



## Dennis C. "Hawk" Helmig

August 15, 1948 - February 21, 2021

Dennis C. "Hawk" Helmig, 72, of Lima, passed away 10:45 a.m., Sun. Feb. 21, 2021, at his home surrounded by his family following a courageous battle with Lewy Body Dementia. He was born Aug. 15, 1948, in Lima, the son of Charles & B. Maxine (Wright) Helmig, who preceded him in death. On Dec. 19, 1972, he married Polly (Forton) Helmig, and she survives.

Other survivors include,

children, Gavin (Alisha) Helmig, Lima; Dr. Sara Helmig, Memphis, TN;

Kara (Donovan Shuster) Helmig, Grand Forks, ND;

grandchildren, Teagan Helmig, Lima; and Gavin Sargent, Minot, ND;

siblings, Teresa DeCurtins, and Brent (Marsha) Helmig, both of Cincinnati, OH;

Connie (Jeff) Partee, Painesville, OH; Carl (Dawn) Helmig, Lima;

sister-in-law, Betsi (Pat) Hurd, Chesterfield, VA;

brother-in-law, David (Sharon) Forton, Villa Hills, KY,

several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his in-laws, Gordon & Rosemary Forton, his brother-in-law, Dennis DeCurtins, and a nephew, Jonathan Hurd.

Denny was a 1966 graduate of Lima Central Catholic High School, and then attended the Ohio University, Athens, OH, where he was a member of the baseball team. He was a sports enthusiast supporting his alma mater, working with Lima youth sports and also enjoyed coaching his children in basketball and softball throughout their years. His participation in sports also included

coaching the men's basketball team at Northwestern Business College now known as UNOH. Hawk's (No. 44) involvement and success in the softball field resulted in earning his induction into Ohio Softball Hall of Fame, the National Softball Hall of Fame, and the USSSA Hall of Fame. He was employed by Steele's Sports, Worth Sporting Goods, and recently retired from Rawlings as a Regional Sales Manager. Hawk enjoyed following the Lima Central Catholic teams and especially watching his granddaughter play sports. He enjoyed playing golf, gambling, cheering on his teams, especially Notre Dame, the Cleveland Indians, and the Cleveland Browns. Hawk would travel to Kentucky, Cincinnati, Dayton, and Columbus to follow his special friends and family participating in their sports events. His memberships included St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, the Shawnee Country Club, and the Knights of Columbus.

A special thank you to St. Rita's Hospice, and the many friends who helped and visited the past months.

A celebration of Hawk's life will be held 11-4:00 p.m., Saturday, March 27, 2021, at the St. Rose Catholic Church Parish Center. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Lima Central Catholic Athletic Dept. or St. Rita's Hospice. Arrangements are under the care of the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, Wapakoneta, where condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

# Previous Events

## Reception

MAR 27. 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

St. Rose Catholic Church Parish Center  
523 North West Street  
Lima, OH 45801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis C. "Hawk" Helmig.*



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March 26, 2021 at 06:48 AM



“ *To the man, the myth, the legend...he was and always will be "Bat"man to me. My love and condolences to the Helmig and extended family. Gone, but NEVER forgotten!*



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**Brett Spring** - February 28, 2021 at 02:07 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dennis C. "Hawk" Helmig.*



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February 24, 2021 at 01:53 PM



“ *I worked with Denny for many years and knew him from Sporting good's shows before that. He was always so happy and fun to be around. He was a good friend. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. Sending healing and prayers to his Family - Charity Zaiger*

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**Charity Zaiger** - February 24, 2021 at 12:41 PM

Mike Fagan

“ Sorry so for your loss, Mrs Helmig. Love Mike Fagan

Mike Fagan - February 24, 2021 at 07:02 AM

PB

“ Thanks to DENNY and family members for being great neighbors on REESE ST. IN LIMA in 1960. REMEMBER the cherry pie your mom used to make!!!

Paul Blackburn - February 23, 2021 at 03:40 PM

RI

“ 10 files added to the album Memories of Our Leader



Rick - February 23, 2021 at 01:36 PM

DW

“ Polly, Gavin, Sara and Cara, and the entire Helmig family, Don and I were so saddened to hear of Denny's passing. We know he was loved and admired by many people and will be a great loss to all. But we also know that he was suffering and although there is great grief right now at least he is at peace. This has been a rough start to the year for the Extended Wright family and we are sorry that we are not there to show our support. We wanted you to know that we are thinking of you and that you are welcome here anytime if you need to get away for a while.  
Hugs and condolences  
Don and Dianne

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**Dianne Wright** - February 23, 2021 at 11:32 AM

MC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**MICHAEL CORNELL** - February 23, 2021 at 09:12 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dennis C. "Hawk" Helmig.



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February 22, 2021 at 08:12 PM

ZJ

“ Reamer, thanks for bringing us to Lima - joe joe and zelmo

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zelmo and joe joe - February 22, 2021 at 07:41 PM

JK

“ My 8th grade teacher 🤗 So Cool!!! 🦋🙏❤️

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Janice Kuehl - February 22, 2021 at 07:29 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis C. "Hawk" Helmig.



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February 22, 2021 at 06:01 PM

CS

“ Chris Walker, Fence Brokers Inc, Worth Softball purchased the Divine Light for the family of Dennis C. "Hawk" Helmig.



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Chris Walker, Fence Brokers Inc, Worth Softball - February 22, 2021 at 04:30 PM