



Richard B. "Bear" or "Rick" Klopfenstein

April 10, 1959 - November 16, 2017

Richard B. "Rick" or "Bear" Klopfenstein, 58, of Wapakoneta, died 6:45 a.m., Thurs. Nov. 16, 2017, at Wapakoneta Manor. He was born April 10, 1959, in Sidney, OH, the son of Dale R. & Mary Lou (Eyink) Klopfenstein. His mother survives in Botkins, and his father preceded him in death.

Survivors include,

a daughter, Amber Green, Lima,
siblings, Judy (Steve) Thaman, Botkins,
Robert Klopfenstein, Jackson Center,
nieces & nephew, Heather Thaman, Jessica Thaman,
Matthew (Kathryn) Klopfenstein, &
Melissa (Jake) Westerheide.

He was preceded in death by a brother Daniel Klopfenstein and a granddaughter, Jazlynn Ellen Gray.

A 1977 graduate of Botkins High School, Rick worked as a tow motor operator with Auria Corp., Sidney for 33 years. He was a member of the St. Petersburg Parishes, and a member and past president of the U.A.W. Local Union. His hobbies included playing cards, horse racing, and late night shopping on QVC. He was an avid fan of the Cincinnati Reds and the Cleveland Browns, and he enjoyed participating in fantasy baseball. He supported several charities, including the ASPCA and a child overseas. He most enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Mon. Nov. 20, 2017, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Botkins, with Rev. Sean Wilson officiating. Burial is to follow in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Botkins. The family will receive friends 2-6 p.m., Sun. Nov. 19, at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, 1102 Lincoln Ave. (St. Rt. 501) Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Grand Lake Hospice, the Auglaize Co. Humane Society, or the American Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery

County Road 25A
Botkins, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **19**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

NOV **20**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
103 Walnut Street
Botkins, OH

Tribute Wall



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard B. "Bear" or "Rick" Klopfenstein.*



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