



Elmer Smeltzly

March 9, 1920 - June 29, 2010

Elmer Smeltzly, 90, of Otterbein-Cridersville, died 4:55 a.m., Tues. June 29, 2010, at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima. He was born March 9, 1920, in Detroit, MI, the son of Isabella Smeltzly, who preceded him in death. On June 9, 1945, he married Amelia "Sue" Schneider, and she died Aug. 6, 1970. He later married Victoria Thomas, and she is deceased. Survivors include, 3 children, Judy (Sam) Impastato, Shelby Twp., MI, Jim (Sharon) Smeltzly, Wapakoneta, John Smeltzly & fiancée, Diana Platt, Reynoldsburg, OH, 6 grandchildren, Sarah (Tom) FinkelmeierII, Jill (Jay) Reutter, Tiffany (Jason) Impastato-Keith, Angela (Pete) Hughes, Samuel Impastato, Amber Smeltzly, 4 great grandchildren, Gabe & Eli Reutter, Thomas Finkelmeier, III, & Ashton Keith. He was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Shelly Smeltzly, and a brother, Robert Smeltzly. Elmer retired from Excello Corp., Bluffton & Lima. He later worked at The Andersons, Lima. He was a member of the Lima Baptist Temple, and the Lima Senior Citizens. A veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, he received the Purple Heart and Oak Leaf Cluster while serving in W.W. II. He was a member of the American Legion, Post #241, New Bremen, OH, and a graduate of Blume High School. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed fishing. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Thurs. July 1, 2010, at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, Pastor Gary Hohman officiating. Burial is to follow in the St. Joseph Cemetery, Wapakoneta, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. The family will receive friends 4-8 p.m., Wed. at the funeral home. Memorials may be directed to the

Lima Senior Citizens or the charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall

SH

“ I just saw this, and while it is very late,I have to mentioned,that this man was very kind to me,when I was a young woman. I was friends with one of his children. When I met him,my own father was not so kind,and I remember thinking,that I wish I had a dad like him. I never forgot Mr.Smeltzly and even though,I only met him once, for a short visit to the family,he left an impression on me,that to this day makes me glad we crossed paths...thank you,sir.

someone who met him - July 10, 2015 at 03:59 PM

CJ

“ So sorry for your loss -- our thoughts are with you and your family . .

Carol and Ron Jones - July 10, 2015 at 03:59 PM

TK

“ Hello Everyone- We were sadden to learn of the loss of our neighbor, our "Grandpa", our special friend Elmer. As you know we are still in Orlando, FL burying Vince's Dad and we're disappointed that we couldn't be there to say good bye to Elmer. You know we really wanted to be there but we understand since you are all there and together now. He was a great man and we'll miss him dearly. Keeping you all in our prayers- Love, Vince, Holly, Sarah and Brittany Koza

The Koza's - July 10, 2015 at 03:59 PM

JL

“ Elmer was a greeter at The Andersons and I worked in the wine shop. Elmer had such a vivacious spirit and I always enjoyed talking to him! My deepest sympathy to Elmer's children and grandchildren. Your father/grandfather brought a lot of joy to those he worked with at The Andersons in Lima!

Julie Lundin - July 10, 2015 at 03:59 PM

GC

“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. Elmer was a wonderful man. I worked with him for many years at The Andersons and he always asked "How's it going down there in Wapakoneta?" He holds a very special place in my heart and will be missed by many.

Gretchen Custer - July 10, 2015 at 03:59 PM