



Frederick J. "Fritz" Gerstner

May 23, 1939 - November 19, 2023

Frederick J. "Fritz" Gerstner, 84, of rural Wapakoneta, died 10:25 p.m., Sun., Nov. 19, 2023, at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, with his family at his side. He was born May 23, 1939, in Auglaize Co., OH, the son of the late Ferd and Lucille (Hemmert) Gerstner. On Oct. 5, 1963 he married Donna J. Etgen and she survives.

Other survivors include,

3 children, Lynn J. (Kristine) Gerstner, Wapakoneta,

Ronald J. (Wendy) Gerstner, Wapakoneta,

Tamela J. Gerstner, Wapakoneta;

grandchildren, Emily (Chris) Post, David Gerstner (friend, Lindsey),

Dylan (Lakin) Gerstner,

Madison (Luke) Steinke, Alyson Gerstner, Lauren Gerstner,

Andrew Gerstner;

great grandchildren, Mara, Vincent, Conrad, Michael;

sister, Carolyn Myers, Uniopolis;

sister-in-law, Judy Gerstner.

He was preceded in death by a son, Donald J. Gerstner, siblings, Jerry Gerstner and infants, Dean "Woody" Gerstner and Mary Gerstner.

Fritz was self-employed in construction and later worked for Roeder Cartage,

Lima. He served as zoning inspector for over 20 years with Pusheta Township. A 1957 graduate of Botkins High School, he served in the U.S. Army. Fritz was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Council # 1272, both of Wapakoneta. He enjoyed tinkering in his wood shop, making projects for his grandchildren, and reading.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m., Sat. Nov. 25, 2023, with Father Sean Wilson officiating. Burial will follow in the St. John Cemetery, Fryburg, Ohio, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post # 8445. The family will receive friends 3-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, and 9-9:45 a.m. Saturday, at the the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be directed to the St. Joseph Catholic Church or the Disabled American Veterans. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

St. John Cemetery

Fryburg, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **24**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
1102 Lincoln Hwy
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
(419) 738-7676
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com/>

Visitation

NOV **25**. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (ET)

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Service

NOV **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Pearl Street
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Frederick J. "Fritz" Gerstner.



November 23, 2023 at 12:13 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Frederick J. "Fritz" Gerstner.



November 23, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ *Marlene McKee* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Frederick J. "Fritz" Gerstner.



Marlene McKee - November 23, 2023 at 03:21 AM



“ *My prayers of comfort for family and friends.* 🙏

Carol Icenogle - November 22, 2023 at 02:47 PM