



## Melvin E. "Mel" Behr

October 7, 1952 - February 16, 2024

Melvin E. "Mel" Behr, 71, of Wapakoneta, died 1:03 p.m., Fri. Feb. 16, 2024, at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima, following a sudden illness. He was born Oct. 7, 1952, in Lima, OH, the son of the Wilbur & Rita (Greve) Behr, who preceded him in death. On Aug. 25, 1973, he married Linda S. Bergman and she survives.

Other survivors include,

5 children, Brian (Charity) Behr, Wapakoneta,

Scott Behr, Tampa, FL,

Jay Behr, Wapakoneta,

Andy (Stephanie) Behr, Cincinnati, OH,

Cindy (Chris) Sneary, Wapakoneta;

10 grandchildren & 1 great granddaughter,

Kayla (Zac) Musselman & their daughter, Natalee,

Trevor Behr, Kylie Behr, Kaitlin Behr, Jack Behr,

Lillian Behr, Annabelle Behr, Brianna Sneary,

Audrey Sneary, Maverick Sneary;

siblings, Donna (Dennis) Steinke, Eugene "Yogi" Behr,

Jerry (fiancée, Patricia) Behr, Carol (Dan) Hemmert,

Norman (Kim) Behr, Nelson Behr, Denny (Karen) Behr;

brothers-in-law & sisters-in-law,

Diane (Joe) Pohlman, Betty-dec (Joe) Mescher, Mary Moeller and special

friend Mike, Tom (Mary) Bergman, Jeanne (Tom) Boerger, Nick Bergman,

Ron (Jeanie) Bergman, John (Janet) Bergman, Elaine (Steve) Luthman; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces & great nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother and sisters-in-law, Virgil (Patricia) Behr, Jewel Behr, and a step-mother, Beatrice Everhart Behr.

Mel retired from the Ford Motor Co., Lima Engine Plant after 31 years of service. He was a graduate of Wapakoneta High School Class of 1971 and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of St. John Catholic Church, Fryburg, and participated in activities at the Auglaize Co. Council on Aging. Mel enjoyed camping, tinkering in his garage, and in younger years enjoyed hunting. He most enjoyed spending time with his family and attending his grandchildren's activities and sporting events.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Thurs. Feb. 22, 2024, at the St. John Catholic Church, Fryburg, with Fr. Sean Wilson officiating. Burial is to follow in the St. John Cemetery, Fryburg, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445. The family will receive friends 2-8 p.m., Wed. Feb. 21, and 9-9:45 a.m., Thurs. at the Eley funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Auglaize Co. Council on Aging. Condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. John Cemetery

Fryburg, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

FEB 22. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (ET)

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

## Service

FEB 22. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. John Catholic Church  
Fryburg, OH



# Tribute Wall

KL

“ Linda, sending condolences to you and the family  
Karen Bergman Luthman

Karen Luthman - February 23, 2024 at 11:15 AM

Pam  
Egbert

“ I am so sorry to hear this. I have known many of the Behr family members for years and I have heard stories about how good Melvin was. Everyone has my thoughts and prayers during this hard time.

Pam Egbert - February 22, 2024 at 05:19 PM

MD

“ Linda, sending our condolences to you and to your family! We're so sorry to hear about Mel. You're all in our thoughts and prayers!  
May you Rest In Peace, Mel 🌿🌹🙏❤️🇺🇸

Marcia and Gary Davidson 🇺🇸  
Versailles, Ohio



Marcia & Gary Davidson - February 21, 2024 at 05:10 PM

KP

“ We are so deeply saddened by Melvin passing. I knew him for a brief time but found him to be kind, loving, and a true gentleman! The world would be a better place with more Melvin's!! You will be in my thoughts and prayers !! May God's peace be with you and be of great comfort now and always!! Love Kim Power (happy campers group).

kim Powee - February 21, 2024 at 08:25 AM

TA

“ *The Bergmans. Jill, Joe, Jane & Anne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin E. "Mel" Behr.*

**The Bergmans. Jill, Joe, Jane & Anne** - February 19, 2024 at 05:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melvin E. "Mel" Behr.*



February 19, 2024 at 05:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melvin E. "Mel" Behr.*



February 19, 2024 at 05:13 PM

TP

“ *Twin Peaks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin E. "Mel" Behr.*

**Twin Peaks** - February 19, 2024 at 03:26 PM

TP

“ Twin Peaks purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Melvin E. "Mel" Behr.



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**Twin Peaks** - February 19, 2024 at 03:26 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Melvin E. "Mel" Behr.



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February 19, 2024 at 01:21 PM

WG

“ Wsc G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin E. "Mel" Behr.

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**Wsc G.** - February 19, 2024 at 11:41 AM

CU

“ Charity U. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin E. "Mel" Behr.

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**Charity U.** - February 19, 2024 at 11:38 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin E. "Mel" Behr.*



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February 19, 2024 at 10:12 AM



“ *Deb Kuhn-Martin (Max) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin E. "Mel" Behr.*

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**Deb Kuhn-Martin (Max)** - February 19, 2024 at 10:12 AM



“ *Brian and Suzanne Walter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin E. "Mel" Behr.*

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**Brian and Suzanne Walter** - February 18, 2024 at 06:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melvin E. "Mel" Behr.*



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February 18, 2024 at 06:02 PM

EE

“ Eric Elsass planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin E. "Mel" Behr.

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Eric Elsass - February 18, 2024 at 04:46 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin E. "Mel" Behr.



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