



## Emerson L. Kruse

December 29, 1936 - June 3, 2014

Emerson L. Kruse, 77, of rural Botkins, died 4:45 p.m., Tues. June 3, 2014, at Joint Twp. District Memorial Hospital, St. Marys. He was born Dec. 29, 1936, in Shelby Co., the son of Edison Henry Louis & Gladys Levada (McCullough) Kruse, who preceded him in death. On August 14, 1955, he married Carol Jean Brautigam as teenagers and they would have celebrated their 59th anniversary this year. She survives at home. Survivors include, his children: Sharon (Pat) Baumer, Minster; Christine (Bill) Fogt, Anna; Susan (Dave) Griffith, New Knoxville; Chuck (Amy Clink) Kruse, Wapakoneta; grandchildren: Ben (Lindsey) Baumer, Janel Baumer, Rob (Shantelle) Fogt, Steven (Sarah) Fogt, Trenton (Erin) Fogt, Melinda (Levi) Gehrlich, Michael (Jess) Griffith, Matthew Kruse, Brandon Kruse, Hayley Kruse, Courtney Kruse; great grandchildren: Cohen Baumer; Gavin, Ivy, Isabelle, and Eleanor Fogt; Landynn and Logan Fogt; Brock, Keegan, and Mallory Gehrlich; & Gabby and Kaden Griffith. Emerson was a 1954 graduate of Anna High School where he was very active in FFA. A farmer, he worked at Roettger Hardwood, Inc. most of his life. He also worked part time at Kettlersville Grain Co., Stollers, C.J. Electric, and drove truck for Roediger's in the past. He was a member of the New Knoxville United Methodist Church, and a 34 year member of the Kettlersville Van Buren Township Volunteer Fire Dept. He was also a member of the Shelby Co. Republican Central Committee. Emerson was very proud of the restoration of a 1965 Ford Galaxie 500 convertible that he and Carol drove in many local parades. He also enjoyed his 2 cats, Smokey & Spooky. Funeral

services will be 10:30 a.m., Mon. June 23, 2014, at the New Knoxville United Methodist Church, Pastor Dennis Gaertner officiating. Burial of his cremated remains will be in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta. The family will receive friends 2-5 p.m., Sun. June 22, 2014, at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, and 1 hr. prior to the service, Mon. at the church. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Kettlersville Van Buren Township Volunteer Fire Dept.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences to the Kruse family. My prayers are with you all as you grieve over the death of your husband and father Emerson. Peace upon you all. Hang in there Carol, the Lord is with you.*

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**Pastor Joshua Andrews** - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM