



James M. Knoch

March 9, 1931 - November 9, 2020

James (Jim) M. Knoch, 89, of Wapakoneta, OH, died at 3:40 p.m., Mon. Nov. 9, 2020, at the Mercy Health – St. Rita’s Medical Center, Lima, OH. He was born Mar. 9, 1931, in Lakeview, Logan County, OH, the son of Earl V. “John” & Ada L. (Harrod) Knoch, who preceded him in death. On Aug. 18, 1956, he married Carol A. (Christler) Knoch, and she died Sept. 8, 2013.

Survivors include,

2 sons, James M. (Karen) Knoch, Flower Mound, TX,
Eric S. (Beth) Knoch, Loveland, OH,
2 grandchildren, Holly and Whittney,
2 step grandchildren, Adam and Megan,
a great grandson, Emerson,
several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a step-sister, Mary Reigelsperger and a step-brother, Don Harrod.

Jim served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He began his career in law enforcement with the Auglaize Co. Sheriff’s Office as a deputy for 5 years. He then was elected Auglaize Co. Sheriff for 6 terms and served in that capacity for 24 years. He later worked at Crown Equipment, New Bremen. Jim was a member of St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Wapakoneta and a 1949

graduate of Blume High School. He enjoyed spending time with his family, attending Wapakoneta Redskins sporting events, and was an active member of the American Legion, Post #330, and Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445, both of Wapakoneta.

Private family services will be held at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, with Pastor Mark Bauer officiating. Burial will be in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the James Knoch Memorial Fund, through Minster Bank, Wapakoneta. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematroy.com. The service will be live streamed on the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory Facebook page.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Cemetery

Presar Road
Wapakoneta, OH

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ I always enjoyed having Jim be part of our Men's Bible Study. He usually was pretty quiet unless asked a question and would then respond with a well thought out reply out of years of experience and wisdom. I will miss the twinkle in his eye and the gentle smile which revealed his positive nature. Despite what must have been many experiences with the darker side of humanity he was filled with hope and the expectation that good would prevail.
God bless you and fill you with comfort and hope.
Peace,
Pastor Doug Pretorius

Doug Pretorius - November 14, 2020 at 10:35 AM



“ My condolences to the Knoch family. I always enjoyed seeing your parents while visiting Uncle Dan and Aunt Ruth Gross. Fritz Gross, Oak Park, IL

George Gross - November 14, 2020 at 10:32 AM

MH

“ Jim was a wonderful man, we will miss him so much!
Michael & Michele (Knoch) Hicks and family.



Michele Hicks - November 13, 2020 at 02:17 PM

VB

“ Sincerest condolences to Jim & Eric and your families on the loss of your father.

The Francis Harrod Family

Victoria Braun - November 12, 2020 at 10:26 AM

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“ To the family of Sheriff Knoch...please accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of a dedicated public servant and a good man. In 1984, as I began my service in county government and within 2 weeks on the job, Sheriff Knoch stopped in the courthouse and greeted me and wanted to chat. Well, an hour or so later, I had learned valuable information about the Auglaize County Sheriff's office and about Sheriff Knoch and I very much appreciated his introductory visit. I will forever remember his friendly visit. I am confident that our Lord has welcomed Sheriff Knoch into His heavenly kingdom with these words: "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Kurt Kuffner

Kurt S. Kuffner - November 12, 2020 at 08:20 AM

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“ sending our heartfelt sympathy on your loss. May God comfort you during this time.

*Robert & Kathy Knoch
(family of John & Roberta Knoch)*

Kathy Knoch - November 12, 2020 at 06:11 AM

JP

“ I am so sad to hear of Jim’s passing. His calm, thoughtful and strong leadership was so impactful on Auglaize County law enforcement, and so helpful to me personally. I loved Jim and will miss him. He was such a good man, but you know that. Just know how much I admired him and that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Judge Fred Pepple - November 11, 2020 at 10:50 PM