



Robert J. Oksanen

October 23, 1921 - June 29, 2016

Robert J. Oksanen, 94, of Wapakoneta, died 5:51 p.m., Wed. June 29, 2016, at his home. He was born Oct. 23, 1921, in Washington D.C., the son of Karl & Dora (Griffith) Oksanen, who preceded him in death. On June 21, 1958, he married Ardella "Della" Niese, who survives.

Other survivors include,

3 children, Amy Scolforo, Bealeton, VA,

Ann Ellis, Eagle Rock, VA,

James Oksanen, Jeffersonton, VA,

4 grandchildren,

5 great grandchildren,

sisters-in-law, Margaret Hutchinson,

Theresa Nagel,

brother-in-law, Robert (Beula) Niese,

He was preceded in death by 2 infant sons, Robert & Timothy, 2 sons-in-law, Leo Scolforo and Barty Ellis, 2 sisters, Jean Parker & Marie Oksanen, and a brother Richard Oksanen.

Bob was a graduate of Washington Lee High School in Arlington, VA. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and the Korean War. His early life was spent working as an electronics technician. His work frequently took him to the Capitol and to Blair House in Washington D.C. where he met dignitaries from

all over the world.

Bob was a doting father and grandfather. He was happiest when he was helping friends and family with odd jobs around their houses. He moved to Wapakoneta, in 1990 and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Sat. July 2, 2016, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, Rev. Patrick Sloneker officiating. Military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445 at the church following the mass. Burial will be at a later date in Burke, VA. The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m., Fri. at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, 1102 Lincoln Ave. (St. Rt. 501), Wapakoneta, OH. Memorials may be directed to St. Rita's Hospice or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JUL 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Pearl Street
Wapakoneta, OH 45895