



## Merlin R. "Ding" Dingledine Jr.

April 30, 1931 - September 19, 2017

Merlin R. "Ding" Dingledine, Jr., 86, of Wapakoneta, died 8:49 a.m., Tues. Sept. 19, 2017, at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima. He was born April 30, 1931, in Wapakoneta, the son of Merlin, Sr., & Marciel (Sawmiller) Dingledine, who preceded him in death. On Jan. 22, 1956, he married Judith A. Cornell, and she preceded him in death on Jan. 1, 2005.

Survivors include,

2 sons, Christopher & Lori Dingledine, Belleville, MI,

Stephen Dingledine & Dawn Bergey, Van Wert, OH,

5 grandchildren, Jack Carpenter,

Shannan (Matthew) Young,

Keri (Gregg) McGaha,

Lisa (James) Robinson,

Lindsey Dingledine,

5 great grandchildren, Abbigail, Danica, Madison, Olivia, & Kaius,

a brother, Morris (Dorothy) Dingledine, Lima.

He was preceded in death by a great granddaughter, Dalaney.

Ding retired from the Ford Motor Co., Lima Engine Plant. He also worked as a licensed barber, starting his career in Celina and later owning his own barber shop in Cridersville. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, and a graduate of Wapakoneta High School and the Columbus Barber College. He was a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ, Wapakoneta. His other

memberships included the Wapakoneta Country Club, the former Elks #1170, and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie #691, all of Wapakoneta. Ding was an avid golfer, and enjoyed woodworking, and fishing at Lake Erie. He had a passion for flying and was a licensed pilot. He most enjoyed spending time with his family.

A celebration of Ding's life will be 2-4 p.m., Sun. Sept. 24, 2017, at the Dingedine home, 317 Stinebaugh Dr., Wapakoneta.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **24**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Dingledine Home  
317 Stinebaugh  
Wapakoneta, OH

# Tribute Wall



“ We want to express our sympathy and let you know that our thoughts are with you and your families.  
*Mike & Melanie Norman*



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**Melanie Norman** - October 27, 2017 at 04:33 AM



“ Chris, Steve and family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. I can remember some good times when we were little and your mom and dad always smiling ! They were both such wonderful people. Time goes by so very fast. Thinking of them right now makes me smile ! May their memories bring you the same.  
*Joel and Carol (Dingledine) Halladay  
Beavercreek, Ohio*

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**Carol Halladay** - October 01, 2017 at 11:11 PM



“ Chris, Steve, and families. We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. We will always remember your mom and him with great fondness and for many good times. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

*Mike and Joni Dingledine  
Bellbrook, OH*

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**Mike/Joni Dingledine** - September 24, 2017 at 12:18 AM

MB

“ Chris, Steve & family, I was so sorry to learn of your dad's passing. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. Not long ago while driving, I passed a sign for some destination telling me it was "just miles ahead". It reminded me of our two families trip to Gatlinburg and our long trek to English Mountain ... "just miles ahead". Lots of good memories of our families on Stinebaugh Drive.

*Mike Bault*

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**Mike Bault** - September 22, 2017 at 04:12 PM

JA

“ Gramp was a grand person in every respect. He will be sorely missed. Thoughts and prayers to the family!

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**Janet** - September 21, 2017 at 09:24 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Merlin R. "Ding" Dingedine Jr..



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September 20, 2017 at 05:44 PM

BH

“ Steve, Chris and your entire families, accept our deepest condolences at this time of the passing of your father, my barber in Cridersville as a child...Bob & Tricia Herbst Van Wert, Ohio

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**Bob Herbst** - September 20, 2017 at 05:09 PM