



## Michael D. "Wally" Converse

September 12, 1981 - October 17, 2023

Michael (Wally) Converse, 42, took his final breath at 2:36 p.m. on October 17, 2023 at the Lima Memorial Hospital, with his loving wife and mother by his side. Tragically taken too soon, we honor Michael's legacy by respecting his wish of organ donation. Michael's biggest gift, his heart, along with his liver, kidneys, and tissue will save the life of many. He has given the gift of life to others, a gift of which many are not able give. This reminds us all of the kind, giving, and loving man he is.

Michael, born on September 12th, 1981 to Gary and Rose Converse. He was the older of two children, survived by his sister Leah (John) Cannon. On June 4th, 2011, he married the love of his life, Elisha (Thuman). They have shared the last 18 years together creating memories with each other, building a life together, and being best friends. They truly were the perfect match. Together they devoted their entire lives to their boys, Bryce (11) and Mason (9), and their families and close friends.

Michael will forever be missed by many family and friends including: grandparents, Larry (Pat) Thuman, Virginia Tingler, father in law, Todd (Anita) Thuman, brother in law, Brent (Courtney) Thuman and Seth Thuman, mother in law, Angie (Stuart) Combs, brother in law, Shawn (Sara) Combs, and sister in law, Ashley Peterson. Michael is also survived by many nieces and nephews; Dylan, Brayden, Destiny, Skyler, Rylee, Tia, Kamdynn, Payton, Kirian, Makahla, Legna, Hanley, and Jaxson. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. His stepfather, Michael McClintock, and

his mother in law, Jackie Thuman, were there to greet Michael in Heaven with a cold beer. He is also preceded in death by his grandmother, Mary Seffernick.

Michael most recently worked with Brandin Ochs with BTO construction. Brandin was his best friend and his “other” life partner. He truly enjoyed being able to spend every day with his best friend and could say he loved his job. Michael was a hardworking man both at work and home. Often his wife would hear “Yes, Dear” in response to requests for new projects around the house. Anything he could do to make her happy he did. Michael also loved riding his Harley, working in his garage, rooting on the Cleveland Browns and Ohio State Buckeyes with his boys, hunting with his father, watching and coaching his boys’ soccer and baseball, and being surrounded by those who loved him most.

Please join us in honoring Michael’s life and legacy. Visitation will be at Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, Ohio, on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 12 p.m.- 5 p.m. with a service to follow led by Pastor Doug Pretorius. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. A Go Fund Me account has been set up in Michael’s honor. Condolences may be expressed at [www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com](http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **21**. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

OCT **21**. 5:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BH

“ Rose, Gary, Elisha & Family- We are so sorry to hear about your loss of Michael. Hopefully you will find some comfort in your memories of him & the fact that he is saving others through donations. Our thoughts are with you. Becky Hauserman & Dan Casey

Becky Hauserman - October 22, 2023 at 01:30 PM



“ Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Michael D. "Wally" Converse.



October 21, 2023 at 12:45 PM

DC

“ Dear Elisha and family my deepest sympathy to you all on this tragedy. I will keep you in my thought and prayers.

Denise Cook - October 21, 2023 at 06:55 AM

JU

“ We are so shocked & devastated to hear about Mike's passing. You are all in our thoughts.

Mike & Julli Griesheimer

Julli - October 20, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Your Heart Water Globe was purchased for the family of Michael D. "Wally" Converse.*



October 20, 2023 at 10:31 PM



“ *Rose , Elisha ,and families.You have my prayers and deepest sympathy. Such a wonderful young man. Continued prayers for you and your families.*

**Melinda (Singleton) Otto** - October 20, 2023 at 05:46 AM



“ *Elisha I'm so sorry for your loss! You guys had a love people envied. You have always been a strong compassionate woman and I know you will be a rock for your boys and remind them that their daddy loved them deeply and he was a hero helping to save others! I'm praying extra hard for you and his family!*



**Crystal (Moots) Thomas** - October 19, 2023 at 08:40 AM



*Leah, I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for comfort, strength, and peace to you and your family during this difficult time.  
Those we love don't go away,  
They are beside us every day,  
Unseen, unheard but always near,  
Still loved, still missed, still dear.*

**Jackie Knutzen-Pratt** - October 19, 2023 at 09:21 PM



*We are so incredibly sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family.*  
*-Dawn and Wade*

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**Dawn McCombs** - October 20, 2023 at 10:27 PM