



Francis E. Bontrager

May 23, 1939 - April 2, 2025

Francis E. Bontrager, 85, of Wapakoneta, died 9:48 a.m., Wed. April 2, 2025, at the St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, OH. He was born May 23, 1939, in Lancaster, OH, the son of Joseph William & Lettie C. (Heft) Bontrager, who preceded him in death.

Survivors include,

a daughter, Tracy (Dave) Swenson,

2 granddaughters, Amanda (Cody) Spaugy, Wapakoneta,

Tara Compton, St. Marys,

7 great grandchildren, Craig, Devin, Jude, Mikey, Hayden, Gracie, & Gage,

siblings, Roger (Darlene) Bontrager, Greenville,

Edna (Clifford) Rayburn, Wapakoneta,

nieces and nephews, Laura (Mark) Savage,

Ann (Jason) Agozzino,

Alicia (Justin) LaMonte

Eric (Aimee) Bontrager.

Francis was a diesel mechanic and retired from the Dayton Office of ODOT, he had previously worked Duff Truck line in Lima and OK Trucking in Cincinnati. He was a Veteran of the United State Army and a 1957 graduate of Blume High School in Wapakoneta. Francis was a member of Wapak First Church, Wapakoneta Eagles Aerie #691, and the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post

#8445. He enjoyed woodworking, ballroom dancing, and riding his bicycle.

Funeral Services will be 10:30 a.m., Mon. April 7, 2025, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, Pastor Brian Vernon officiating. Burial will follow in the Memorial Park Cemetery, Lima, OH, with Military Rites being conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445. The family will receive friends from 4-6 p.m., Sun. and 1 hr. prior to the service on Mon. at the funeral home. Memorials may be directed to the Auglaize County Humane Society. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

3000 Harding Hwy.
Lima, OH 45804-3500

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

APR 7. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of Francis E. Bontrager, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten...

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

*US Army Veteran, Francis E. Bontrager, is “A True American Hero”
God Bless†*

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - April 04, 2025 at 08:44 AM

MM

Thank you for your service, rest in peace, your work here is done, our prayers and thoughts are with the family. Ron and Marie Moneypenny

marie moneypenny - April 04, 2025 at 10:51 AM

MR

Roger and family. so sorry to hear about your dad. our prayer our with you. Michael Rickert

Michael Rickert - April 07, 2025 at 11:52 AM

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So sorry for your loss Ronald and Donna. So sorry he will be sadly missed especially as a son a husband, a brother and a father. I'm so sorry again for your loss.

Janet (Greve)Foutz - April 14, 2025 at 01:14 PM