



Wayne Robert Fortlage

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Wayne Robert Fortlage, 92, of Brooklyn, Ohio, passed away on July 18, 2025. Born August 3, 1932, in Cleveland, Ohio, to the late Elmer and Pearl (née Baldi) Fortlage, Wayne lived a life of service, dedication, and unwavering love for his family and community.

On October 30, 1954, Wayne married the love of his life, Mary Ann (née Kovar) Fortlage, at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Cleveland. Their remarkable 70-year journey together was a testament to enduring love and partnership. Together, they raised three children: Renee, Donna (Ken), and Jay, whose lives reflect Wayne's values and character.

Wayne was a proud grandfather to Kendra, Amber (Brandon), Allison, and Shane, and a joyful great-grandfather to Scarlett and Jackson. His legacy also lives on through his brothers Paul (Carol – deceased) Fortlage and Bob (Myra) Fortlage, his many cherished nieces and nephews, and countless others who were touched by his warmth and quiet wisdom.

A graduate of West Tech High School, Wayne bravely served in the U.S. Navy and dedicated nearly 30 years of his life to protecting his city as a firefighter and captain for Cleveland. His sense of duty continued long into retirement through over three decades of volunteer service in the Florida park system, where he gave generously of his time and spirit.

Wayne's strength, humility, and deep-rooted faith defined his life. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to be made to Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4470 Ridge Rd, Cleveland, Ohio, 44144—where his faith found a home.

A memorial visitation will be held on Saturday, August 2, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at Sunset Chapel, 6245 Columbia Rd, North Olmsted, Ohio 44070. A memorial service will immediately follow in the chapel at 2:00 PM, with committal to follow after the memorial service, honoring a life well-lived.



Events

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Memorial Visitation

Saturday, August 2, 2025

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

Sunset Chapel
6245 Columbia Road, North Olmsted OH 44070

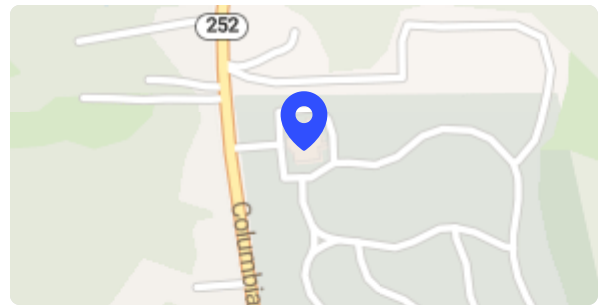


Memorial Service

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2:00 PM ET

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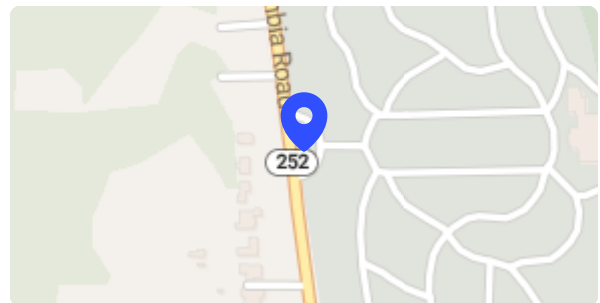


Committal Service

Saturday, August 2, 2025

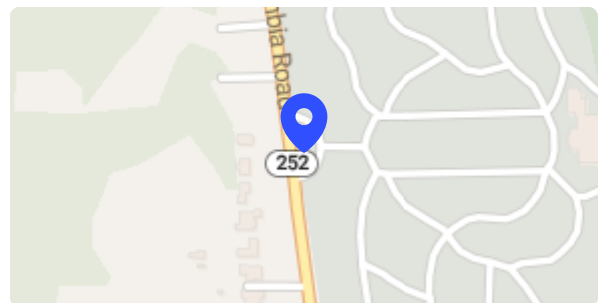
2:45 PM ET

Sunset Memorial Park
6265 Columbia Road, North Olmsted OH 44070



Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall

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David & Edith Burnside sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Fortlage family.



August 1 at 2:16 PM



Anonymous sent a Love's Journey to the Fortlage family.



July 31 at 7:42 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Wayne by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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