



## Donald E. Burke

May 12, 1929 - February 8, 2016

Donald E. Burke, 86, of Wapakoneta, died 5:30 a.m., Mon. Feb. 8, 2016, at Auglaize Acres. He was born May 12, 1929, in Lima, the son of Edward & Maude (Schupp) Burke. On April 9, 1951, he married Patricia J. Bowersock, and she survives.

Other survivors include,

2 sons, Lynn M. Burke, Wapakoneta,

Timothy S. (Jill) Burke, Grove City, OH,

2 granddaughters, Melissa (Ryan) Alexander & Meredith Burke,  
both of Grove City,

3 great grandchildren, Avery, Ryder, & Harper Alexander,  
brothers-in-law & sisters-in-law,

Wilma Hilty, Nancy & Donald Schimmoller, Virginia & Raymond Spoltman,

Wayne (Marge Marlette) Bowersock, Carol & Denny Lucas,

Linda & Dennis Cotterman, Jerry (dec) & Mary Bowersock,

Judy (dec) & Jim Steinke, John & Cindy Bowersock,

numerous nieces & nephews,

a close Navy friend, Bill Shuler, St. Louis, MO.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant brother-in-law, Richard Bowersock and 2 sisters-in-law, Debra Steinke & Alice Murray.

Don worked 32 years at Stinebaugh Construction, Wapakoneta, where he

served as supervisor with the plumbing, heating, and electrical departments. In 1987, he established Burke Plumbing, Heating, and Electric Co., Wapakoneta, until his retirement in 1995. He served in the U. S. Navy from 1950 to 1954 and was a veteran of the Korean War. Don was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta. He was also a life member of the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445 and a member of the K of C, Council #1272, both of Wapakoneta. His hobbies included woodworking in his shop, fishing, (especially the family fishing trips in Wisconsin), and gardening.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Fri. Feb. 12, 2016, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, Rev. Daniel Hunt officiating. Burial is to follow in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W., Post #8445 . The family will receive friends 4-8 p.m., Thurs., at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral and Cremation Services, 1102 Lincoln Ave. (St. Rt. 501) Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Joseph Catholic Church Renovation Fund.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Wapakoneta Fisher Road  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895`

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

FEB 12. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Pearl Street  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

# Tribute Wall

CA

“ Chuck and Mary Jane Amos purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald E. Burke.



Chuck and Mary Jane Amos - February 10, 2016 at 02:32 PM

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Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - February 10, 2016 at 11:02 AM

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“ God Bless/RIP. A heartfelt Thank YOU for your service in The U.S.Navy,during The Korean War, Donald..... And Semper Fi.



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - February 10, 2016 at 10:26 AM

AE

“ AWS employees purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald E. Burke.



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**AWS employees** - February 10, 2016 at 09:14 AM

RK

“ Pat, Lynn, & Tim,  
Don was a great guy, and left a fine family! I always think of him when we use our A/C system. We had been told that we couldn't have A/C installed in our split-level house. Talked to Don about it after he started your own business, and he said he could do it, and he DID.  
You have our sympathy for your loss. Roger & Jean Ann Kantner

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**Roger Kantner** - February 10, 2016 at 08:05 AM

DC

“ Doug, Debbie and Dave Carl purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald E. Burke.



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**Doug, Debbie and Dave Carl** - February 09, 2016 at 02:07 PM