



Dean W. Place

August 10, 1925 - March 17, 2021

Dean Walter Place, 95, of rural Wapakoneta, passed away peacefully on March 17, 2021, at his home from natural causes. He was born August 10, 1925, in his home in Auglaize County, the son of Merlin & Riva (Bowersock) Place who preceded him in death. On June 22, 1947, he married Betty Lou Kraft at the Christy Chapel, and she preceded him in death on June 28, 2020.

Dean was a life long farmer and retired from Teledyne Ohio Steel after 40 years of service. He and his wife, Betty, co-owned and operated the Pine Restaurant along with Don & Donna Elsass. Dean served as the fiscal officer for Logan Township for 24 years. He was a life long member of the Buckland United Church of Christ. He was a Veteran of the U. S. Army serving during World War II, and a member of the Wapakoneta V.F.W. #8445. Dean was a member of the Acadia Lodge #306, F.& A.M., Spencerville. He had been a school board member for the Buckland Local School, the Wapakoneta City School District, and the Apollo Joint Vocational School. He had served on the board of directors for the Buckland Cooperative Company and was one of the founding members of the Buckland Rec Club. He tremendously enjoyed watching his grand children in their sports, 4H, and FFA activities.

Survivors include, children, Greg (Pam) Place and Todd (Anne Law) Place, grandchildren, Erika Van Poppel, Joel (Stephanie) Place, Megan Place, Lauren Place, and Kaleb Place, great grandchildren, Emme Van Poppel, Holden Van Poppel, Ellie Van Poppel, Elizabeth Miller, and Gabrielle Place, sister-in-law, Mildred Graessle, and a niece, Debra (Mike) Williams. Dean was preceded in death by his parents, Merlin & Riva Place, his wife, Betty Lou, 2 infant siblings, and a brother-in-law, Edwin Graessle.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Sunday, March 21, 2021, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, with Pastors Adrian Sunday & Kent Place officiating. Burial will follow in the Buckland Cemetery, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445. The family will receive family and friends from 4-8 p.m., Saturday, March 20, 2021, and 1 hour prior to the service, Sunday, at the funeral home. Memorials may be directed to the Buckland United Church of Christ. In keeping with current health guidelines, masks and social distancing are required.

Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

Buckland Cemetery

Buckland, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dean W. Place.*



March 21, 2021 at 09:58 AM

PS

“ *There might not have been Youth Baseball in Buckland, if not for Lecil Whittaker and Dean Place. Your dad was a good man, Greg. I am indeed sorry for your loss. Phil Sims*

Phil Sims - March 20, 2021 at 05:49 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Dean W. Place.*



March 20, 2021 at 10:07 AM