



Donald E. "Burky" Birkemeier

January 29, 1943 - August 11, 2020

Donald E. "Burky" Birkemeier, 77, of Cridersville, died 5:05 a.m., Tues. Aug. 11, 2020, at Mercy Health- St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima. He was born Jan. 29, 1943, in Lima, the son of Raymond & Rita (Manele) Birkemeier, who preceded him in death. On Jan. 28, 1967, he married Connie L. Martz and she survives.

Other survivors include,

3 children, Christine A. (Richard) Meyer, Botkins, OH,

Craig J. (Jennifer) Birkemeier, Wapakoneta,

Chad T. (Kimberly) Birkemeier, Cridersville,

8 grandchildren, Kyle (Heidi) Meyer, Kayla (Michael) Buchanan,

Aaron Birkemeier, Austin Birkemeier, Haley Birkemeier,

Ashley Birkemeier, Alayna Birkemeier, & Braydon Birkemeier,

2 great grandchildren, Charlie & Theo Meyer,

siblings, John Birkemeier, Kalida, OH,

Jean (John) Herman, Ottoville, OH,

Judy (Dennis) Bendele, Kalida, OH,

Nancy Goedde, Kalida, OH.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Curt J. Birkemeier.

Burky retired as supervisor with Lima Asphalt & Paving Co., Lima after 36 years of service. He was a 1961 graduate of Kalida High School as class

valedictorian. Burky was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Church, Lima. His other memberships included Loyal Order of the Moose, Lodge #1533, and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie # 3615, both of Indian Lake. His hobbies included watching NASCAR, fishing, and spending time with his family and friends.

Funeral services will be 7:00 p.m., Sat. Aug. 15, 2020, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, with Rev. Kent Kaufman officiating. The family will receive family & friends 4-7 p.m., Sat. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Shawnee Township Rescue Squad. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematroy.com. In accordance with Ohio's current health guidelines, masks and social distancing are required.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Connie, Chris, Craig, Chad and Family -*

Sorry I'm not able to be with you today. My memories of Don include sitting behind the car wash and watching Pioneer Parades, his love of fishing, and family holiday parties. It will be your happy memories that help you get through the tough days ahead.

Sending my love to all of you and keeping you in my thoughts!

Tammy Wurth

Tammy Wurth - August 15, 2020 at 10:11 AM

LF

“ *Connie, I'm so sorry for your loss.*

*Don was always a nice person. I remember some of the stories that Dad (Richard Showman) would tell of Some of the NASCAR trips they took. I know That Dad always enjoyed them.
Hugs and Prayers to you and your Family.*

Lori Fisher - August 13, 2020 at 03:09 PM

NB

“ *What a good man he was I remember getting the wrong number when I called about a microwave he knew my voice right away and said “No Nancy I don't fix microwaves “ I am so sorry for your loss*

Nancy Beemer - August 13, 2020 at 06:57 AM

NA

“ So very sorry to hear of Don’s passing, Connie. I remember him being such a nice guy and quick with a friendly smile. Please accept our most sincere sympathy from Dad, John and I.
God Bless

*Ralph Hoehn
John & Nancy Alexander*

nancy alexander - August 12, 2020 at 10:31 PM

AR

“ as my husband put it, "well that's a bumner, I always liked him, he was a good 'ol boy"

some grand memories of him at Grandma & Grandpa B's cottage, having fun with all of us be it out on the pontoon, fishing with cane poles & crawdads, helping us find lightning bugs, or grilling up something on the patio

hugs of comfort and lots of love to you Aunt Connie, Chris, Craig, Chad and all the other fam

Amy Recker - August 12, 2020 at 09:33 PM

ES

“ So sorry Connie, I remember all the good times at the Wing Fest with you and Burky, so glad we had those special time s to share. Mike is about beyond tore up as he talked to you two just Mon. Prayers for your family and Hugs to you Connie, love to all.

Elaine Sullivan - August 12, 2020 at 04:57 PM

SF

“ I visited Don several times over the past year as he was in and out of the hospital. I remember his smile and spirit. He kept on even in difficult days. Sister Yvonne Fischer

Sister Yvonne Fischer - August 12, 2020 at 10:18 AM