



Norman Lee Butcher

September 4, 1923 - May 28, 2016

Norman Lee Butcher, Sr., 92, former Wapakoneta resident, died Saturday, May 28th at Hilty Memorial Home, Pandora, Ohio. The son to Hilda (Kah) Butcher and Herbert Butcher, he was born on September 4, 1923, in Buckland, Ohio. He graduated from Buckland High School in 1941. In 1947, he married Leona J. Thomas, and she preceded him in death in 1977. He later married Olive Florey of Pitsburg, Ohio, and lived there for several years, active in local village council. She preceded him in death in 1997, after which he returned to Wapakoneta. A brother Dean also preceded him in death. He is survived by three children: Norman Lee Butcher, Jr., (Carolyn Mikesell), Columbus Grove, OH; Linda Neely, Lima, OH; and Sharon Lee Butcher, McMinnville, TN. He is also survived by several grandchildren and nephews, and one niece.

Mr. Butcher was a retiree of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, St. Mary's, Ohio, and a former substitute school bus driver for Wapakoneta City Schools. Engaged in farming for many years, Mr. Butcher was a source for many area 4-H Club lamb projects. The Butcher Family enjoyed many years boating on weekend days on Lake St. Mary's. Enlisting in the US Marine Corps after WWII broke out, Mr. Butcher served in the South Pacific, 3rd Marine Division, and was wounded at Bougainville, then recovered in Auckland, New Zealand. Travels in later years eventually took him to England, Australia, and New Zealand, and to numerous locations in Southeast US. He maintained a keen interest in politics for many years, especially at national level.

The Butcher children wish to thank the Hilty Staff for the excellent care provided to their father.

Graveside services will be 10:30 a.m., Sat. June 4, 2016, at Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta. Military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445. Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Auglaize Co. Chapter #73.