



Richard G. "Dick" Place

January 21, 1930 - May 4, 2021

Richard G. "Dick" Place, 91, of Buckland died 1:11 a.m., Tues. May 4, 2021, at his son's residence in Wapakoneta. He was born Jan. 21, 1930, in Auglaize Co., the son of Vernon D. & Lydia J. (Casperson) Place, who preceded him in death. On Nov. 20, 1948, he married Virginia E. Richardson, and she died Oct. 3, 2008.

Survivors include,

3 children, Darla R. (Ralph) Mertz, Columbus, OH,

Marla K. (Mike) Sawmiller, Spencerville, OH,

Kent R. (Shirley) Place, Wapakoneta,

15 grandchildren, Ralph V. (Marie) Mertz, III,

Nathan G. (Beth) Mertz,

Steven M. (Jen) Sawmiller,

Jeremy G. (Lindsay) Sawmiller,

Heather L. (Nate) Pohlman,

Kyle E. Sawmiller,

Jessica L. Counotte,

Amber N. (Dale) Simpkins,

Danielle E. (Ben) Smith,

Zachariah R. Place,

Kristen T. Newell,

Lindsay K. Place,

Erin J. Place,

Jacob C. Place,
Mikayla R. Place,
22 great grandchildren,
3 brothers, his twin, Dale Place, Columbus, OH,
Franklin (Kay) Place, Wapakoneta,
Max (Barb) Place, Wapakoneta,
a sister-in-law, Betty Place, Cridersville,
a brother-in-law, Vernie Richardson, Spencerville.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Dena R. Sawmiller; and 2 brothers, Oliver "Jr." Place and Jay Place.

Dick retired from National Lime & Stone, Buckland, after 47 years of service. He attended the Bethlehem Christian Union Church. He was an avid fisherman and in his younger years enjoyed trapping. Dick was a fan of The Ohio State University Buckeyes and was a softball coach for several area teams. He especially enjoyed family gatherings and watching his grandchildren & great grandchildren's sporting events and activities.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Fri. May 7, 2021, at the Bethlehem Christian Union Church, National Rd., Wapakoneta, OH, Pastor Kent Place officiating. Burial will follow in the Buckland Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m., Thur. at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta and 1 hr. prior to the service on Fri., at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the Bethlehem Christian Union Church.

Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

In keeping with current health guidelines, masks are required.

Cemetery Details

Buckland Cemetery

Buckland, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
1102 Lincoln Ave.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com
<http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com>

Visitation

MAY 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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1102 Lincoln Ave.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
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Visitation

MAY 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Christian Union Church
09005 National Rd.
Wapakoneta, OH

Service

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Christian Union Church
09005 National Rd.
Wapakoneta, OH

Tribute Wall



“ Great memories of Dick and Ginny at wrestling tournaments. Such a kind man. They don't make 'em like him anymore! Blessings and love. Linda Leffman

Linda Leffman - May 11, 2021 at 07:50 PM



“ We had many memories of Dick watching our kids and his grandkids play summer ball at the park. He always had a smile on his face and time to talk with you. Prayers for the families during this time of loss. Don and Cindy Rammel

Cindy - May 05, 2021 at 08:32 PM



“ Wayne and I send our love and prayers at your father's passing. May God's comfort overshadow you and the family and grant you peace.

Wayne & Bev Lacy - May 05, 2021 at 07:13 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard G. "Dick" Place.



May 04, 2021 at 05:26 PM