



Leland Edwin Stroh

July 13, 1920 - February 20, 2011

Leland Edwin Stroh, 90, passed from this life 4:20 p.m., Sunday, February 20, 2011, at The Gardens of Wapakoneta. He was born in Wapakoneta on July 13, 1920, the son of Edwin John and Esther Anna Louise (Pohlman) Stroh who preceded him in death. He married Lois Catherine Koch July 13, 1941. She died February 21, 1969. He then married Mary V. (Clemens) West October 3, 1970. She died March 24, 1999. Leland was a 1938 graduate of Blume High School and attended Wittenberg University for 2 years before enlisting in the Army during WWII. He served in the Pacific theater as a surgical nurse and was discharged with the rank of Sergeant. On his return from service he worked for The City Loan and Savings Company in Wapakoneta. Leland served as Loan Manager, then Savings Manager and Assistant Secretary of the Company for many years. He retired in 1982 after 37 years of service. Leland was involved in the community as a respected leader. He was an Assistant Scoutmaster and served on the BSA District Board of Directors. He was a member of the Moulton Gun Club, American Legion Post 330, Ohio State Highway Patrol Auxiliary for over 25 years, Greenlawn Cemetery Association Trustee & Secretary, Hamer Lodge #167 F&AM Past Master and 65 year member, Wapakoneta Chapter #183 RAM Past High Priest and 60 year member, and a 50 year member Koneta Chapter OES. A lifelong member of St. Paul United Church of Christ, Wapakoneta, Leland served the Church as Treasurer of Council for many years. He was instrumental in the building of Timmermeister Fellowship Hall and the

Educational unit as Project Manager. In recent years he has been a member of the Living Endowment Board. Leland's avocation was his garden - growing vegetables and tending fruit trees, canning produce, and sharing with family and friends brought him great joy. As a resident of the Gardens of Wapakoneta the past four years, he continued to share his love of gardening by growing Evening Primrose flowers and sweet potatoes. With the assistance of his sister, Nancy, he was responsible for the compilation of the business history of Wapakoneta published in the Book of Wapakoneta for the Auglaize County Historical Society in 2009. Leland had the unique ability to spin a story and take the listener to a different place and time. His service to others was a hallmark of his character and integrity. He is survived by his daughter Katharine A. (Rollin) Wellington of Wapakoneta, his son David L. (Sonia Niese) Stroh of Englewood. Step-children are Cheryl (Roy) Mitchem of Washington C.H. and Nancy Jo (Robert) Rhodes of Saline, Michigan. Grandchildren Joshua R. (Katherine) Wellington, Lucas D. (Karen) Wellington, Katharine L. (Richard) Madding, Sarah E. (Thomas) Lipps, Jonathan D. Stroh, and Amy K. Stroh. Step-grandchildren Matthew M. Mitchem, Alan W. Mitchem, Emily L. Wright, Ethan J. Wright, and William F. Rhodes-Hamby. He is survived by 11 Great-grandchildren ♦" Emma, Madeline, and Colin Wellington; Anna, Samuel, and Nathaniel Madding; Ezra, Sadie, and Oscar Wellington; Noah and Evan Lipps. He is also survived by his sister, Nancy A. Stroh of Wapakoneta. The memorial service of Thanksgiving and Celebration will be 10:30 a.m., Thurs. Feb. 24, 2011, at St. Paul United Church of Christ, Wapakoneta, Pastor Becky Sunday and Rev. Elaine Mikesell officiating. Interment will follow in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Calling will be 2-4 & 6-8 p.m., Wed. at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, and 1 hr. prior to the service, Thurs. at the church. A Masonic Memorial service will be 8:00 p.m., Wed. at the funeral home. Memorials may be directed to St. Paul UCC, St. Rita's Hospice, or The Gardens of Wapakoneta Activity Fund.

Tribute Wall

DF

“ WE WERE SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT LELAND'S PASSING. HE WAS A GREAT MAN AND NEIGHBOR TO MY FAMILY FOR MANY YEARS. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. GOD BLESS. DON & CAROL ARCHER

DON & CAROL ARCHER AND FAMILY - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

ZF

“ Dear Stroh Family: On behalf of the Zimmerman family, we extend our sincere wishes and prayers for comfort. May you enjoy the blessings of happy memories of your father. Time does not bind the love that transcends the generations. May your joyful memories sustain you and your children throughout the coming years. Sincerely, John, Bob, Joyce, and Sally

Zimmerman Family - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

SC

“ I'm sorry to hear of the passing of Leland. I really only knew him from the Masonic Lodge and he was a great member and Mason.

Steve Centers - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

JE

“ I would like to offer my sincerest sympathies to your family for the passing of Leland. I considered him a friend from the water aerobics at the YMCA. I enjoyed talking to him & hearing about his gardens & his life. I will miss him & miss his Christmas letters. He was indeed a wonderful man. Best regards, Jean

Jean Egbert - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

MW

“ *My deepest sympathy to you and the family.*

Michael Wellington - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

DR

“ *Dave, Without having ever met Leland, I know him well through you, as a wonderful son and person, and your great friendship. Your father can only be a true gentleman, and his passing leave a void in all the hearts of the family and those who knew him. I give all my condolences to you, and to those with that void. Godspeed.*

David Ruffner - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

JH

“ *Wapakoneta has lost one of its most distinguished leaders. He and each of his wives were dear friends of their next door neighbors, Riley and Jean Hardacre. My brothers, Jon and Joe and I have fond memories of Leland. I most remember the butchering of pigs and production of cracklins and eating the brittle ones.*

Jerry Hardacre - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

GM

“ *As an old City Loaner I knew Leland to be a fine gentleman in all respects. I will always remember Leland was the one that told me about that terrible day in Dallas in ` Nov 63. My sympathy goes out to his family.*

Geo.Pierron(Embarrass MN) - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

AG

“ To all the family: We will miss Leland and are so sorry we cannot be with you during this time. Our sympathy and prayers are with all of you. Leland was such a vibrant and delightful person. We had the great pleasure to have him to dinner at our home. Not only did he bring a delicious dish to share, but he was so entertaining and so personable. What a wealth of knowledge and compassion he had! Thank you for sharing him with us. With love, Bonnie and Alex

Alex and Bonnie Gondola - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

JH

“ Nancy - my heartfelt sympathy to you on the loss of your brother, Leland. He certainly was a person of much ambition and talent and gave untiringly to his family, church and community. I can recall the many trips across the street to the City Loan and was always greeted warmly by Leland. May he rest in peace!

Jim Harrison - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM

NF

“ Kay and Dave, It is apparent now why you are both so dedicated to the service of others. You come by it naturally. Your dad will be missed in many ways by many people.

Nancy Fischer - July 10, 2015 at 03:58 PM