



James M. Ward

October 1, 1924 - December 10, 2014

James M. Ward, 90, of Wapakoneta, died 9:30 p.m., Wed. Dec. 10, 2014, at the Wapakoneta Manor. He was born Oct. 1, 1924, in Pennsylvania, the son of James M. & Blanche (Luce) Ward, who preceded him in death. In 1951, he married Blanche Mechanco, and she survives. Other survivors include, a daughter, Karen Ward, Wapakoneta, a granddaughter, Melissa Shipley, Wapakoneta. He was preceded in death by a brother, Fritz Bonucci. In 1951, James started on the Chessie R.R. as a switchman, conductor, trainmaster, and retired in 1985 as Superintendent of Operations with CSX. He was a veteran of the United States Army, and served during WWII. He was a member of the Harvest Baptist Church and the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post # 8445. He enjoyed spending time with family and was very proud of his work on the railroad. Memorial services will be 4:00 p.m., Mon. Dec. 15, 2014, at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Pastor Gary Bragg officiating. Military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445 at the funeral home following the memorial service. The family will receive friends from 2-4 p.m., Mon. at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I am so very sorry for your families loss!! I pray that you find comfort and peace. God Bless!*

Alecia Moore - July 10, 2015 at 03:51 PM

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“ *My sincere condolences to the family of James Ward for your loss. May the Lord bring you comfort and peace in the midst of your sorrow. My prayers are with you all. Geoffrey Ulrey*

Geoffrey Ulrey - July 10, 2015 at 03:51 PM

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“ *Karen and Melissa - please know how very sorry I am for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Amy (Carder) Noykos - July 10, 2015 at 03:51 PM