



## Kenneth J. Dirksen

March 5, 1940 - December 3, 2024

Kenneth J. Dirksen, 84, of Versailles and Wapakoneta, passed away Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at his farm in Darke County, Ohio. He was born March 5, 1940, in North Star, Ohio, the third son of Edwin and Katherine (Kramer) Dirksen. On September 21, 2002, Kenneth married Kathleen (Hartman) Dirksen, and she survives.

Kenneth attended Willowdell School and then attended St. Denis Catholic School in Versailles, Ohio. He was a retired farmer. Kenneth loved tractor pulling and was a member of the Buckeye Farm Antiques and the Miami Valley Farm Antique Tractors Club. He and his wife traveled to 46 states, Canada, and Mexico. They also loved ballroom dancing. Kenneth collected antique tractors and spent many hours working and restoring them. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, the K of C Council # 1756, Versailles, and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie # 691, Wapakoneta.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Kathy, 2 brothers, Edward (Mary Ann) Dirksen, and Lester (Velma) Dirksen, 2 sisters, Irene Dirksen and Joan Fisher. He is also survived by a brother-in-law, Marvin Keller, sisters-in-law, Imogene Rouman and Peggy (Gus) Theodore, and several nieces and nephews. Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Urban (Bernice) Dirksen, sister, Alice Keller, brother-in-law, Jerry Fisher, and step-son, Frank Sciotto.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, December 13, 2024, at the

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 101 West Pearl St., Wapakoneta, with Rev. Sean Wilson officiating. Burial is to follow in the St. Joseph Cemetery, Wapakoneta. The family will receive family and friends 5-8 p.m., Thursday, December 12, and 9-10 a.m., Friday, December 13, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, 1102 Lincoln Avenue (St. Rt. 501) Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Joseph Catholic Church. Condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Wapakoneta Fisher Road  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895`

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 12. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory  
1102 Lincoln Ave.  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895  
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com>

## Visitation

DEC 13. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory  
1102 Lincoln Ave.  
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## Service

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DEC **13**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Pearl Street  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

# Tribute Wall

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“ Living with MSA felt like slowly fading away stiffness, dizziness, and a relentless loss of control. Conventional treatments brought little relief, and hope was slipping away. Out of desperation, I found NaturePath Herbal Clinic. I didn't expect much, but within weeks of starting their natural herbal therapy, I noticed real changes: clearer thinking, better balance, and emotional stability. My symptoms didn't disappear overnight, but for the first time in years, I felt hope. The team at NaturePath is compassionate and truly dedicated to healing. Their support has been a lifeline. If you or a loved one is facing MSA, I encourage you to explore what they offer.  
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**Peter** - June 29, 2025 at 10:48 AM

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“ Bob & Michelle Dircksen Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kenneth J. Dircksen.



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**Bob & Michelle Dircksen Family** - December 10, 2024 at 01:14 PM