



## James L. Becker

October 13, 1939 - December 7, 2021

James L. "Jim" Becker, 82, of Wapakoneta, died Tues. evening, December 7, 2021, near his home in Auglaize Co. He was born Oct. 13, 1939, in Lima, OH, the son of Edgar & Alice (Groves) Becker, who preceded him in death.

Survivors include,

4 daughters, Billie (Derwin) Bailey, Wapakoneta,

Lynn (Kevin) Rinderle, Coldwater, OH,

Teresa (Danny) Follin, Wapakoneta,

Crystal (Eric) Walker, Wapakoneta,

7 grandchildren, Tara Ochs, Clay Bailey, Megan (Ryan) Opperman,

Morgan Follin, Audrey Follin,

Arlan James 'A.J.' Walker, Henry Walker;

2 step grandchildren, Bailee (Fiancé – Kohl Koester) Rinderle,

Blake Rinderle

2 great grandchildren, Ryker Ochs, Jenna Opperman;

life partner, Darlene Smith;

former spouse, Edna (Dixon) Becker,

4 siblings, Phyllis (Ralph) Kaeck,

Donna (Roger-dec) Whetstone,

Ron (Kamille) Becker, all of Wapakoneta,

Gary (Evy) Becker, Coldwater, MI.

Jim worked in construction and along with his father, started Becker Builders.

Among other projects, they built a refinery in Puerto Rico. His real passion

was building and selling windmills for pond aeration, alongside his daughter Billie. Their windmills are even being used in Africa. Jim was a graduate of Buckland High School, and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. His hobbies included working, playing the guitar, collecting arrowheads, spending time with his grandkids, and listening to his 33 records. Jim was a thinker and was full of ideas and stories. He was an ornery fellow when he was younger and a determined man. Jim suffered from dementia and was trying to find his way "home". We know he is in God's hands now living his eternal life. Jim showed his orneriness when asked "How are you today Jim?" he replied "I'm mad as hell." Then he would laugh and grin.

Funeral services will be 7:00 p.m., Mon. Dec. 13, 2021, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, with Pastor Craig Flack officiating. The family will receive family and friends 4-7 p.m., Mon. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Shriners Burn Hospitals. Condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

DEC 13. 7:00 PM (ET)

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