



## Leo E. "Bud" Merschman

May 25, 1952 - June 11, 2025

Leo E. "Bud" Merschman, 73, of Wapakoneta, died 11:33 a.m., Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at Joint Township District Memorial Hospital, St. Marys, surrounded by his loving family. He was born May 25, 1952, in Lima, OH, the son of the late Leo J. and Dorothy L. (May) Merschman. On July 25, 1975, he married Julia A. Sammetinger, and she survives.

Other survivors include,

2 sons, Joseph W. (Anara) Merschman, Wapakoneta,

Jason E. (Sheryl) Merschman, Raymond, OH;

3 grandchildren, Spencer Merschman, Sam Merschman, Gunner Merschman;  
sister, Marcile Merschman, Wapakoneta;

brothers-in-law, William (Sharon) Sammetinger,

Fritz (Kathy) Sammetinger;

numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant brother, Dwayne, and a brother-in-law, Carl Sammetinger.

Leo retired in 2017 as equipment manager with International Tank Service, Lima. A 1971 graduate of Wapakoneta Senior High School, he served in the Ohio National Guard from 1971 through 1977. Leo was a member of Prairie View Golf Club, Waynesfield, where he had a hole in one on #12 in 2020. He was also a member of the Lima Sabres Shooting Association. Leo was a master mechanic and could fix anything. He enjoyed golfing, shooting, riding his Gold Wing motorcycle, fishing and spending time with his family. He was

always willing to help someone in need. Leo was an avid fan of the Ohio State University Buckeyes and blue grass music. He also had a great sense of humor.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta. Burial will follow in the Fairmount Cemetery, near Uniopolis, OH, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta, V.F.W. Post #8445. The family will receive friends 2-4 & 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, June 17, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to the St. Johns Fire and Rescue or the Cancer Association of Auglaize Co. Condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fairmount Cemetery

Fairmount Road  
Uniopolis, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 17. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

JUN 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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JUN 18. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Leo E. "Bud" Merschman.*



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June 17, 2025 at 11:21 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Leo E. "Bud" Merschman.

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June 17, 2025 at 11:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leo E. "Bud" Merschman.*



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June 15, 2025 at 03:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Leo E. "Bud" Merschman.

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June 15, 2025 at 03:01 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Leo E. "Bud" Merschman.*



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June 13, 2025 at 01:51 PM



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“ *Our hearts are heavy as we remember Leo. He was the very best neighbor ever, always willing to lend a hand. He was super talented in many ways especially when it came to fixing things. If something turned into an issue he would always say "We'll make it work"*

*May Jesus comfort Julie, Joe and Jason and their families in the days ahead as they hold on to all of those wonderful memories they shared throughout the years.*

*Gone too soon - he will remain in our hearts and minds forever.*

*Suzie Settlemire - White*

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**Suzie Settlemire-White** - June 13, 2025 at 10:45 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,  
  
May your memories of Leo E. Merschman, give you peace, comfort and strength...  
  
Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten...  
My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....  
  
US National Guard Veteran, Leo E. Merschman, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†  
  
† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - June 13, 2025 at 08:23 AM

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*I feel blessed to have had the chance to know Leo and Julie. They are a great couple and a pleasure to be around. A year ago Leo ask me to go on a motorcycle ride with him on July 4th. I had a hundred reasons for not going but I decided to go. Little did I know that, that ride would changed my life. It was 12 hours of fun and excitement with memories I will never forget...thanks for asking me to go Leo! Love, Joe and Nan*

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**Joseph Wahrer** - June 17, 2025 at 09:06 PM