



James R. Harshbarger

January 9, 1927 - September 9, 2010

James R. Harshbarger, 83, of Lima, died 2:45 p.m., Thurs. Sept. 9, 2010, at The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, OH. He was born Jan. 9, 1927, in Wapakoneta, the son of Joseph & Ada (Seifert) Harshbarger, who preceded him in death. On Sept. 27, 2003, he married Esther J. Hahn Hooker, and she survives in Lima. Other survivors include, 3 children, Deborah (Jack) Madden, Christine (Dave) Hibner, Nicholas Harshbarger, all of Wapakoneta, 2 step-children, Linda (Richard) Offenbacher, Bonita Springs, FL, Deborah (Daniel) Miller, New Bern, NC, 6 grandchildren, Jamie (Shane) Allemeier, & Danielle Harshbarger, both of Wapakoneta, Jessica (Nate) Groh, Elida, OH, Kelly (Donnie) Kalb, & Todd Hibner, both of Cincinnati, Emily (Jon) Sharp, Hawaii, 6 step-grandchildren, Amanda (Sean) Bieber, Winterville, NC, Andrew (Kerry) Miller, Center Valley, PA, Shawn (Renne) Offenbacher, Tempe, AZ, Kelley Offenbacher, Alpharetta, GA, Joseph (Ashley) Miller, Hutto, TX, Anthony Miller, Washington, DC, 7 great grandchildren, Cate, Olivia, & Jack Allemeier, Emma & Jake Groh, Sophia Kalb, & Owen Sharp, 6 step-great grandchildren, Sydney & Caden Bieber, Adam Miller, Sam Miller, Mackenzie Miller & Tucker Offenbacher, a sister, Helen Presar, Wapakoneta. He was preceded in death by a former wife, Kathryn (Sibert) Harshbarger, 2 sisters, Janell Sealschott & Betty Grigsby, and 2 brothers, Donald & Richard Harshbarger. Mr. Harshbarger retired as plant superintendant from Excello-Airfoil Textron, Lima, where he had worked 37 years. A 1945 graduate of St. Joseph High School, Wapakoneta, he was a member of St. Charles Catholic

Church, Lima. At the age of 18, he joined the U.S. Navy, and served during W.W. II in the South Pacific on the USS Naifeh Destroyer Escort and the USS Stockham Destroyer. He was a life member of the V.F.W., Alvin Metzger Post #8445, and a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie #691, both of Wapakoneta. His hobbies included spending time with his children, grandchildren, & great grandchildren, fishing, hunting, gardening, wood working, playing poker, taking trips to Alaska, watching sports especially football, and his dogs, Hammer & Pete. A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Thurs. Sept. 16, 2010, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, Rev. Steve Blum officiating. Burial is to follow in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Wapakoneta, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. The family will receive friends 4-8 p.m., Wed. Sept. 15, and 9-10 a.m., Thurs. at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be directed to the James Cancer Hospital, Columbus.

Tribute Wall

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“ Thanks for all the happy memories you leave behind. We will miss you.

Linda & Dick Offenbacher - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

BB

“ My sympathy to Debbie, Chris, and Nick, and their families in the death of your father.

Beth Harshbarger Blackmore - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

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“ Nick, It was with great sadness when I heard of your Father's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Norma Wachauf - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

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“ Esther, Deb, Chris and Nick, It is with sadness that we share your grief at Jim's passing. But it is with joy that we know he is now at peace with God. What a privelege to be related to such a man as Jim, and to have known him and loved him. Treasure your memories as they will comfort you. Know too, someday you will see him again when we all get to heaven. God's blessings on you all.

Carolyn and Mike Harshbarger - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

PS

“ Aunt Esther; Sending you my Love and keeping you in my Prayers. Peggy

Peggy Siefker - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM