



Ivan P. Elsass

May 9, 1940 - July 8, 2024

Ivan P. Elsass, 84, of Otterbein-Cridersville, formerly of Wapakoneta and rural Anna, died 5:48 a.m., Monday, July 8, 2024, at Lima Memorial Health System, following a sudden illness. He was born May 9, 1940, near St. Johns, Ohio, the son of the late Orville and Luetta (Metz) Elsass. On June 5, 1965, he married Twilia L. Oakley, and she preceded him in death on December 11, 2012.

Survivors include,

4 children, Teresa (Charles) Dille, Waynesville, Ohio,

Kimberly (Mark) Azbell, St. Marys, Ohio,

Kaycie Elsass, Palm Springs, California,

Douglas (Adrienne) Elsass, Idaho Falls, Idaho;

6 grandchildren, Samuel, Kristen, Kendra, Jacob, Annabelle, Hayden;

2 step-grandchildren, Tyler, Nevin;

1 great granddaughter, Harper;

4 sisters, Janice (Jim) Davis,

Sharon (David) Feldstein,

Ellen Jean (Bob) Gallon,

Linda (Roy) Fields.

Ivan was a graduate of Anna High School and a veteran of the Ohio National Guard. He worked as a diesel mechanic at General Service Garage, Wapakoneta, Ryder Trucks, and Stoops Freightliner. Ivan was an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Botkins, where he taught Sunday

School and was a member of the dart ball team. An avid Cincinnati Reds and Cleveland Browns fan, he enjoyed fishing, golfing, woodworking, the outdoors, and spending time with his family.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 13, 2024, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Botkins, with Pastor David Eidson officiating. Burial is to follow in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445.

The family will receive friends 5-8 p.m., Friday, July 12, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, and 1 hour prior to the service Sat. at the church. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Paul Lutheran Church, the American Heart Association, or the American Diabetes Association. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **12.** 5:00 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

JUL **13.** 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
301 E. State St.
Botkins, OH 45306

Service

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Tribute Wall

JO

“ Josh, Michelle, Trey, & Logan Olshan purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ivan P. Elsass.



Josh, Michelle, Trey, & Logan Olshan - July 11, 2024 at 11:52 PM

BB

“ Bill and Marsha; Egle; Mark and Brenda purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ivan P. Elsass.



Bill and Marsha; Egle; Mark and Brenda - July 11, 2024 at 11:09 PM

BB

“ Bill and Marsha; Egle; Mark and Brenda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ivan P. Elsass.

Bill and Marsha; Egle; Mark and Brenda - July 11, 2024 at 11:09 PM



“ *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 Ivan P. Elsass, 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 National Guard Veteran, Ivan P. Elsass, 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 - July 11, 2024 at 07:25 AM

NO

“ *My name is Norma Arnett you would remember me as a Zempfer Im sorry for your loss im sending prayers for your family*

Also I say hi to Linda to

norma - July 10, 2024 at 10:27 AM

CM

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss, Kim. Praying for you and your family. --
Cindy Meyers*

Cindy Meyers - July 10, 2024 at 09:59 AM

DL

“ Teresa, You and your family have my deepest sympathy. May the peace that only our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ can provide fill you as you mourn your Dad. Denise (Brown) Luchnenko



Denise (Brown) Luchnenko - July 10, 2024 at 08:19 AM

TD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I truly loved getting to know Ivan and Twila and am so thankful that I got to work with him for so many years. Know he is rejoicing now in the arms of God! Prayers for all of you and your families!

Teresa Doseck - July 10, 2024 at 08:15 AM

AE

“ Sure enjoyed him. He was a great dad and father in law. Our kids all adored him. Sorry he didn't get to meet his newest great grandkids . Hugs and well wishes to all

Adrienne Elsass - July 10, 2024 at 12:23 AM

GM

“ Gary and Kendall Millet purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Ivan P. Elsass.



Gary and Kendall Millet - July 09, 2024 at 08:15 PM