed down. Bill and I shared countless fishing experiences from local trips down to Independence Dam, dragging our boys down in 30 degree weather for a spring pike fishing phenomenon to trips to Michigan and Indiana lakes, and the adventure we fulfilled on both our bucket lists; a week’s stay in northern Canada.

Over the past few years we spent time on numerous trips to craft shows, fish fry’s and fine restaurant eateries all over the area with my second wife, Phyllis. She instantly, upon meeting the Rohrs as her first contact in the states, fell fond of Bill and Irm’s personableness and genuine sincerity as they accepted her as if a longtime friend. For me, 50 years together and I don’t think we ever had a falling out (Well, maybe occasionally on who caught the largest or most fish!). He modeled the Christian faith life and I was so rewarded.

If you met Bill, you immediately saw displayed the dedicated, caring servant of His heavenly Father. I know God was so pleased and now has granted him the peace and joy of his heavenly mansion.

George J Kaiser - December 29, 2020 at 10:12 AM

MH

“ Dear Irmgard and family, We are so sorry for the loss of your loved one. May you find comfort in God's loving arms. May He fill you with His peace during this difficult time and in all the days ahead.
Thinking of you, Jerry and Marilyn Hershberger

Marilyn Hershberger - December 29, 2020 at 09:03 AM

BB

“ So many great memories of Bill and Irm. Lake Wilson holiday parties (how did all of us fit??) and that we still continue to enjoy the beauty of this lake, the meals at Cashmans, the trips to Akron for special events and all the chance meetings in between. Always a smile and cheerful greeting. You will be missed Bill. Love you all Rohrs families! Dan and Beth Behrman

Beth Behrman - December 28, 2020 at 06:53 PM

CK

We of the Class of 1961 at the Oakwood Ohio School loved and appreciated Mr. Rohrs so much as he and Irmgard would always meet with us at our annual alumni banquet each Labor Day week end at the school. We will all miss him a lot when we meet again. Carol Kohart

Carol Kohart - December 30, 2020 at 09:14 AM