



Don R. Krites

June 30, 1933 - October 7, 2020

Don R. Krites of rural Wapakoneta, and Otterbein-Cridersville, died 12:58 a.m., Wed. Oct. 7, 2020, at Lima Memorial Health System. He was born June 30, 1933, in Russells Point, Logan Co, OH, the son of Theodore "Ted" & Stella (Helmlinger) Krites, who preceded him in death. On Aug. 11, 1956, he married Pauline A. Koch, and she survives.

Other survivors include,

6 children, Kevin (Cheryl) Krites, Leavenworth, KS; Kendall (Sue) Krites, Wapakoneta;

Keith (Darla) Krites, Wapakoneta; Richard (Barb) Krites, Wapakoneta; Rhonda (Don) Freisthler, Botkins, OH; & Randy (Amy) Krites, Anna, OH;

13 grandchildren & 14 great grandchildren;

a sister, Martha (Charles) Brentlinger, Wapakoneta,

sisters-in-law, Barbara Krites, Mary Lou Krites, Susan Krites & Nancy Koch Tester,

numerous nieces & nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by grandchildren, Jacob L. Freisthler,

& SkyAnn Derringer, a great granddaughter, Brooklynn Brown, siblings and spouses, Herman Krites, Frederick "Fritz" Krites, Franklin (Dorothy) Krites, Irene (Jack) Brannan, and a brother-in-law, Roland J. Koch.

Don worked as a tool & die maker with Stolle Corp., Sidney for over 45 years.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a member

of St. Mark Lutheran Church, Clay Twp., and a former church council member. Don was a member of the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445, and the Cridersville Bass Busters Club. He was a former 4-H advisor, and founder of the Auglaize Fur Bearers 4-H Club. His hobbies included, fishing, hunting, gardening, and being in the outdoors. He also enjoyed spending time with his family.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Sat. Oct. 10, 2020, at the St. Mark Lutheran Church, Clay Twp., with Pastor Robert Brown officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445. The family will receive family & friends 2-4 & 6-8 p.m., Fri. at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, and 1 hr. prior to the service, Sat. at the church. Memorial contributions may be directed to the St. Mark Lutheran Church, Clay Twp., the Activity Fund at Otterbein-Cridersville, or the Alzheimer's Foundation. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com. In keeping with state health guidelines, masking and social distancing are required.

Cemetery Details

St. Mark Lutheran Church Cemetery

Geyer Dr.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 9. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

OCT 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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1102 Lincoln Ave.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
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Visitation

OCT **10**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Mark Lutheran Church
10424 Geyer Dr.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Service

OCT **10**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JG

“ Our heartfelt condolences go out to Pauline and all Don's extended family members. It was great to see Pauline & all six of their children at his viewing yesterday. Don was a good friend, and I remember many a "fish story" from our bass fishing days with the Cridersville Bass Busters. I was delighted in seeing his photo of catching one at the Otterbein's pond. May he truly rest in peace.
Joe & Marilyn Garcia, Cridersville 10/9/20

Joe & Marilyn Garcia - October 10, 2020 at 03:28 PM

EP

“ We are very sorry for your family's loss. We hope your fond memories of Don help you cope during this difficult time.

*With Sympathy,
Eric & Trisha Prenger and Family*

Eric & Trisha Prenger - October 10, 2020 at 09:24 AM

KD

“ Kaitlynn Dapice lit a candle in memory of Don
R. Krites



Kaitlynn Dapice - October 07, 2020 at 09:42 PM

SD

“ *Sally Doty lit a candle in memory of Don R. Krites*



Sally Doty - October 07, 2020 at 03:50 PM

SD

What a pleasure it was to have gotten to meet Don.He will be greatly missed.

Sally Doty - October 07, 2020 at 03:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Don R. Krites.*



October 07, 2020 at 02:48 PM