



Ferd F. Heller

October 12, 1925 - June 16, 2012

Ferd F. Heller, 86, of Wapakoneta, died at 2:50 p.m., Sat. June 16, 2012, at the St. Rita's Medical Center. He was born Oct. 12, 1925 in Pottstown, PA, the son of Walter & Helen (Seasholtz) Heller, and they preceded him in death. On June 28, 1952, he married Ruth E. Rentschler, and she survives. Other survivor include, 5 children, Patti (Jake) Braun, Wapakoneta, Bob (Patty) Heller, Hamilton, OH, David Heller, Wapakoneta, Joan (Fred) McAdoo, Dayton, OH, John Heller, Columbus, OH, 9 grandchildren, Jen Heller, Kara (Ryan) Schneider, Mike (Alicia) Heller, Kim Heller, Andrew (Jessica) McAdoo, Courtney Braun, Katie (John) Murphy, Amy McAdoo, Rachel Early, 4 great grandchildren, Makenzie Schneider, Kaiden McAdoo, Nolan Heller, Kelsey Schneider. He was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Rebecca Early. Ferd retired in 1987 as a salesman with Superior Tube Co., Wapakoneta, after over 35 years of service. He also worked from 1999-2006 at the Wapakoneta YMCA. A 1943 graduate of Pottstown High School, he was a 1947 graduate of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA. He was a 50 year member of First English Lutheran Church, Wapakoneta, and a past member of the Wapakoneta Country Club. He served 12 years on the Wapakoneta City School Board of Education and was president for 4 years during the building of the new high school. Ferd received the "Friend of Education Award" in 1990 from the Wapakoneta City Schools. He was a strong supporter of Wapakoneta High School athletics, and was a founding member of the Wapakoneta Dad's Club. He was the former announcer of the Wapakoneta home wrestling

meets, the Wapak Waves summer swim meets, and home basketball games. He coached summer baseball and softball teams for many years and kept statistics on all sporting events. An avid golfer and bowler, he was a fan of the Cincinnati Reds and Bengals. He was his children's and grandchildren's "biggest fan", and supported them by his attendance at their many activities. Ferd also had a love for animals. He grew up with horses and worked on a horse farm in Arizona during the summers of his college years. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandpa and great-grandpa. Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m., Thursday, June 21, 2012, at the First English Lutheran Church, Wapakoneta, Pastor Steven Nelson officiating. Burial will be in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta. The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m., Wed. at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, and 1 hr. prior to the funeral service, Thurs. at the church. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Wapakoneta Boosters Club, First English Lutheran Church, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ I'm sorry to be so late in posting this but I just saw the notice. I knew Ferd thru business in the 70's. He made an everlasting impression on me. He was a true professional and a wonderful person.

Jim Meyer - December 07, 2017 at 03:32 AM

ML

“ Dearest Heller Family, One by one I remember knowing each of you... and it is so hard for me to send this to you all. Your father gave so much to all of you and I really am sad he is gone. I am proud to have been a small part of your family and will always treasure the memories I have of you all... and of him...may God's comfort be with you all.

Mary Klock Labdon - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

SS

“ We thought your dad was a very nice man who loved his wife children and grand children very much. We always liked his friendly face at the desk at ethe YMCA.

Shawn and Nan Stiger - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

VS

“ Patti, I am thinking of your family at this sad time and you have my deepest sympathy, Your dad was very special, just remember you have alot of good memories.

Vickie Schweitzer - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

JD

“ I wish to send my condolences to the family as you mourn the loss of a loved one. My prayers are with the family and may God bless you.

Jim Dolas - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

EH

“ My thoughts are with you and hope that your great memories can help with your loss.

Elaine Hall - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

RB

“ Ruth and family, You are in our thoughts as you gather in Ferd's eternal journey. We so enjoyed our time as neighbors with the two of you! Blessings, Rick and Pam

Rick/Pam Bell - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

DD

“ Our prayers go out to the family for the loss of such a wonderful man. We are so glad that he was part of our daughter, Alicia Heller's life. When he attended Nolan's birthday, he thanked us for Alicia because he now had a great-grandson to carry on the Heller name.

David & Carol Donnermeyer - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

EG

“ Patti and family, just wanted to express our condolences on the lost of your father. He was a very active man clear into his 80's! What a life he had. May he rest in peace.

Ed and Nancy Gutman - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

MW

“ *My sympathies to all of you. Your dad had a wonderful and supportive family. He set that tradition. Sincerely, Melanie*

Melanie Webb - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM