



Richard Elmer Luebrecht

December 9, 1934 - October 30, 2018

Richard E. "Dick" Luebrecht, 83, of Wapakoneta, passed away, Tuesday morning, Oct. 30, 2018, at his home following a sudden illness. He was born Dec. 9, 1934, in Lima, OH, the son of Elmer & Luella (Meyer) Luebrecht, who preceded him in death. On Oct. 15, 1960, he married Judith J. Smith and she survives.

Other survivors include,

3 children, Lisa (David) Schaaf, Lima,

Kathy (Steve) Martin, Wapakoneta,

& Richard "Rick" Luebrecht, Delaware, OH,

6 grandchildren, Wayne (Cassie) Schaaf, Christopher Schaaf, Beth (Rob) Seifley,

Steven (Erika) Martin, Emily Martin, & Katie Martin,

4 great grandchildren, Sophia, Lauren, Avery, & Willow,

siblings, John (Anne) Luebrecht, Dayton, OH,

Daniel (Carol) Luebrecht, Wapakoneta,

Juanita (Bill) Townsend, Wapakoneta.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Lester Luebrecht.

Dick retired in 1994 from Westinghouse-Sunstrand as an engineering technician after 38 years of service. He thoroughly enjoyed his work at

Westinghouse, and he received 4 patents while working on different aerospace projects

He was a graduate of St. Joseph High School, Wapakoneta and attended Ohio Northern University. Dick was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie #691, both of Wapakoneta. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was an avid do it your selfer and built 11 homes, including his own and his daughter's. He enjoyed playing bridge and played weekly at the Eagles and the St. Marys Senior Citizen Center. Dick also enjoyed restoring old cars, and was particularly proud of his 1956 Pontiac Star Chief. He and Judy loved to travel and just returned from a trip to Ireland.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Fri. Nov. 2, 2018, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, with Rev. Sean Wilson officiating. Burial is to follow in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Wapakoneta, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445. The family will receive family and friends 2-4 & 6-8 p.m., Thurs. Nov. 1, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, 1102 Lincoln Ave. (St. Rt. 501) Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be directed to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Wapakoneta Fisher Road
Wapakoneta, OH 45895`

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

NOV 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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1102 Lincoln Ave.
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Service

NOV 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Pearl Street
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Tribute Wall

MP

“ *Judy and children: I am so sorry for your loss. Dick was a wonderful man. He taught me most of what I know about bridge. He will be missed.* ”

Marilyn S. Petty - November 03, 2018 at 12:18 PM

JM

“ *Judy, my deepest sympathy for your loss. May your memories give you comfort.* ”
Jackie Mack

Jackie Mack - November 01, 2018 at 07:37 PM



“ *One of my favorite memories of my grandpa in-law was his love for our daughters (his great grandchildren). Every time we saw him, his face lit up. He would get so tickled when the girls would let him hold them. What a great guy! I'm so thankful to have known him and to be apart of his family! We will miss him!* ”

Erika Snyder Martin - November 01, 2018 at 10:11 AM



“ *I'll always remember grandpa helping me finish my basement. He was in 80s and never complained and always tried to keep my dad and I focused. A wonderful grandpa and great grandpa to my daughters. I'll miss him very much.* ”

Steven Martin - October 31, 2018 at 09:00 PM

BS

“ He was a great man and a fantastic grandfather! There are so many wonderful memories I have of him but my favorites are his great belly laugh, his smile and how he would always light up every time he saw his grandkids. I can still hear him laughing sitting beside me on roller coasters when I was a kid. We went on back to school trips every year with him and my grandmother and they were a blast. He would never hesitate to go on the biggest tallest fastest rides with us. This is just a glimmer into the amazing grandpa he was. He was loved and staple in our family and will truly be missed!

Beth seifley - October 31, 2018 at 08:06 PM

RS

“ About 8 years ago, Dick helped me build a porch. He kept wanting to climb the ladder. It was hot and we would try to convince him to take it easy and rest, but every time we turned around he was back up that ladder. He was a strong and kind man and I miss him.

-Rob Seifley

Rob Seifley - October 31, 2018 at 08:02 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Elmer Luebrecht.



October 31, 2018 at 01:24 PM

EW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Dick was my first cousin . I am Ethel Meyer Walker, daughter of Harry and Deal Meyer. I am fighting ovarian cancer, and going thru chemotherapy, so I will not be able to attend viewing or burial. I so remember visiting with all of you at Aunt Luella's funeral and every year enjoy the flowers you gave me a start of that day. My sincere sympathy and you will all be in my thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely, Ethel

Ethel Walker - October 31, 2018 at 01:07 PM

JH

“ My sympathy to Judy and family: Also to John, Dan & Juanita families. I considered Dick a good friend throughout my life in Wapak, growing up in the same neighborhood and living as backyard neighbors in Kah Addition. He was a true gentlemen to all who knew him. He and his dad put in curbing at my dad's house on Court Street. I dearly loved his 1956 Pontiac Star Chief also. If I recall it was red and white in color. May his many memories sustain all of you during this difficult time. Jim Harrison, Batavia, Ohio

James E Harrison - October 31, 2018 at 11:21 AM



“ Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Richard Elmer Luebrecht.



October 30, 2018 at 10:13 PM

LW

“ *Lisa Whetsel lit a candle in memory of
Richard Elmer Luebrecht*



Lisa Whetsel - October 30, 2018 at 09:31 PM