



## Russell A. Rettger

April 2, 1949 - July 25, 2023

Russell A. Rettger, age 74 of Leroy Twp., passed away July 25, 2023, at the UHHS Geauga Regional Medical Center in Chardon, OH. He was born on April 2, 1949, in Cleveland, OH.

Russ was a Dairy Farmer since 1969. He was involved with the Leroy Fire Department, Lake County Fair Board, Lake County Farm Bureau, and also worked part-time for the FSA.

He loved his animals, working with his grandchildren on their 4H projects, and spending many hours with them getting ready for judging day and auction night. His favorite pastime was baking those famous chocolate chip cookies, pies, canning, and watching those old Gunsmoke, Bonanza, and Andy Griffith shows.

When he no longer was able to milk cows he began hauling an Amish logging crew. With that, he became well known in the Amish community for them to contact him when it came to emergency rides or any trip needed.

He will be missed by many. Myself, Kim, will smile every time I hear the song "She Thinks My Tractor's Sexy" and him dancing in Michael's bedroom to it.

He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Kimberly Duncan; his former wife,

Valerie Rettger, the mother of his 3 daughters and deceased son, Melissa Rettger, Beth Albu, and Amy (Karl) McElfish; grandchildren, Troy C. (Kara) Elam, Kaylie (Tyler) Parrett, Ryan A. Rettger, Jacob D. (Kaleigh) Albu, Colleen F. Albu, Joshua J. McElfish and Alexander Duncan; great-grandchild, Jacoby Oliver Albu; brothers, David (Julie) Rettger and Dennis (Diana) Rettger; sister-in-law, Michelle Duncan, and many other loving family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harvey and Arville (nee Parker) Rettger; son, Russell P. "Russy" Rettger, stepson, Michael Duncan; and brother-in-law Mark Duncan.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, September 2, 2023, at the family farm, 13863 Painesville Warren Rd., Leroy Twp., OH 44077. A celebration of life service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at the farm. Following the service the family will have a luncheon, you can bring along a side dish to share.

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Mentor, OH. Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Rettger Family Farm  
13863 Painesville Warren Rd  
Leroy Twp., OH 44077

## Celebration of Life

SEP 2. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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Harey's - July 28, 2023 at 07:32 PM

KI

*Thank you to TC's friend and family in Indiana! They smell so good and are beautiful*

*Kim*

Kim - July 28, 2023 at 07:36 PM

JN

“ *Russ was always willing to help me with baler repairs, and I helped him with lots of vehicle repairs. When an animal was done he would be over in a flash. I have learned a great deal from him about life and farming he will be missed. Joe Niederst Rest in peace!*

Joe Niederst - July 27, 2023 at 04:37 PM

KD

“ *Too many to list, calves being born, grandkids sleeping over, hay season, corn picking, those tv shows lol. Difference between spaghetti and pasta lol! You can rest now honey, no pain, say hi to everyone.*

*Love, Hon*

Kim Duncan - July 27, 2023 at 12:43 PM



*Prayers to you an your family*

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**Randy Mcclelland** - July 27, 2023 at 01:10 PM