



## William VonDeylen

September 13, 1928 - March 15, 2022

William H. "Bill" VonDeylen

Bill VonDeylen, 93, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away peacefully on March 15, 2022. He was born to Harry and Laura (Plassman) VonDeylen on September 13, 1928, in Gerald (rural Napoleon, Ohio). On June 25, 1950, he married Phyllis Demaline, who after 42 years of marriage, preceded him in death on January 3, 1993. On April 24, 1994, he married Janet (Spangler) Inselmann, who survives. They have enjoyed 28 years together.

Bill spent his grade school years at St. John Lutheran School, often recalling how he rode his tricycle to school in the early years. He graduated from Ridgeville High School in 1946. He spent two years and one day in the United States Army and was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where he established lifelong friendships. For his entire working career, he was a John Deere implement dealer with his father in Gerald, and in 1976 moved the business to Napoleon. His son, Tom, joined the business and became a co-owner up until the business was sold in 2005.

Bill was a lifelong member of St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township, where he held several offices and served on several committees. His faith was strong and steadfast in his belief heaven was promised to him. He was a member of Ridgeville American Legion.

Bill loved his family and sports. He participated in sports during his school years, and later became a spectator at the events of his children and grandchildren. He was an avid Ohio State Buckeyes and Detroit Tigers fan even following the Tigers' spring training games in Lakeland, Florida. He enjoyed playing golf and traveling even if it was for a daytrip or a drive through the countryside. He enjoyed playing cards in two card clubs, relaxed recently by playing a good game of Solitaire or dining out with the lunch bunch. Bill loved people and was friendly to all he met.

Left to cherish his memory beside his wife, Janet, are their children: Tom (Sandy) VonDeylen, Anne (Wayne) Rausch, Karen (Dave) Bishop, Greg (Jayne) Inselmann, Kathy (Bill) Beck, Anita (Neil) Badenhop, Juleen (Scott) Leonard, Bill (Robin) Inselmann. Together they have surviving grandchildren: Cori (Adam) Niese, Haley (Dave) Buckmaster, Kylee (Kurtis) Staup, Nick Rausch, Teal (Don) Hasselswerth, Chad (Tara) Bishop, Marc (Erika) Bishop, Paul (Mandy) Bishop, Drew (Tanisha) Bishop, Jeff (Brooke) Inselmann, Mike (Cassandra) Inselmann, Owen (Dee) Beck, Katie (Amar) Joshi, Janie (Luke) Kreider, Jackson (Kaeli) Beck, Joe (Abbie) Badenhop, Megan (Scott) Bostelman, Clay (Kelsey) Badenhop, Greg Leonard, Brad (Kailee) Leonard, Mitch (Kayla) Leonard, Jenna (Nate) Wilhelm, Karissa (Drew) Kuesel. They were blessed with 47 great grandchildren, five of whom arrived in heaven before Bill. He is also survived by his sister, Lois Arps and preceded in death by a sister, Donna Higbea.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 20 at St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Twp, with visitation from 12-1 p.m. Interment will follow at St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery, where military honors will be accorded by Ridgeville American Legion. Visitation will also be held Saturday, March 19 from 2:00 – 8:00 pm at Rodenberger Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, Ohio. In lieu of flowers and gifts, please direct memorial contributions to St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Twp. or Community Health Professionals. Online

condolences may be left for the family at [www.rodembergergray.com](http://www.rodembergergray.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. John Lutheran Freedom Township Cemetery

16035 Co Rd U  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAR 19. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Public Viewing

MAR 20. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township  
16035 County Road U  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Funeral Service

MAR 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Township  
16035 County Road U  
Napoleon, OH 43545



# Tribute Wall



“ *Bill and I have known each other since High School years. A finer person , I have ever known ! We enjoyed Detroit Tiger spring games also. Bob and Carol Batdorf of Wauseon, OH*

B - June 22, 2022 at 09:31 AM



“ *My name is mark taylor my sister kyle coffee my mother Joanne and father hughes(fuzz) taylor met the VonDeylens during the Korean War! My mom and Phyllis our entire family became great friends! My dad would make up a bed for us kidds in back seat of our studebaker and in 4 hours we would be there in Napoleon Ohio! Tommy and I would play football 🏈 we would play in the corn fields and there was an electric fence we would have to cross over! Scarry! Then they would come to visit us the next time! Phyllis would say they got car sick the closer they got to our house because of the hills!!!! We always had great times together! We all went to see sound of music together when it first came out! I will always remember my junior prom!was having difficulty with my girl friend at the time and I remember Anne said she would go with me if things didn't work out with my girl friend!thought how nice that was!My mom and Phyllis loved to write letters back and forth!! believe they now are all together in heaven!Jesus said I go to prepare a place for you that where I am there you will be also!!!one day we will all be together because of the sacrifice Jesus did for us!If you believe in your heart and confess with your mouth the lord Jesus if you believe he died and rose again on the third day you will be saved!!!!our thoughts and prayers with all the VonDeylen family!*



mark taylor - March 25, 2022 at 02:09 PM

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“ *Our sympathy to Janet and family.*

**Denny and Mary Schwab** - March 20, 2022 at 09:18 PM

MB

“ *I worked for Bill for a short time many years ago and always appreciated the experience. It was always nice to run into Bill after that, he always had a friendly smile as we stopped and chatted. You all have my sympathy on the loss of a wonderful man. Marian (Richard) Beck*

**Marian Beck** - March 19, 2022 at 11:34 AM

DD

“ *To Bill's family, our deepest sympathy. A wonderful man we'll all miss.*

*Bill will always be remembered for his contagious smile and inspiring attitude...always encouraging, never a complaint...hope to be like him when we grow up! The light of the Holy Spirit shined brightly thru Bill. Jesus' parable of the servants and stewardship are the first thing I thought of when I heard of Bill's passing...surely his Master is now saying; Well done, good and faithful servant,...enter now into the joy of thy Lord. God bless you Bill! Dave and Jane Von Deylen*

**Dave Von Deylen** - March 18, 2022 at 09:19 PM



“ *Anything for You was purchased for the family of William VonDeylen.*



March 18, 2022 at 06:05 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *VonDeylen Tribute*



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**Rodenberger Funeral Home** - March 18, 2022 at 03:13 PM

“ From the fields and forests of war-torn Europe to the jungles of Southeast Asia, from the deserts of 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.*

*COL (Retired) Mark W. Lee, USA*

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**Dr. Mark W. Lee, COL (Retired) USA - March 18, 2022 at 11:55 AM**

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“ Tom and Family, our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

*Mike and Ricki Slattery Starrett, Defiance, OH*

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**Mike and Ricki Slattery Starrett** - March 18, 2022 at 08:39 AM

MC

“ Mr and Mrs Inselmann and family, we are so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad/grandpa/great grandpa. We are sending you all love and prayers. May you always carry special memories of your time with him in your hearts.

*Love Ya!*

*Matt, Sheila, Rhett and Hoyt McGill*



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**McGill** - March 17, 2022 at 09:14 PM

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“ Uncle Mark, Aunt Shari, and Emme Dotson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William VonDeylen.



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**Uncle Mark, Aunt Shari, and Emme Dotson** - March 17, 2022 at 07:53 PM

KL

“ To the whole family I send hugs and prayers for your loss. Bill was a wonderful person.

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**Kathleen Lieb** - March 17, 2022 at 05:56 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of William VonDeylen.*



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March 17, 2022 at 05:46 PM



“ *Janet and family, my deepest sympathy. Such a great loss for those left behind but what warm memories. It was so nice to spend some time with you Janet today and a wonderful hug. God will be by your side during this difficult time. You are so right, you've lost another wonderful love of your life. In sympathy . Connie*



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**Connie Maassel** - March 17, 2022 at 04:52 PM



“ *One of the great gentlemen in Henry county. Sympathy to Janet and families. What wonderful memories they will cherish.*

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**Joyce Honeck Dudley** - March 17, 2022 at 08:38 AM



“ *Bill always had a smile on his face and was happy to be with you. All that knew him were very lucky indeed. He will be missed. Much Love sent to our family and Janet.*



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**Jaclyn Maassel** - March 16, 2022 at 08:34 PM

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“ Carolyn Schnitkey lit a candle in memory of  
William VonDeylen



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carolyn schnitkey - March 16, 2022 at 04:21 PM