



Paul L. Bradford

June 15, 1924 - September 1, 2021

Paul L. Bradford, 97, of Wapakoneta, died 6:17 a.m., Wed. Sept. 1, 2021, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born June 15, 1924, in Mercer Co., OH, the son of the late Willis and Beulah (Now) Bradford. On Nov. 6, 1943, he married Betty Kruse, and she died Oct. 31, 1992. Then on June 10, 1995, he married Ruth (Whetstone) Hughes, and she died Dec. 10, 2014.

Survivors include,

3 children, Gary (Barb) Bradford, Linda (Larry) Lee, and LouAnn (Tom) Egbert;

grandchildren, Teresa (Jacob) Fruchey, Jeffrey (Kim) Lee, and Diane (Mike) Voisin;

great grandchildren, Jackson, Charlotte, Marcus, Cassandra, and Katrina;

great great grandchildren, Kris, Matt, Colton, and Journey;

step-grandchildren, Zach, Kimberly, and Danielle;

10 step great grandchildren, and 5 step-great great grandchildren;

step-children, David (Sondra) Hughes, Cynthia (Rich) Whitling, and James (Myra) Hughes;

numerous step-grandchildren, step-great grandchildren, and step-great great grandchildren;

sisters-in-law, Becky Bradford and Evelyn Schneider.

Paul was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Fred Egbert, and his siblings, Wavalene (Myron) Opperman, Esther Bradford, and Everett Bradford.

Paul was a lifelong farmer, and seed corn dealer with Funk Seed Corn Co. He was a member of the Buckland United Church of Christ. He was also a charter member of the Buckeye Farm Antiques. Paul enjoyed restoring antique farm tractors, and restored 5 tractors at the age of 96 and 97. He and Ruth wintered in Florida for several years.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Tues. Sept. 7, 2021, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, with Pastor Dennis Gaertner officiating. Burial is to follow in the Pilger Ruhe Cemetery, New Knoxville, OH. The family will receive family and friends 12 noon until the time of the service, Tues. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Rita's Hospice or the Buckland United Church of Christ. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com. The Live-Stream will be available on our Facebook page beginning at 2:00 p.m. <https://m.facebook.com/eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory/photos/gm.889549518663625/890202168264775/?type=3&av=237313460220319&eav=AfZY7t8OT-VDuF8ELyr1cA2KeMbu-yt4ulwqabo-qVmtKDMkfbfnVPPbaKdUDSzloRM&source=44&viewer=237313460220319&paipv=1>

Cemetery Details

Pilger Ruhe

New Knoxville, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
1102 Lincoln Ave.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
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Service

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Tribute Wall

TC

“ I WANT TO SEND MY SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY. PAUL ALWAYS SEEMED TO BE A NICE GUY AND TREATED MY AUNT RUTH VERY WELL. I'M SO SORRY I DID NOT MAKE IT TO THE FUNERAL. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL.

Trena Chiles - September 13, 2021 at 03:44 PM

JM

“ As I looked at the photos on the memory boards and looked around the room at the visitation today, I thought how blessed you all were. To have so many years to know and love each other. For so many generations to be able to know and to learn from and to be loved by this one man was a blessing indeed. May your beautiful memories comfort you in your moments of grief.

Jane Myers

Jane Myers - September 07, 2021 at 01:42 PM

TC

“ The Carson & Loretta Fast children purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Paul L. Bradford.



The Carson & Loretta Fast children - September 04, 2021 at 07:21 PM

SW

“ *To the Family of Paul Bradford,
I was so very sorry to hear of your dad and grandpa's passing. He
was such a friendly and kind man. I have lovely memories of seeing
him and your mom at Shinbone Church. May God bless you all in
this time of loss.*
Susan McCullough Whitaker

Susan Whitaker - September 02, 2021 at 08:32 PM

LT

“ *Lisa Thobe lit a candle in memory of Paul L.
Bradford*



Lisa Thobe - September 02, 2021 at 08:10 PM