



Ray L. Hower

January 4, 1954 - October 4, 2014

Ray L. Hower, 60, of rural Wapakoneta, died 5:17 a.m., Sat. Oct. 4, 2014, at his residence with his family at his side. He was born Jan. 4, 1954, in Lima, the son of Arthur Oliver & Wahoneta Irene (Hardford) Hower, who preceded him in death. On Nov. 29, 1991, he married Deborah K. Wilder, and she survives. Other survivors include, 4 children, Josh, Joe, Jon, and Laura Ashley Hower, all of Wapakoneta; 3 step-children, Monica Slone & Jessica Slone, both of Sidney, OH, and Jared Post, Akron, OH; a granddaughter, Joslyn Rae Slone; siblings, Arthur Dale (Geraldine) Hower, Janet Tully (Rick) Brenneman, Wapakoneta, Jim Hower, Edgerton, OH, Marge (Bob) Shellenbarger, Belle Center, OH, Judy Hower, Minster, OH, Bitler (Sharon) Hower, Cridersville, and Gary Hower, Wapakoneta; 2 brothers-in-law, Dave Stiles, & Tom Stevens, both of Cridersville. He was preceded in death by a step-son, Justin Slone, 2 sisters, Gloria Stiles and Carolyn Stevens, and a brother-in-law, Jim Tully. Ray retired in this year from Veyance Technologies, St. Marys. He enjoyed riding 4-wheelers, camping, swimming, and mushroom hunting. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Wed. Oct. 8, 2014, at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, Pastor Alva Daniel officiating. Burial is to follow in the Fairmount Cemetery, near Uniopolis. The family will receive friends 2-4 & 6-8 p.m., Tues., and 1 hr. prior to the service, Wed. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to the charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall

GD

“ *Laura, Our condolences on the loss of your dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

George & Theresa DeSandro - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

TF

“ *To Deb and all of Ray's children I am so sorry for your loss. Words cannot express my sympathy Ray was a great person and will be missed and we will see him again in Heaven. I will keep you all in my prayers Sincerely Steve E. Sutton*

To The Hower Family - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

RC

“ *I went to school with Ray from Cridersville through Wapak. He was always such a quiet caring person. I was sad to hear of his passing but wanted to send prayers to all the family. I know he will be missed. God Bless you all. Robin Conway*

Robin Conway - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

PA

“ *deb, so sorry for your loss. I never got to know ray,,but heard a lot of good things about him. our love and prayers are with you. phyllis*

phyllis and michael allemeier - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

SS

“ *So sorry to hear that Ray had passed. God Bless. My prayers are with you*

Shirley Hower Smith - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM

RP

“ *Jim and family, please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all now in your great time of loss. God be with you, Rae Lynn Pogue and son Edsel Pogue and Austin*

Rae Pogue - July 10, 2015 at 03:52 PM