



## Melvin A. South

January 28, 1949 - May 5, 2020

Melvin A. South, 71, of rural Wapakoneta, died 3:32 a.m., Tuesday May 5, 2020, at his residence, with his family at his side. He was born Jan. 28, 1949, in Lima, OH, the son of Edgar & Freida (Fett) South, who preceded him in death. On Dec. 24, 1969, he married Pamela E. Parsons, and she survives.

Other survivors include,

2 daughters, Bethany (Jason Perez) South, Cridersville,

Melanie (Justin Custer) South, Wapakoneta,

6 grandchildren, Markus, Peyton, Marlie, Kalieb, Jacob, & Alaina,

a nephew, Philip (Tabitha) South, Lapeer, MI,

He was preceded in death by 2 brothers and sister-in-law, Michael (Lynn) South and Bill South.

Melvin retired from Ford Motor Co., Lima Engine Plant, where he held 2 journeyman cards as an electrician and skilled mechanic. He also taught diesel mechanics at UNOH, Lima. A 1967 graduate of Wapakoneta High School, Melvin was a veteran of the U. S. Navy, and served a tour of duty in Vietnam. He also received the Bronze Star while in the Navy. Melvin was a member of the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445, Wapakoneta. His hobbies included working in his garage, old Fords, NASCAR, and attending his grandson Markus' football games.

Due to current health restrictions, private family graveside services will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 9, 2020, at the St. Mathews Cemetery, Cridersville. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Putnam County Hospice or the Auglaize County Humane Society. Arrangements are by the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory. Condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com). A celebration of Melvin's life will be held at a later date.

# Cemetery Details

## **St. Matthew Cemetery**

Cridersville, OH 45895

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

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“ I remember Melvin more from my childhood. He was such a good person. We were neighbors. I used to talk his ear off when he was working on his truck. Even though he was so quiet, I always felt like the South house was a safe place. Thank you for that. Rest in peace Mel. Thoughts and prayers for you all.



Lynda - May 12, 2020 at 01:01 AM

JD

“ Hang in there Cousins and Pam, U will see him again!!!! Jimmy Donald

Jimmy D - May 08, 2020 at 09:01 PM

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“ Pam, I know you are hurting along with the kids,, and it will be a long time until you realize Melvin is in a better place and is no longer hurting, You know he was not happy living with all his problems, and God knew he couldnt take anymore,, If you need me,,I am right here, I wish I could be with you when its time to let him go.. I love you Banger South,, never forget that,,

Arlene - May 07, 2020 at 07:34 PM



“ I know how much Melvin will be missed, stubbornness and all! Sweet guy, I enjoyed your family. Take care.

Jill Swick Hoersten - May 07, 2020 at 10:13 AM

CP

“ *Pam, Beth an Melanie and families, so very sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers.*

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**Connie Pierce** - May 06, 2020 at 11:34 PM

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“ *The staff of Putnam County Hospice sends our deepest sympathy for your loss. We will keep Melvin and all of his family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Putnam County Hospice** - May 06, 2020 at 09:14 AM