



## Michael C. Schlenker

June 23, 1949 - June 2, 2017

Michael C. Schlenker, 67, of Wapakoneta, died 9:18 a.m., Fri. June 2, 2017 after 19

days of battle in the ICU at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN. He was born June 23,

1949, in Lima, OH, the son of John H. & Evon (Knatz) Schlenker who preceded him in

death. On March 20, 1982, he married Joyce (Kentner) Schlenker, who preceded him

in death on May 14, 2017.

Survivors include,

4 children, Heather Lee Nolte, Wapakoneta

Matthew Christian (Missy) Schlenker, Olympia, WA,

Leanne Elizabeth (Chris) Moninger, Wooster, OH,

Courtney Danielle Schlenker, Orlando, FL,

7 grandchildren, Allison and Emma Nolte,

Fritz and Molly Schlenker,

Colin, Haakon, and Maren Moninger,

siblings, Peggy (Jack) Prater,

John (Jean) Schlenker,

Philip (Diane) Schlenker,

siblings-in-law, Joann (Larry) Jauert, San Diego, CA,

Ruth Doering, Wapakoneta,

Barbara (Max) Place, Wapakoneta,  
Vonnie Ruese, Fairfax, VA,  
Dean (Donna) Kentner, Wapakoneta,  
James Sawmiller, Wapakoneta,  
numerous nieces & nephews.

first marriage, Janet Hansen Schlenker

Michael and his wife, Joyce, were in a tragic car accident on Mother's Day,  
May 14,

2017, which took Joyce's life. Michael was a 1967 graduate of Wapakoneta  
High

School and a 1971 graduate of Bowling Green State University. He recently  
retired

from working as a civilian contractor for the United States Air Force and also  
worked

much of his career at Crown Equipment. He previously was a part owner of  
Coast to

Coast Hardware and Mandy's Cafe in Wapakoneta. He loved flying and  
everything

about airplanes, woodworking, stained glass, but his favorite thing to do was  
to spend

time with family and his best friend and wife, Joyce.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Thurs. June 8, 2017, at Trinity Lutheran  
Church,

Moulton, OH, with Pastor Roger Phillips officiating. Burial will be in the  
Resthaven

Memory Gardens, near Moulton. The family will receive friends 2-8 p.m., Wed.  
June

7, at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, 1102 Lincoln Ave.,(St. Rt. 501)  
Wapakoneta,

and 1 hr. prior to the service at the church on Thursday. Memorial  
contributions may

be directed to the charitable foundation, Mad Anthony's Children's Hope House. This foundation gave the family a place to stay during Mike's time at the ICU in Fort Wayne.

# Cemetery Details

## Resthaven Memory Gardens

C.R. 33A  
St. Marys, OH 45885

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory  
1102 Lincoln Hwy  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895  
(419) 738-7676  
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com/>

## Visitation

JUN 8. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
14127 Moulton New Knoxville Rd.  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael C. Schlenker.*



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June 07, 2017 at 11:09 PM



“ *I think Mike had or lived on a milk farm while were in high school. He was a mature fellow and willing to help anyone. Me, Sharon Butcher, Norm Butcher II (my sister and brother) extend our deepest sympathy to Mike's family.*

*Our Mom-Leona Butcher- drove a school bus for Wapak from my 4th grade of school for several years. Herb Butcher- my grand father - was a janitor at Centennial for years.*

*In a small town everyone knows everyone.*

*We will remember Mike at our 50th class reunion this Sept.*

*God Bless you all. Linda (Butcher) Neely*

*PS I work late tonight or I would make the trip to Wapak for the viewing.*

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Linda (Butcher) Neely - June 07, 2017 at 03:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael C. Schlenker.*



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June 07, 2017 at 10:32 AM



“ *The Kennemore and Nowicki Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Michael C. Schlenker.*



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**The Kennemore and Nowicki Families** - June 07, 2017 at 08:33 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael C. Schlenker.*



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June 06, 2017 at 01:40 PM



“ *Karen Lewis, Heather Roy and Eli Martin purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Michael C. Schlenker.*



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**Karen Lewis, Heather Roy and Eli Martin** - June 06, 2017 at 10:43 AM

BY

“ I worked with both Mike and Joyce at Crown Equipment for many years. Both were great people to call my friends as well as coworkers. It was indeed a tragic event that took them from this earth, but God has a purpose and chooses the best to serve his needs. My prayers are with family members during their grieving process, but always keep the good memories. Bill Young

Bill Young - June 05, 2017 at 02:14 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Michael C. Schlenker.



June 05, 2017 at 12:19 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael C. Schlenker.



June 05, 2017 at 08:39 AM

ES

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you all. I graduated with Mike, class of '67.

Elaine Sánchez - June 04, 2017 at 08:00 AM

MW

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time. I was one of Mike's classmates.

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**Marjeanne Walters** - June 04, 2017 at 06:54 AM

CS

So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers and light to the family. I was a classmate of Mike's. He was a sweetheart.

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**Cathy Stanford** - June 04, 2017 at 02:09 PM

TN

Gentle thoughts and prayers that time brings comfort to the Schlenker Family.

*Nowicki and Kennemore Families*

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**Trish Nowicki** - June 07, 2017 at 06:50 AM