



## Donald R. "Don" Zink

September 29, 1936 - August 13, 2019

Donald R. Zink, 82, of Wapakoneta, died 5:00 a.m., Tues. Aug. 13, 2019, at Otterbein-Cridersville. He was born Sept. 29, 1936, in Wapakoneta, the son of Raymond & Armella (Ellerbrock) Zink, who preceded him in death. On Jan. 20, 1962, he married Dixie K. Shuster, and she preceded him in death on March 23, 2015.

Survivors include,

2 children, Duane (Elise) Zink, & Donna (Mike) McClure, both of Wapakoneta; grandchildren, Ray (Amy) Zink, Patricia (Rich) Boucher, Ryan Miller, Danica Zink, Shawn Zink, Justin Zink, Gabriel McClure, & Tara McClure;

great grandchildren, Josephine, Henry, Daphne, Grayson, Livia, & Addison; siblings, Bob Zink, Mike Zink, & Karen Gillette, all of Wapakoneta;

Sharon (Brad) Smith, Botkins;

and numerous nieces & nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Bonnie Bassett.

Don retired as a mechanic with the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., St. Marys. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta. Don was a graduate of the St. Gregory Seminary High School, Cincinnati, and an honorary member of the 1954 class of St. Joseph High School, Wapakoneta. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army. Don was a member of the Buckeye

Farm Antiques, the American Legion Post #330, and other various tractor clubs. He enjoyed working on anything that had a motor, especially antique John Deere tractors.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Tues. Aug. 20, 2019, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, with Rev. Sean Wilson officiating. Burial is to follow in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Wapakoneta. The family will receive family and friends 2-4 & 6-8 p.m., Mon. Aug. 19, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, 1102 Lincoln Ave. (St. Rt. 501) Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family to cover medical expenses for Don or to the charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Wapakoneta Fisher Road  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895`

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 19. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

AUG 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory  
200 E Wapakoneta St  
Waynesfield, OH 45896  
(419) 780-5050

## Service

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AUG **20**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Pearl Street  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

# Tribute Wall



“ *Elise and family--For many years we received the tractor pull summer schedule from Don. We appreciated it so much and we know it took a lot of effort to compile it and you to type it. We missed it this year and talked about Don and wondered if he was okay. We will miss seeing him on that John Deere tractor.*

*Please accept our sincerest condolences to all of you. Our prayers are with you.*

*Dave and Sharon Schlaudroff  
Hoagland IN*

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**Dave Schlaudroff** - August 20, 2019 at 10:23 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald R. "Don" Zink.*



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August 19, 2019 at 08:43 AM



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August 16, 2019 at 01:38 PM

SR

“ Shannon Russell lit a candle in memory of Donald R. "Don" Zink



Shannon Russell - August 15, 2019 at 04:14 PM

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“ Sending prayers for comfort at this trying time of your loss. Craig and Shannon Russell

Shannon Russell - August 15, 2019 at 04:13 PM

PH

“ The staff of Putnam County Hospice sends our condolences for your loss. We will keep Don in our thoughts and prayers

Putnam County Hospice - August 15, 2019 at 10:29 AM

EZ

“ Just went by Winchester, Indiana last week and remembered going to watch Don race at the track there many many years ago. So sorry for your loss.

Eileen Zink - August 15, 2019 at 08:50 AM

JM

“ Jan Miller lit a candle in memory of Donald R. "Don" Zink



Jan Miller - August 14, 2019 at 02:56 PM