



Howard W. Wellman

May 29, 1922 - August 23, 2018

Howard Wellman, 96, of Lima, passed away 12:10 a.m., Thurs. Aug. 23, 2018, at his home with his family at his side. He was born May 29, 1922, in New Bremen, OH, the son of Edward & Aurelia (Wissman) Wellman, who preceded him in death. On Oct. 20, 1949, he married Althea Howell, and she survives.

Howard impacted many lives through the founding of Winona Lake. He was a role model of hard work and dedication to keeping Winona Lake operating for the generations who have made memories there since opening in 1966. Mr. Wellman never retired and was frequently observed on the tractor maintaining the park. His leadership, his guidance and his wisdom will be missed.

Mr. Wellman was known as storyteller that frequently shared his stories of youth and faith. He never hesitated to share his pride of his family, service to country, or his love for God.

He was part of the Greatest Generation and proudly served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Mr. Wellman was honorable discharged in 1946 and returned to Ohio Bell. Howard retired in 1979 from Ohio Bell after 38 years of service. He was a 1940 graduate of New Bremen High School.

In addition to his wife, Althea, Howard is survived by 2 children, Mark Wellman, College Park, MD, and a daughter, Winona (Gary) Axe, Auburndale,

FL. Also surviving are 3 grandchildren, Joshua (Chelsea) Axe,

Rachel (Ronson) Dykstra, & Jordan Axe. and 2 great grandchildren, Charlotte & Oliver Dykstra.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m., Sun. Aug. 26, 2018, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, 1102 Lincoln Ave. (St. Rt. 501) Wapakoneta, with Greg Byers officiating. Burial is to follow in the Elm Grove Cemetery, St. Marys, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W., Post #8445. The family will receive friends 2-4 & 6-8 p.m., Sat. at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

631 Greenville Road
St. Marys, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 25. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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AUG 25. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ I will never forget all the wonderful memories we had a the lake. Going there as a child, taking our children there , our son taking his family there. The Wellmans worked very hard over all the year's it was open. They made wonderful memories for many,many people. Such hind, caring Christian people. We will remember Howard and all forever!

Mary Goodwin - August 25, 2018 at 03:56 PM

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“ Dear Mrs. Wellman, Winona, Mark and families, I want to express my deepest sympathy to you. I was a lifeguard at Winona Lake in the late 1960s and was blessed to know your entire family. I recently read the Lima News article about Mr. Wellman's service to the nation and was truly impressed.. He served the nation and, more importantly, the Lord and was a role model to many. I am sure the angels are rejoicing with his coming home to the Lord. I know you will find comfort in the promises Jesus.
Sincerely, Susan Crawford Kimmel, Lima.

Susan Crawford Kimmel - August 25, 2018 at 08:53 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Howard W. Wellman.



August 24, 2018 at 11:31 AM