



Joseph Merle Carter

February 14, 1926 - July 20, 2022

Joseph Merle Carter, 96, of rural Wapakoneta, died 7:32 a.m., Wed. July 20, 2022, at Lima Memorial Health System, with his family at his side. He was born Feb. 14, 1926, in Waynesfield, OH, the son of the late Everett & Hattie (Miller) Carter. While stationed with the U.S. Army in Wiesbaden, Germany, Merle met his beautiful wife, Helene Nikolaenko. They were married Sept. 23, 1951, and she preceded him in death on June 4, 2013.

Survivors include,

9 children, Larissa (Mike) Osbun, Loretta (Bill) Diehl, Mike (Lois) Carter, Andy Carter, Lana Hall, Tamara Belisle, Brian (Louise) Carter, Linda (Karl) Wolf, & Laura (Steve) Shepherd, 23 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, 2 sisters-in-law, Rowena Carter, & Mary Lou Carter.

He was preceded in death by 2 grandchildren, Grace Elisabeth Schoonover and Lane Arnell Hursh; siblings and spouses, Erma (Grant) McGrath, Elmer Carter, William (Lucille) Carter, Nellie (Charles) Martin, Lucille (Rex) Claybaugh, Abrahm Carter.

Merle was a 1944 graduate of Waynesfield –Goshen High School, and a U.S. Army veteran having served during W.W. II and the Korean War. He retired from the the Lima State Hospital after 35 years of service. He also had worked at Howell Hardware, Waynesfield, the Shaw Lumber Co., Uniopolis, and drove school bus for the Waynesfield- Goshen Schools. Merle was a member of the Waynesfield Baptist Church, and a 77 year member of the American Legion

Post #395, Waynesfield. He loved telling stories of his time in the service to his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He also enjoyed playing euchre, mowing grass, caring for his vegetable garden, and watching the Cleveland Indians.

Funeral services will be 3:00 p.m., Sun. July 24, 2022, at the Waynesfield Chapel of the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, with Robert Waitman officiating. Burial is to follow in the Fairmount Cemetery, near Uniopolis, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445. The family will receive friends 1-3 p.m., Sun. at the funeral home. Due to family with severe allergies and in lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be directed to the Waynesfield Baptist Church. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **24**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
200 E Wapakoneta St
Waynesfield, OH 45896
(419) 780-5050

Service

JUL **24**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

JUL **24** (ET)

Fairmount Cemetery
Fairmount Road
Uniopolis, OH

Tribute Wall

MW

“ Dear Carter families, I was so blessed to have Papa and Mrs Carter in my children's lives. I'm so sorry for your loss, you all are in my thoughts and prayers



Millicent Wireman - July 24, 2022 at 09:29 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Merle Carter.



July 24, 2022 at 12:39 AM



“ "The Old Rugged Cross 30" Rose Gold Sonnet Chime was purchased for the family of Joseph Merle Carter.



July 22, 2022 at 10:50 PM

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“ Casey, Brad, Lila, Lenni, &Colt Phillips purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joseph Merle Carter.



Casey, Brad, Lila, Lenni, &Colt Phillips - July 22, 2022 at 03:38 PM

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“ Thanks you so much for marring aunt Halana
and knowing my mom



Nina bohannan - July 22, 2022 at 01:08 PM

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“ Nina Bohannan sent a virtual gift in memory of
Joseph Merle Carter



Nina bohannan - July 22, 2022 at 11:39 AM

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Thanks for your service

Nina bohannan - July 22, 2022 at 03:48 PM

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“ Nina Bohannan sent a virtual gift in memory of
Joseph Merle Carter



Nina bohannan - July 22, 2022 at 11:28 AM

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“ *Nina Bohannon lit a candle in memory of Joseph Merle Carter*



Nina bohannon - July 22, 2022 at 11:27 AM

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Your in our hearts

Nina bohannon - July 22, 2022 at 11:38 AM