



## Francis L. "Bankey" Watren

October 21, 1944 - August 30, 2022

Francis Lee "Bankey" Watren, 77, of Wapakoneta, died 3:17 p.m., Tues. Aug. 30, 2022, at his home with his family at his side. He was born Oct. 21, 1944, in Lima the son of the Late Francis Paul & Betty Jane (Hollis) Watren. On July 2, 1993, he married Patricia Ann Ellis, and she survives.

Other survivors include,

children, Patterson Lee Watren,

Benjamin E. (Loretta) Staley, Wapakoneta,

Robert J. (Jodi) Staley, Lima,

Brandi J. Watkins, Midway, OH;

grandchildren, Destiny, Sutton-dec, Abigail, Kloe, Robert,

Joseph, Olivia, Jessica;

great grandchildren, Alanna, Skylar, Oakland, Brantley, Malathi, Eli, Kora;

a sister, Christine Watren, Sidney, OH;

numerous nieces, nephews and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Curtis Watren, Dianna "Dee Dee" Watren, Brenda Copeland, Gregory Watren, and an infant sister.

Bankey had worked at NuTek Foods, Wapakoneta and Lotridge Rubber Co. Botkins. He was an avid fan of the San Francisco 49ers, and he enjoyed playing pool, sci-fi and horror movies, auto racing, and working on classic muscle cars. Bankey also enjoyed Elvis Presley and George Jones music. He collected flamingos, baseball caps, knives, cowboy hat and cowboy boots.

Above all family came first to him, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren. His world revolved around his wife Pat.

Services for Bankey will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, Wapakoneta, where condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyufuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyufuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Staff of Putnam County Hospice sends our deepest sympathy for your loss. We will keep Bankey and all his family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.*



Putnam Co Hospice - September 02, 2022 at 10:25 AM

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*To everyone that sends there condolences for the loss of Francis “Bankey” Watren. Our family thanks each and everyone.*

Benjamin Staley - September 02, 2022 at 11:59 AM

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“ *Pat,  
Mike and I are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts.*

*Mike and Teri Yahl*

Teri Yahl - August 31, 2022 at 07:25 PM

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*Mike and Teri thank you for your condolences our family appreciates it*

Benjamin Staley - September 02, 2022 at 12:01 PM