



Donald E. "Don" Schmerge

March 23, 1931 - April 10, 2023

Donald E. "Don" Schmerge, 92, of Botkins, died 7:29 p.m., Mon. April 10, 2023, at Wapakoneta Manor, with his family at his side. He was born March 23, 1931, in Botkins, the son of the late Herbert & Fredonia (Fischer) Schmerge. On Nov. 10, 1954, he married Carol Jean (Wagner) Schmerge and she preceded him in death on May 6, 2003.

Survivors include,

4 children, Mike (Janet) Schmerge, Botkins,

Shirley (Kenneth) Webb, Sidney,

Teresa (husband Johnny-dec) Foster, Lexington, KY,

Debra (Chris) Caldwell, Lexington, KY;

10 grandchildren, Jason (Amanda) Schmerge, Dana (Ryan) Bailey,

Jamie (Jay) Pandya, Dustin (Theresa) Schmerge,

Meranda (Chris) Mammone, Melissa (Joshua) Reid,

Janessa Stauffer, Ryan & Megan Foster,

Zachary (Nadia) Caldwell,

20 great grandchildren, Joshua, Emily, Jacob, & Samuel Schmerge,

Mackenzie & Brennan Bailey,

Kaleb, Tyler, Andrew, Sarah & Faith Schmerge,

Chance & Emma Mammone,

Austin Wise, Savannah Reid, Joshua Reid, Jr.

Gabriel Mendez, Selena Stauffer,

Lukas Caldwell, Timmy Thompson.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Jo Ann Schmerge, a granddaughter, Noelle Mammone, and a sister, Rita Mumford.

Don was a farmer and worked as a finish carpenter for Harry's Paint Shop, Botkins, for 33 years. He was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Rhine. Don enjoyed woodworking, the outdoors, visiting with people, watching sports, and attending his grandchildren's events.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Fri. April 14, 2023, at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Rhine, OH, Fr. Sean Wilson officiating. Burial will follow in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Botkins, OH. The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m., Thurs. and 9-9:45 a.m., Fri. at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta. Memorials may be directed to the St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com

Cemetery Details

Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery

County Road 25A
Botkins, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **13**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
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Visitation

APR **14**. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (ET)

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Service

APR **14**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
Rhine, OH

Tribute Wall

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“ *Donnie was a strong-hold in our lives, always at family functions, always smiling, always laughing, always happy to see us when we came home to Ohio to visit. We will miss you Donnie. To, Mike, Shirley, Theresa, Deb and your families, your Florida family extends our love, prayers and deepest sympathy. We cannot be with you at this time but we are forever with you in spirit and in our hearts. Much love, Jane, Sally, Julie, Cheryl and Jay Wagner*

Sally Wagner - April 12, 2023 at 03:49 PM

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“ *Scott and Ella Caldwell & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald E. "Don" Schmerge.*



Scott and Ella Caldwell & Family - April 12, 2023 at 01:08 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald E. "Don" Schmerge.*



April 12, 2023 at 09:08 AM