



Lewis J. "Lew" Swanbeck

November 7, 1922 - August 20, 2017

Lewis J. "Lew" Swanbeck, 94, of Wapakoneta, died 10:04 a.m., Sun. Aug. 20, 2017, at Wapakoneta Manor, with his wife at his side. He was born Nov. 7, 1922, in Tiffin, OH, the son of Lewis A. & Margaret A. (Steve) Swanbeck, who preceded him in death. On April 21, 1946, he married Juanita M. Gibson, and she survives.

Other survivors include,
a son, Larry (Phyllis) Swanbeck, Longwood, FL,
6 grandchildren,
& 16 great grandchildren.

Lew was a 1940 graduate of Newark High School, and a U.S. Army veteran having served during W.W. II. He retired in 1986 from Western Ohio Stone Co. as assistant to the company president. After retirement he worked as a carry-out for 16 years at Pantry Pride & Big Bear, Wapakoneta. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Wapakoneta. His other memberships included the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie #691, the V.F.W. Post #8445, the American Legion, Post #330, and the Hamer Lodge #167, F. & A.M., all of Wapakoneta. He was a lifetime charter member of the National World War II Memorial. Lew was a former member of the Wapakoneta Elks, the Wapakoneta Rotary Club, and the Wapakoneta Country Club. He was an avid fan of The Ohio State University football and basketball teams.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Fri. Aug. 25, 2017, at the Bayliff & Eley

Funeral Home, 1102 Lincoln Ave. (St. Rt. 501) Wapakoneta, Pastors Justin McCall and Michael Westbay officiating. Burial of his cremated remains will follow in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W., Post #8445. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m., Fri. until the time of the service, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Wapakoneta V.F.W. or the First United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Cemetery

Presar Road
Wapakoneta, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
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Tribute Wall

JG

“ Dear Juanita and Family, Carol and I were so saddened to read of Lew's passing. Please accept our most sincere condolences at this most difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sorry we are unable to attend the services. Love, John & Carol Gibson, Heath, Ohio



John Gibson - August 24, 2017 at 08:31 PM

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“ Love, Meghan, Josh, Ava & Killian purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lewis J. "Lew" Swanbeck.



Love, Meghan, Josh, Ava & Killian - August 24, 2017 at 12:18 PM

RW

“ Will always remember our visits at the VFW. Lew always had a smile and a good laugh. Never did you see him without Juanita by his side. They definitely were the meaning of true love. Happy to call them our friends, and we will always remember you Lew.

Randy and Kathy Wallace - August 23, 2017 at 04:13 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Lewis J. "Lew" Swanbeck.*



August 23, 2017 at 01:28 PM



“ *I will always remember Grandpa Swanbeck as a witty, sweet soul who loved his beloved Juanita so much. His spirit & personality were larger than life & he always liked to make me laugh. One memory I have is when we going on a road trip to a family wedding & I had the privilege to drive Grandma & Grandpa Swanbeck...which I was so nervous about being only about 19 or 20, but as soon as we got in the car he quickly pointed out how tiny I was behind the wheel & said "Let's hit it shorty" lol. I'm only 4'11"..but those of you who know Lew know he didn't have me beat by much!! It broke the ice & calmed my nerves & we had a great trip talking about life & listening to music. I'll miss his sweet smile. Love you Grandpa Swanbeck!!
Love Shorty. "aka" Meghan*

Meghan Lightfoot - August 23, 2017 at 05:26 AM