



Dale Howard Stiles

April 9, 1930 - June 23, 2024

Dale Howard Stiles, age 94, of Wapakoneta, OH, passed away on Sunday, June 23, 2024 at 5:25 pm at Otterbein Community of Cridersville Long Term Care, with his family at his side. Dale was born on April 9, 1930, in Uniopolis, OH, the son of Wallie and Ruth (Steele) Stiles who preceded him in death. On July 15, 1951, he married Phyllis Lentz from Rockport, OH, who survives. Together they shared almost 73 years of marriage.

Survivors include three children, Patricia (Jeff) Titus, Cicero, NY, David (Jeanne) Stiles, New Philadelphia, OH, Diane (Cecil) Baughman, Toledo, OH; 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Dale was preceded in death by a sister and brother-in-law, Millie and Cliff Elsass; sisters-in-law, Alice Spallinger and Janice Kahler; and parents-in-law, Wilbur and Mildred Lentz.

He was a 1948 graduate from Blume Wapakoneta High School. He and his son, David, were the first father and son from Wapakoneta High School to both receive the FFA Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree. Dale was a farmer and an employee of Ford Motor Company, Lima Engine Plant, retiring in 1992. He loved working in his work shop. He cut the lumber from his own woods and sawed and planed the wood on his own equipment. He created furniture, clocks, picture frames, large and small toys, jewelry boxes, etc. If it was made out of wood, he could make it.

Dale served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953, stationed at Fort Meyer, VA, with the 3rd Infantry, "The Old Guard". Duties included guarding the President

of the U.S. and other dignitaries that came to Washington DC, as well as a member of the Honor Guard for Arlington National Cemetery.

Dale was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Botkins, OH, a member of the UAW, Local #1219, and a member of Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445.

Above all, Dale was a model father and husband, a man who always lived life the way it should be.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 am on Friday, June 28, 2024, at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Botkins, OH, with Rev. Michael Althausser officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Gardens near St. Marys, OH, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445. Friends and family may visit at the Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, OH, 2-4 & 6-8 p.m., Thursday, June 27, 2024, and 1 hour prior to the service, Friday, at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the St. Paul Lutheran Church, Botkins, OH. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memory Gardens

C.R. 33A
St. Marys, OH 45885

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

JUN 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
1102 Lincoln Ave.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com
<http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com>

Visitation

JUN **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
301 E. State St.
Botkins, OH 45306

Service

JUN **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
301 E. State St.
Botkins, OH 45306

Tribute Wall

JL

“ Jeff & Darlene, Alan & Karen, Dick & Liz purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Dale Howard Stiles.



Jeff & Darlene, Alan & Karen, Dick & Liz - June 26, 2024 at 02:15 PM

LF

“ Love, your Toledo Hospital rehab family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Dale Howard Stiles.



Love, your Toledo Hospital rehab family - June 25, 2024 at 07:51 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of Dale Howard Stiles, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

*US Army Veteran, Dale Howard Stiles, is “A True American Hero”
God Bless†*

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - June 25, 2024 at 08:14 AM