



Fenton E. Lucas Jr.

November 13, 1962 - March 1, 2026

Fenton E. “Luke” Lucas, Jr., 63, passed away on March 1, 2026, at 11:26 p.m. Luke was born on November 13, 1962, in Charleston, West Virginia, to Annie L. (Hudnall) Wycuff and Fenton E. Lucas, Sr., who preceded him in death.

Luke was a beloved brother, uncle, and great-uncle who brought personality and humor to those around him. He was an avid fan of the Cincinnati Reds, the Michigan Wolverines, and the Dallas Cowboys. Luke loved food — and if you ever asked him what he wanted, his answer was always simple: “Food.” Prior to his traumatic brain injury, Luke worked in machinery and was known as quite the ladies’ man, always well dressed and taking pride in his appearance. In the years that followed, his family cared deeply for him and came together to ensure he remained at home, surrounded by love.

Luke did not pass alone. His devoted brother-in-law, David Ritchie, lost his life trying to save him. Their bond and that act of love will never be forgotten.

He is survived by his siblings, Pandora Ritchie, Mary (Ned) Meyer, Donald Lucas, and David (Michelle) Lucas; his significant other and the love of his life, Paula Orick; his children, Robert Payne and Garret Kinstle; and his grandson, Abrahm.

Luke will be remembered for his spirit, his loyalty to his teams, and the love shared between him and his family.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Sat. March 7, 2026, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501. Burial will follow in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta. The family will receive friends from 12:00 -2:00 p.m., Sat. at the

funeral home. Memorials may be directed to the family. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Cemetery

Presar Road
Wapakoneta, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
1102 Lincoln Hwy
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Green’s (Tony, Jerriann, CJ & Noah) purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Fenton E. Lucas Jr..*



The Green’s (Tony, Jerriann, CJ & Noah) - March 05 at 06:58 AM

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“ *I’ll always remember your good heart Luke .. He worked with my Sister Paula and Myself at Our Family Business Orick Stamping Plant and He would most mornings bring my Sister and I a Kewpee cappuccino we liked and sometimes get one for himself,, such good memories,, He was a Good Guy and will be missed Dearly,, Rest easy Luke in your well deserved place in Heaven 🙏❤️*



Monica Orick - March 04 at 02:32 PM

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I remember Luke as a boy growing up! He was so handsome & had the cutest, boyish smile! I reconnected later in life after his tragic accident! He still was handsome & had that huge smile! So sorry for the families loss of their loved one! Lov & Prayers!

Nancy Ramsey - March 04 at 08:16 PM

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“ *I’m so sorry my love that this had to happen to you. I will forever miss you. You were my life for so long. I don’t know what I’m going to do without you. I will love you forever.*

Paula R Orick - March 04 at 02:23 PM