



Jerry L. Craft

March 10, 1939 - July 1, 2014

Jerry L. Craft, 75, of Wapakoneta, died 7:00 a.m., Tues. July 1, 2014, at his residence. He was born March 10, 1939, in Lima, OH, the son of Emil & Eleanor (Phalen) Craft, who preceded him in death. Survivors include, 6 children, Michael A. (Melanie) Craft, Chester, VA, Deborah Lynn (Wayne) Garner, Chester, VA, Laura A. Craft, Richmond, VA, Angela M. Moon, Hudson, FL, Sherri L. (Rod) Swisshelm, Westchester, OH, Kelly C. (Frank) Valentine, Wapakoneta; 13 grandchildren & 3 great grandchildren; and a sister, Christine (Ron) Wattercutter, Wapakoneta. Jerry retired in 2004, after 40 years service with the Wapakoneta Machine Co. A graduate of St. Joseph High School, he was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Jerry was an avid outdoorsman, expert handyman, and constant experimenter. He played the guitar, loved country music, gardening, bowling, boating, and most importantly family. Memorial services will be 4:00 p.m., Sat. July 5, 2014, at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, Pastor Scott Miller officiating. The family will receive friends from 1-4 p.m., Sat. at the funeral home. Military rites will be provided by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445 following the services at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to the charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest condolences to Sherri and Rod, and the whole family in your loss.*

Iain Abbott - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

JZ

“ *To Jerry's Family, Please accept my deepest sympathies on this occasion. I worked with Jerry at the Wapakoneta Machine Shop on second shift for a number of years. The highlight of each day was when we took a lunch break. The conversations were never about trivialities, but broad discussions on the events that shaped our community, state and country. Jerry had deep insight and provided me with plenty of food for thought. I tip my hat in respect to a wonderful work colleague.*

John Zimmerman - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

KW

“ *Kelly, our deepest sympathy at the loss of your dad. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Kyle and Betsy Wagner - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

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“ *Your friends at Wapak Lowe's will miss you!*

Lowe's 2978 - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

MG

“ *My deepest sympathy Chrissie and family on the death of your brother. You are in my thoughts and prayers...God bless you at this difficult time and always.*

Mary Gullede - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

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“ To the family of Jerry Craft, Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. I pray that the Lord will bring each of you comfort during the coming days and the future as you mourn your beloved. I pray through His grace, that the Lord God Jehovah will bring you peace through His infinite mercy and grace, and that He send angels to comfort you all. Sincerely, Geoffrey Ulrey

Geoffrey Ulrey - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM