



## Larry "Smokey" Link

December 27, 1945 - November 1, 2016

Larry L. "Smokey" Link, 70, of Lima, died 1:25 p.m., Tues. Nov. 1, 2016, at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima. He was born Dec. 27, 1945, in Lima, the son of Kenneth & Virginia (Johnson) Link who preceded him in death. On July 3, 1999, he married Tami L. McGrievy, and she survives.

Other survivors include,

3 children, Tom Link & Sheila; Bob Link, both of Wapakoneta,  
and Gina (Jim) McClure, Elizabethtown, KY,

a step-son, Dusty Weger, Akron, OH,

5 grandchildren, Heather (Bob) Brooks, Tim Link, Matthew McClure, Travis  
Link,

& Caitlyn McClure,

3 great grandchildren, Parker, Payden & Addison.

father-in-law and mother-in-law, Larry and Betsy McGrievy

former wife, Mary (Bob) Lopshire

He was preceded in death by a sister, Connie Daum.

Smokey retired as a machinist at General Dynamics, Lima. He was also owner & operator of the former Smokey's Marathon, Cridersville. He was a 1965 graduate of Wapakoneta High School and was an auxiliary policeman with the Cridersville Police Dept. Smokey was a charter member of the Cridersville Bass Busters, and a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie #691, and a social member of the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445, both

of Wapakoneta.

He enjoyed fishing and bowling and was a member of several bowling leagues. He was an avid fan of the Cleveland Browns, The Ohio State University Buckeyes, NASCAR, and especially Elvis Presley. Smokey enjoyed maintaining and driving his 2014 Mustang.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Sat. Nov. 5, 2016, at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, 1102 Lincoln Ave. (St. Rt. 501) Wapakoneta, with Pastor Shane Crites officiating. The family will receive friends 2-4 & 6-8 p.m., Fri. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Cancer Society or the Auglaize Co. Humane Society.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory  
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Wapakoneta, OH 45895  
(419) 738-7676  
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com/>

## Visitation

NOV 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

NOV 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MG

“ Tom, Bobby & Gina,  
Lots of great early childhood memories of you guys and Your Dad!  
Always thought a lot of Smokie. I will keep you all in my thoughts  
and prayers. My Condolences to you all.

Mark Gullette

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**Mark Gullette** - November 04, 2016 at 09:25 AM

JH

“ Tammy, Very, very sorry to hear about the loss of Smokey! You guys  
were such a great couple. I know that your memories of him and  
your life together will give you great comfort. You have our  
sympathy and prayers! Bean and Keith Holtzapple

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**Jerrilee Holtzapple** - November 04, 2016 at 08:24 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Larry "Smokey" Link.



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November 03, 2016 at 04:07 PM

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“ Tom & Leigh Anne Schory & The Schory Life Group purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Larry "Smokey" Link.



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**Tom & Leigh Anne Schory & The Schory Life Group -**  
November 03, 2016 at 01:41 PM

MB

“ to Gina and all of Smokey's family I am so sorry for you loss and am praying for you to have the strength to get thru the next few days as well as this next year of firsts without him there to celebrate with you but he will be watching all of it from above. He was loved and he loved all of you very much, no matter when the words were said he knew it and you knew it. I'm here for you if you need anything.  
*Michelle Brown*

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**Michelle Brown -** November 03, 2016 at 07:55 AM