



## Lawrence P. Tebbe

September 25, 1926 - November 5, 2020

Lawrence P. Tebbe, 94, of Wapakoneta, died 11:45 a.m., Thurs. Nov. 5, 2020, at The Acres of Wapakoneta. He was born Sept. 25, 1926, in Glencoe, MN, the son of William F. & Mary C. (Kramer) Tebbe, who preceded him in death. On Sept. 16, 1950, he married Rita M. Steinke, and she died Aug. 1, 2020.

Survivors include,

3 children, Thomas (Brenda-dec) Tebbe, Wapakoneta, OH,

David (Paula E.) Tebbe, Elberta, AL,

Patricia Strong, Hampstead, NH;

5 grandchildren, Thomas Tebbe, Teresa Tebbe, Timothy Tebbe, Tony Tebbe,

Alisha Gayle Tebbe (Anthony 'Pip') Thomas

3 great grandchildren, Ryan Tebbe, Taylor Tebbe, & Taryn Tebbe;

siblings, Donald Tebbe, Raymond Tebbe, Alvin (Edna) Tebbe,

Pauline Reinhart, Elizabeth "Betty" Meyring,

brothers-in-law & sisters-in-law, Mary Tebbe, George (Judy) Steinke,

Catherine Schmerge,

Mary Ellen Pauly, Erma Steinke, & Jane Steinke,

numerous nieces & nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Leo Tebbe, and a sister, Eunice Tobe.

Lawrence was a construction worker for 24 years with the Laborers' International Union of North America, Lima, and drove school bus for the Wapakoneta Schools for 21 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran and served during W.W. II. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta where he ushered for 25 years. His other memberships included the Knights of Columbus, Council #1272, the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie #691, and the former Holy Name Society, all of Wapakoneta. Lawrence was a member and past president the Ohio Polka Boosters, and was actively involved with the St. Joseph Church Fourth of July festival for 40 years, serving as chairman for 9 years. He enjoyed gardening, farming, and growing popcorn. He received first place at the Ohio State Fair with his strawberry popcorn.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Wed. Nov. 11, 2020, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, with Rev. Sean Wilson officiating. Burial will follow in the St. Joseph Cemetery, Wapakoneta, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445. The family will receive family and friends 6-8 p.m., Tues. at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be directed to the St. Joseph Catholic Church. Condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com). In keeping with current health guidelines, masks and social distancing are required.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Wapakoneta Fisher Road  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895`

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **10**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

NOV **11**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Pearl Street  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Another icon of the Tebbe family! Blessings to the family as you grieve the loss of this man, His life was well lived as was Rita's. Memories of all of the Tebbe reunions and the gifts from their garden for sharing.*

*Please accept my sympathies, and know he will be remembered in my heart.*

*Cousin*

*Ginny Tebbe Hoehne*

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**Virginia Hoehne** - November 10, 2020 at 02:23 PM

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“ *Uncle Lawrence will be greatly missed. I will always treasure the times that Lawrence and Rita would visit our family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Chris Tebbe*



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**Christopher M Tebbe** - November 10, 2020 at 11:36 AM

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“ *Uncle Lawrence was a kind and gentle man. I had the good fortune of being his god-son. I recall our family visits from my childhood as a lot of fun and certainly good food from Aunt Rita. The are both missed. May they shine in heaven with the Jesus as deserving of his love. Their lives were well lived.*

*Ron Reinhart*

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**Ronald Reinhart** - November 10, 2020 at 09:49 AM

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“ *One of my favorite couples. They always kept me supplied with popcorn. You only meet a few couples in a lifetime that are as kind and friendly as Lawrence and Rita. May they Rest In Peace with the Lord forever.*

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**Dave Hassenauer** - November 08, 2020 at 08:22 PM