



## Cary Jerome Hengstler

October 29, 1958 - April 6, 2024

Cary J. Hengstler, 65, of Cridersville, died 4:50 p.m., Sat. April 6, 2024, at Lima Memorial Health System, with his family at his side. He was born Oct. 29, 1958, at Lima Memorial Hospital, the son of Ernest N. & Marilyn A. (Shields) Hengstler, and they preceded him in death.

Survivors include,

2 children,

Shannon Hengstler, Minster, OH,

Nina (Shaun) Mills, Elida, OH;

grandchildren, Ethan Short, Evan Short, Ralphie Chaney, Chase Alvi,

Willow Shaner, Zayden Mills;

siblings, Greg Hengstler, Cridersville,

Scott Hengstler, Wapakoneta,

Rodney (Elaine) Hengstler, Petersburg, TN,

Troy (Lisa) Hengstler, Lima,

Julie Hoelscher, Wapakoneta;

several nieces & nephews;

former wife, Sandra K. Herman.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Heather Hengstler.

Cary was a 1977 graduate of Wapakoneta High School and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Lima Technical College. He worked as a registered nurse with St. Rita's Medical Center, Auglaize Acres,

and Lima Memorial Hospice. Cary taught STNA classes at Rhodes State College and Vantage Career Center, Van Wert, Ohio. He recently worked as a tour bus driver with Buckeye Charter and was a bus driver with Perry Schools. He also worked as an E.M.T. and had worked at Marimor. Cary was a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie #691, both of Wapakoneta. His hobbies included riding his motorcycle, tinkering, listening to classic rock and roll, traveling, and reading. He played football at Wapakoneta High School and was an avid fan of the Wapakoneta Redskins, The Ohio State University Buckeyes, and the Cleveland Browns. Cary was also always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. He was a genuine and loyal friend to many.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Thurs. April 11, 2024, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, with Pastor Mark Bishop officiating. Burial will be at a later date in the Willow Grove Cemetery, near New Bremen, OH. The family will receive friends 5-8 p.m., Wed. April 10, 2024, and 1 hour prior to the service, Thurs. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to the fund established for his grandchildren's education. Condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 10. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory  
1102 Lincoln Hwy  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895  
(419) 738-7676  
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com/>

## Visitation

APR 11. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

KP

“ Cary will be missed. He was a good friend all around.  
Ken Pohlable and Family

Ken Pohlable - April 09, 2024 at 08:44 PM

PB

“ Cary and I were in the same grade all through school. I still remember in the 6th grade at Northridge Elementary, I was reading a social studies lesson and a girl's name came up, Paulina. After that Cary always called me Paulina, or just Lina. It was all in fun and at a recent HS reunion he greeted me with Hi Lina! He was a good friend and will be greatly missed. May God's infinite grace and mercy be with his family in the days ahead. — Paul Bowersock

Paul Bowersock - April 09, 2024 at 10:38 AM

SG

“ Shannon Groh planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cary Jerome Hengstler.

Shannon Groh - April 08, 2024 at 06:01 PM

SG

“ Shannon Groh purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Cary Jerome Hengstler.



Shannon Groh - April 08, 2024 at 06:01 PM



“ Rest easy Cary, be at peace!



Gina Schneider-Hager - April 08, 2024 at 05:31 PM

HB

“ I talked to Cary more than any one of my nephews and nieces. He had such a great memory. He amazed me. He was always kind and sweet to me. He came to visit me twice in Texas. I will remember he is the one that gave me the opportunity to have one last conversation with my brother Ernie before Ernie died. My thoughts are with his family up in Ohio and especially his

daughter Nina who has been a rock for the whole family for so so long.

Helen Bryer - April 08, 2024 at 03:03 PM

DC

“ Deb (Johnston) Chambers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cary Jerome Hengstler.

Deb (Johnston) Chambers - April 08, 2024 at 12:11 PM

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“ Deb (Johnston) Chambers purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Cary Jerome Hengstler.



Deb (Johnston) Chambers - April 08, 2024 at 12:11 PM

KG

“ *Going to miss you cousin, but I know you are at peace now.* ”



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**Kimberly Ann Gibson-Mullins** - April 08, 2024 at 10:21 AM