



Ernest Nelson Hengstler

February 19, 1931 - April 22, 2022

Ernest N. “Ernie” Hengstler, 91, of rural Wapakoneta, died 12:23 p.m., Friday, April 22, 2022, at his home, with his family at his side. He was born February 19, 1931, in Toledo, Ohio, the son of the late Carl Everett & Edna Ruth (Nelson) Hengstler. On January 21, 1951, he married Marilyn Ann Shields, and she preceded him in death on April 9, 2022.

Survivors include,

6 children, Greg Hengstler, Wapakoneta

Cary Hengstler, Lima

Scott Hengstler, Wapakoneta

Rodney (Elaine) Hengstler, Petersburg, TN

Troy (Lisa) Hengstler, Lima

Julie Hoelscher, Wapakoneta

22 grandchildren

19 great grandchildren

2 sisters, Dawn Hosman, Napoleon, Ohio

Helen Bryer, Houston, Texas

numerous nieces & nephews

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Hengstler, and a granddaughter, Heather Madison “Maddie” Renee Hengstler.

Ernie proudly served in the U.S. Navy for 4 years on the U.S.S. Des Moines #134 which was the flagship of the battle group. He visited the Caribbean and Mediterranean Theaters. Ernie owned and operated two Texaco Service Stations in Wapakoneta. He also was a tank truck driver/ owner- operator for over 21 years. He was a faithful member of St. Paul United Church of Christ, Wapakoneta. Ernie was also a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie #691, Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445, and the American Legion Post #330, all of Wapakoneta. After retiring, Ernie drove the Auglaize Co. Veterans Service Office van taking area veterans to appointments for over 10 years. He enjoyed riding his motorcycles, traveling, camping, spending time visiting Alaska, and helping others. He most enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren & great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Thursday, April 28, 2022, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, with Mark Vaughn 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 2-4 & 5-8 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Auglaize County Veterans Service Office or St. Rita's Hospice.

Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Cemetery

Presar Road
Wapakoneta, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

APR 27. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Our family is keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.
Gene Pohlable and Family
Ken Pohlable and Family*

Ken Pohlable - April 26, 2022 at 08:08 PM

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“ *Helen Bryer and Family purchased the Serene R
etreat for the family of Ernest Nelson Hengstler.*



Helen Bryer and Family - April 26, 2022 at 02:57 PM

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“ *Ernie was my big brother. He was 16 years older than me. I once
was told that once he found out that our mother was pregnant with
me , lol, he quit school and joined the navy. He really enjoyed his
time in the navy and he explored the world.
Marilyn and Ernie had a full life then many exciting adventures and
a big family to carry on the legacy. This was a marriage of true love.
Many do not get to have this kind of love. I am happy there are all of
their children to carry the love forward*

Helen - April 26, 2022 at 12:53 PM

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That's so kind and sweet Helen. We are so sorry for your loss.

Sandy Heeman - April 28, 2022 at 09:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ernest Nelson Hengstler.*



April 26, 2022 at 08:17 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss*

Janine Steinke - April 26, 2022 at 07:31 AM



“ *Ernie is Grandfather to mine and Cary Hengstlers 3 children. Shannon. Nina and Heather Madison Hengstler. He was a wonderful grandpa . Normally Grandma Hengstler took the rein but he was always sweet and kind with the kids. Thankyou Grandpa Ernie. God bless and keep you*

Sandy herman - April 25, 2022 at 04:47 PM



My sympathies to the Hengstler family. My son, Holden is Ernie and Marilyn's grandson. I treasure the many memories I had with them. May God bless, and keep them both.

Monica Marshall - April 26, 2022 at 01:01 PM



Sorry Sandy, posted this in the wrong place.

Monica Marshall - April 26, 2022 at 07:29 PM