



## George Edward Niemeyer

April 6, 1936 - May 14, 2025

George Edward Niemeyer, 89, of Wapakoneta, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at Springview Manor in Lima, surrounded by his loving family.

Born April 6, 1936, at his family's home on Washington Pike, George was the son of Gustave Leonard and Elsie Matilda (Buddemeyer) Niemeyer. A lifelong resident of Auglaize County, he lived a life marked by service and deep devotion to his family.

A 1954 graduate of Blume High School, George earned a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from The Ohio State University in 1959, and, later, a Master of Science in Education from Indiana University in 1969. He proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1959 to 1965, including time stationed in Korea.

George taught science at Lima Shawnee Schools and was a dedicated lifelong farmer in Washington Township. He married Connie Lou Phillips on November 11, 1961, at The First United Methodist Church in Wapakoneta. They were blessed with three children: Craig (Susan Keller) Niemeyer of Grand Junction, CO; Lynne (Rick) Sulc of Dublin, OH; and Kirk (Tami Keller) Niemeyer of Lima, OH. He was a devoted father to his children and a proud grandfather to Tatum, Tristin, Ryan, Nathan, and Annika. He also leaves behind many beloved nieces and nephews.

He is survived by Connie, his wife of 63 years, his children, grandchildren and sister, Donna Jean Niemeyer Mann, and was preceded in death by siblings Martha (Verlin) Strasburg, Robert (Mary Rohr) Niemeyer, Julia (Vernon) Paul,

Ronald Mann, and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, James and Doris Phillips Gott.

George was a member of The First United Methodist Church in Wapakoneta and was confirmed in 1950 at the First United Church of Christ in New Knoxville by Rev. D.A. Bode, D.D. His confirmation verse, John 2:5–6, reflected the way he lived his life - in quiet faith and faithful action.

In high school, George earned the State Future Farmers of America Degree. At Ohio State, he was a member of the Dairy Cattle Judging Team and Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He was a life member of the OSU Alumni Association, a charter member of the Wapakoneta YMCA, and active in the Wapakoneta Lions Club. He enjoyed boating, skiing, traveling with family, and faithfully supporting his children and grandchildren at countless games and events especially traveling to Yale and Lehigh to support them at their college football games. A lifelong Buckeye fan, he never missed an opportunity to cheer on Ohio State.

Visitation will be held Saturday, May 24, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, 1110 Lincoln Avenue in Wapakoneta, followed by a memorial service at 11:00 am and interment at Greenlawn Cemetery afterwards. Condolences may be shared at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com) and in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Church, Wapakoneta.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Cemetery

Presar Road  
Wapakoneta, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 24.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory  
1102 Lincoln Ave.  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895  
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com>

## Service

**MAY 24.** 11:00 AM (ET)


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# Tribute Wall

BS

“ I did not know him but was his wife ,Connie, a teacher in Lima at either South or Lima Sr. High. My condolences to the family.

**Bonnie Aures Snyder** - May 18, 2025 at 09:29 PM

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“ I was in Connie's (Phillips) math class at Lima Senior High when we were told she would marry George Niemeyer. A group of fellow students and I drove to Wapak to attend the wedding and that is when we met George. He turned out to be this good looking, blond, somewhat quiet man with a personality to match. Everyone agreed that Connie had found the perfect man and even though we were happy for her, the guys were all a bit disappointed that George was "taking" Connie away from us. She was, after all, a favorite teacher at LSH. George had fixed, painted and spruced up a farm house north of Wapak that was to be their marital home. After seeing the house one day, I thought the house reflected George himself. It was neat, clean, orderly, perfect for a newly married couple. So often I have thought of George and Connie and how their lives were going. Connie, George will be missed and thought of fondly and lovingly and you have years of memories and family gatheringsby which to remember him.

*R. Joseph Wiessinger (Joe)*

**R Joseph Wiessinger** - May 17, 2025 at 06:46 AM

JH

*My sympathy Connie to you and your family. May his many memories sustain all of you during this difficult time. Rest in peace George. Jim Harrison*


**Jim Harrison** - May 17, 2025 at 09:55 AM

JB

*I haven't seen George since I was a teenager - around 45 years ago. However, I do remember him quite well from several family reunions. He was a kind, gentle man, who was also accomplished and a man of faith. He was a very well rounded person. You could tell he was a man of integrity and always made me feel welcome in his home. He will be missed by all who knew him. God bless, Connie, Craig, Lynne and Kirk. John Baker (son of Carol 'Cake') Caldwell*

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**John Baker** - May 17, 2025 at 02:51 PM

  
Elizabeth  
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*My parents went to church with George and Connie and their family. I taught their kids in VBS and Sunday school, Connie played the organ and piano for our church and chiors. George was always kind and funny. My deepest sympathy to Connie, Craig, Lynn, and Kirk. Much love, Beazy*

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**Elizabeth Siferd** - May 29, 2025 at 03:53 PM