




Joseph E. Elkins

February 19, 1921 - October 30, 2013

Joseph E. Elkins, Sr., 92, of Wapakoneta, died 10:55 a.m., Wed. Oct. 30, 2013, at Auglaize Acres. He was born Feb. 19, 1921, in Bourbon, IN, the son of Charles Edward & Mary (Corl) Elkins, who preceded him in death. On May 17, 1947, he married Phyllis C. Keyser, and she survives. Other survivors include, 5 children, Joseph E. (Debbie) Elkins, Jr., Bluffton, IN, William (Janice) Elkins, Wapakoneta, Jayne (Doug) Place, Wapakoneta, Dr. Frederick (Cheryl) Elkins, Bellefontaine, OH, Beverly (Jeff) Ray, Columbus, OH, 10 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren, & 22 great grandchildren, a sister, Jayne Pesch, Plymouth, IN, a sister-in-law, Edna Wagoner, Plymouth, IN, a brother-in-law, Robert D. Smith, Mishawaka, IN. He was preceded in death by 4 siblings, Lois Stewart, Max Elkins, Betty Redman, & Donald Elkins, sisters-in-law Margie Smith and Mary Jo Clouse, and a brother-in-law Gene Pesch. Joe was a 1940 graduate of Plymouth High School, and was a U. S. Army veteran of W.W. II. He worked at McCord Corp., Plymouth, for 21 years and in the 1950's owned and operated A & W Root Beer Stands, in Bremen & Nappanee, IN. In 1967, he opened the B  K Root Beer Stand in Wapakoneta, which operated with his wife Phyllis until 1983. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, and the D.A.V., Auglaize Co. Chapter #73, both of Wapakoneta. His other memberships included the American Legion, Post # 173, Bellefontaine, OH, the Loyal Order of the Moose, Indian Lake Ch. #1533, the former BPOE #1170, and the Phi Delta Kappa, Plymouth. He enjoyed carpentry, painting, boating, fishing, and

gardening. He took pride in the fact he built 10 homes. While in Plymouth, he played in the Drum & Bugle Corps and served as a Republican Precinct Committeeman. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Mon. Nov. 4, 2013, at the First United Methodist Church, Wapakoneta, Pastor Kimberly Pope-Seiberling officiating. Burial will be 3:00 p.m., Mon. at the Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth, where military rites will be conducted. The family will receive friends 2-6 p.m., Sun. Nov. 3, at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, and 1 hr. prior to the service, Mon. at the church. Memorials may be directed to the First United Methodist Church, Wapakoneta.

Tribute Wall

LS

“ Mrs.Elkins~Bev,Jayne,Fred,Bill,Joe~ A wonderful, outstanding, Family Man! We're thinking of You All during this time. Comfort, peace and All those Special Memories of Your Husband and Father. Prayers & sympathy for your Family.

Lisa Steiner - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

KP

“ Fred and Jayne... Didn't know your dad, but knew enough of his kids to know he must've been a great guy. You have lots of great memories - hang onto those!

Kurt Pickering - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

TS

“ I worked for Mr. Elkins at the Root Beer Stand many years ago. He was a great guy and I just want Bev and the family to know that you are in my prayers

Tami Minnich Strouth - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

SS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all especially today and tomorrow. You had a great Dad, Joey, and I remember him well. He passed on many of his great qualities to you and I'm sure you all will miss him so much. Our love to you, Daniel and Sandy

Sandy and Daniel Scarberry - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

JW

“ Joe: Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May the peace of Christ be with you.

John, Jolin & Jennifer Whicker - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

HR

“ To the Elkins family, I am so sorry for your loss, I did not know Joseph, but I know (Dr.) Fred, and want to let you all know I am thinking of you during this time of loss of your husband, father, grandfather, and so much more. Many thoughts and prayers during this time. May you be lifted up during this time.

Hillary Reese - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

PO

“ Our deepest sympathies to Mrs. Elkins and family. My older sister and I (Pam) worked for your Dad & Mom at the Rootbeer Stand several years ago and they taught us alot. It was a pleasure working for them and knowing them. ----Ron, Pam, Matthew & Miriam Powell

Powell - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

CM

“ Jayne, i just wanted to let you know I am thinking of you and your family in your loss. God Bless you.

cathy Mullenhour - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM