



John "Sonny" Edward Chapman, Jr.

August 29, 1931 - March 22, 2008

John "Sonny" Edward Chapman Jr., 76, of Wapakoneta, died 4:45 p.m., Sat. March 22, 2008, at the Wapakoneta Manor, where he had resided for 9 months. He was born Aug. 29, 1931, in Koleen, Greene County, IN, the son of John Edward, Sr. & Dorothy (Reed) Chapman, who preceded him in death. His father was an industrial arts teacher at Blume High School, having moved to Wapakoneta in 1935. On June 8, 1952, he married Mary Lou Morey, and she survives. Other survivors include, 3 children, Terry Lynn (Joyce) Chapman, Van Wert, OH, Teresa Ann (Richard) Arnold, Lima, Anita Margaret (Ron) German, St. Marys, 6 grandchildren, April (Aaron) Grimm, Rebecca (Tim) Lacey, Kristen Chapman, Brandon Cooper, Jenna Cooper, Jordan Blatz, 5 step-grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, A sister, Dorcas Jane Bryan, Grand Rapids, MI, and her children, Nina Sue (Wally) Gorak, Grant Richard (Diane) Bryan, Ellen Marie (Chris) Kloriak, & Kelly Lynn (Steven) Johnson, And Uncle, Earl L. (Jean) Chapman, Ft. Wayne, IN. He was preceded in death by a son, Michael Alan Chapman in 1965, his step-mother, Roberta Fisher Chapman in 1990, and a brother-in-law, Richard Mack Bryan in 2006. John worked for Wapakoneta Machine Co. for 23 years, Superior Metals and Clark Equipment before working at the Dana Corp., Lima. Mr. Chapman retired from the Dana Corp. in 1993 from the maintenance dept. A 1949 graduate of Blume High School, he was a U.S. Navy veteran having served during the Korean War aboard the USS Wren DD-568 from 1951-1955. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post #8445 and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie

#691, both of Wapakoneta. John loved to do woodworking, gardening, and traveling to Navy reunions all over the United States. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Thurs., March 27, 2008, at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, Wapakoneta. Burial is to follow in the St. Joseph Cemetery, Wapakoneta, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. The family will receive friends 2-8 p.m., Wed., at the funeral home. Memorials may be directed to the Wapakoneta Manor Activity Fund or the Alzheimer's Foundation.