



Marion L. "Punk" Zwiebel

January 22, 1929 - July 6, 2008

Marion L. "Punk" Zwiebel, 79, of Wapakoneta, died 9:50 p.m., Sun. July 6, 2008, at the St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima. ♦ He was born Jan. 22, 1929, in Wapakoneta, the son of Oscar & Viola (Hengstler) Zwiebel, who preceded him in death. ♦ On July 6, 1949, he married Gladys T. Ruppert, and she survives in Wapakoneta.

Other survivors include, 3 children, David J. (Marlene) Zwiebel, Becky (Glen) Walker, Barbara Zwiebel, all of Wapakoneta, 7 grandchildren, Greg, Dan, Julia, Amy, Tom, Jenna, & Erica, 2 great grandchildren, Emma & Justin, 3 sisters, Faye (Russ) Mansfield, Tucson, AZ, Doris (Ron) Wiford, Sidney, OH, Shirley (Irvin) Totten, Wapakoneta, a sister-in-law, Juanita Zwiebel, Lima, OH. ♦ He was preceded in death by a brother, Everett, and a sister and brother-in-law, Norma Jane & John Fogt.

Punk began his career in fire service as a volunteer for the Wapakoneta Fire Dept. in July, 1944. ♦ He was appointed a full-time member in Feb., 1952, promoted to lieutenant Oct., 1958, and became Fire Chief on Jan. 1, 1973. ♦ He served as Fire Chief until his retirement in 1980, ending 36 years of service to the City of Wapakoneta. ♦ ♦ Punk then became an inspector for the Ohio State Fire Marshall's Office, working primarily in northwest Ohio until his retirement in 1996, culminating 52 years service. ♦ ♦ He was a state certified fire instructor, receiving the Instructor of the Year Award from the Northwest Ohio Fire School in 1983. ♦ In 1979, in cooperation with the National Safety Council, he developed the Defensive Driving Course for Emergency

Vehicles. ♦ A charter member and past president of the Auglaize Co. Fire Chiefs Assn., he also helped form the Northwest Fire Inspectors Assn., and served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Midwestern Ohio Arson Seminar for more than 5 years. ♦ Mr. Zwiebel was a past president and active board member of the Auglaize Co. Crippled Children & Adults, and would make hobbyhorses donating the money back to the organization. ♦ He was also a past president of the Wapakoneta Lions Club, and a 25 year member of the Auglaize Co. Sheriff's Auxiliary.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Thurs. July 10, 2008, at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, Rev. Hank Albietz officiating. ♦ Burial is to follow at the St. Joseph Cemetery, Wapakoneta. ♦ The family will receive friends from 2-8 Wed. at the funeral home. ♦♦ In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Auglaize Co. Crippled Children and Adults, P.O. Box 86, Wapakoneta.