



Richard Charles "Dick" Craley

February 4, 1950 - January 25, 2025

Richard C. 'Dick' Craley, 74, of Wapakoneta, died 8:12 a.m., Saturday, January 25, 2025, at the St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima. He was born February 4, 1950, in Fostoria, OH, the son of George P. & Edna Mae (Biddle) Craley, who preceded him in death. On April 18, 1970, he married Lucinda A. 'Cindy' Krais, who survives.

Other survivors include,

3 children, Brad (Samantha) Craley, Wapakoneta,

Dawn (Daniel) Harshbarger, Orlando, FL,

Amy Craley, Mt. Vernon, OH;

16 grandchildren, Herbert Chaney,

Haden (Katie Duran) Chaney,

Bryнна Chaney, Joseph, Wyatt, Annie, Bryston, Dese, Makayla, Soonya,

Hollie, Landon, & Noelle Craley, Reagan Harshbarger, Wesley Harshbarger,

Alaina Harshbarger;

4 siblings, Phillip (Christine) Craley, Fostoria, OH,

Patricia (William) Smith, Fostoria, OH,

Phyllis (Jerry) Dysinger, Cable, OH.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Geraldine Smith.

Dick retired in 2009 as a shift supervisor from Tower Automotive, Bluffton, OH.

He was a member of Union Chapel Missionary Church, Lima, and attended

First Church, Wapakoneta. Dick was a veteran of U.S. Army and a graduate of

Tiffin University, where he received a B.S. degree in Business Management. He owned and operated CinBADD, a fishing charter business on Lake Erie. He enjoyed many years of riding his Goldwing motorcycle with his wife.

Funeral services will be 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at First Church, Wapakoneta, Pastor Josh Tissot and Pastor Allen Sudmann officiating. Burial of his cremated remains will be at a later date. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Wednesday at the church. Memorial contributions can be directed to the Parkinson's Foundation, Dementia Research, Foster Care, or Donor's Choice. Arrangements are under the direction of the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, Wapakoneta, where condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Church
504 Glynwood Rd.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dick and I lifted weights together for years. Definitely a man of God he had the biggest biceps in the gym. I can't make the viewing but God definitely got a great guy RIP my freind!

Richie Crouch - January 29, 2025 at 06:10 AM

BH

“ Cindi and family, so sorry to hear this. I have many fond memories of the four of us having so much fun together. Blessings and love to all of you. Bonnie Hoover

Bonnie Hoover - January 28, 2025 at 11:02 AM



“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Richard C. Craley, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten...
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Army Veteran, Richard C. Craley, is “A True American Hero”
God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - January 28, 2025 at 07:33 AM

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“ Chris and Vickie Spellmire purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard Charles "Dick" Craley.



Chris and Vickie Spellmire - January 27, 2025 at 06:24 PM

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“ Coe Vanna - Dave, Coe & Vanna purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Charles "Dick" Craley.



Coe Vanna - Dave, Coe & Vanna - January 27, 2025 at 11:29 AM

CV

“ Coe Vanna - Dave, Coe & Vanna planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Charles "Dick" Craley.

Coe Vanna - Dave, Coe & Vanna - January 27, 2025 at 11:29 AM