



## Donald P. Fischbach

October 4, 1936 - July 9, 2024

Donald Paul Fischbach, 87, of Wapakoneta, died 5:54 p.m., Tues. July 9, 2024, at Otterbein-Cridersville, with his family at his side. He was born Oct. 4, 1936, in Anna, OH, the son of the late Paul Donald and Marie Amelia (Kuest) Fischbach. On Oct. 4, 1957, he married Alice J. Erb, and she survives.

Other survivors include,

5 children, Karen L. (Brent) Dearbaugh, New Albany, OH,

Jean A. (John ) Gilroy, Wapakoneta,

Ralph V. (Darla) Mertz, Columbus, OH,

Lynette E. (Paul) Crow, Edmond, OK,

Donald P. Jr., (Lisa) Fischbach, Pepper Pike, OH;

grandchildren, Kristen (Christopher) Groves, Lesley (Andrew) Thomas,

Beth (Travis) Denman, Larry Elsass, Jr., Gwen Wilges,

Lora (Nick) Elliott, Ralph, III (Marie) Mertz,

Nathan (Beth) Mertz, Lindsay (Stephen) Poe,

Stephanie (Regan) Hankins, David (Rachel) Crow,

Daniel Paul Fischbach, Heidi Marie Fischbach;

step-grandchildren, Sandra (Maurice) Mosgrove, John (Rhonda) Truax,

Mary Archer, Melissa (Tom) Carl, Blake (Kathleen) Lertzman,

Ryan Lertzman;

siblings, Roger (Jean) Fischbach, Raleigh, NC,

Eileen (Charles) Gamble, St. Marys, OH.

Don worked as assistant post master with the U.S. Postal Service,

Wapakoneta Branch. He was a graduate of the New Bremen High School, and a veteran of the U.S. Army. Don was a member of the St. Paul United Church of Christ, Wapakoneta, where he served as deacon. His other memberships included the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie # 691, the Wapakoneta Loins Club, and the former Wapakoneta Elks, Lodge # 1170. Don, along with his wife Alice, enjoyed golfing, ball room dancing, and wintering in Meza, AZ.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Sunday, July 14, 2024, at St. Paul United Church of Christ, Wapakoneta, with Pastor Becky Erb Strang officiating. Burial is to follow in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445. The family will receive friends 1-4 p.m., Sat. July, 13 at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, and 1 hour prior to the service, Sunday, at the church. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Cancer Assn. of Auglaize Co. or St. Rita's Hospice. Condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Cemetery

Presar Road  
Wapakoneta, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 13. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

JUL 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul United Church of Christ  
108 West Mechanic Street  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

## Service

JUL 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul United Church of Christ  
108 West Mechanic Street  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895



# Tribute Wall



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,  
  
May your memories of Donald Paul Fischbach, give you peace, comfort and strength...  
  
Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.  
My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....  
  
US Army Veteran, Donald Paul Fischbach, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†  
  
† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - July 13, 2024 at 08:23 AM

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“ *The Dick Erb Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald P. Fischbach.*

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**The Dick Erb Family** - July 11, 2024 at 05:03 PM

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“ *The Dick Erb Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald P. Fischbach.*



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