



Russell H. "Russ" Briem

June 20, 1926 - September 1, 2012

Russell H. 'Russ' Briem, 86, of Wapakoneta, died 12:45 p.m., Sat. Sept. 1, 2012, at Wapakoneta Manor. He was born June 20, 1926, in Springfield, OH, the son of George & Effie (Smith) Briem, who preceded him in death. On Jan. 13, 1952, he married Janis E. Merkle, and she survives. Other survivors include, 2 children, Kelli (Rod) Roettger & David (Jill) Briem, both of Wapakoneta, 4 grandchildren, Ryan Roettger, Marcie (Jay) Brown, Emily (Kurt) Brandehoff, & Daniel Briem, 2 great grandchildren, Ellie Roettger & Bolden Brandehoff, a sister, Willie (Jack) Willoughby, Lima a sister-in-law, Edna Briem, Lima, a brother-in-law, Chester (Sharlene) Merkle, Wapakoneta, numerous nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Jeny Roettger, and siblings, George, infant Thomas, Joe, Denny, Chuck, Louie, Roger 'PeeWee', Max, and Mary Mutterspa. Russ retired in 1985 from Standard Oil Co., Lima where he had worked as a transport driver and station manager. A 1945 graduate of Lima Central High School, he served in Japan as a paratrooper with the U.S. Army, 11th Airborne Division. He was a member of Salem United Methodist Church, Wapakoneta. His other memberships include the V.F.W. Post #8445, the American Legion, Post #330, and the Eagles, Aerie #691, all of Wapakoneta. He was an avid fan of The Ohio State University Buckeyes, and the Cincinnati Reds. His hobbies included woodworking and gardening, and in his younger years hunting and fishing. He loved spending time with his family, and took great pride in his grandchildren. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Thurs. Sept. 6, 2012, at

Salem United Methodist Church, Wapakoneta, Pastors Rebecca Gray and Greg Roberts officiating. Burial will follow in the Greenlawn Cemetery, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. The family will receive family and friends 2-4 & 6-8 p.m., Wed. at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta and 1 hr. prior to the service, Thurs. at the church. Memorial contributions may be directed to Salem United Methodist Church.

Tribute Wall

PF

“ Prayers to the entire Briem/Roettger families at this sad time. Losing a parent is soooo hard. Also, so sorry that we did not make it the viewing but know that we are keeping all of you all in our thoughts and prayers.

Patti and Jake Braun and family - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

NG

“ Kelli, just wanted to extend my sympathy to you on the loss of your father. Peace to all of you during this time.

Nancy (Neumeier) Gutman - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

LB

“ Dave, You are in our thoughts and prayers. Cherish the memories.

Leonard and Susan Brown - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

TD

“ Dave we are so sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. Death of our Dad's is something we never give much thought to. Dave it is been 2 1/2 years since my dad died and I know this isn't an easy time for your family. The memories will last a life time, there are times when I'll be doing something and I'll remember dad or something we did together. It is at those times I know he is still with me, even if it is only in the memory. All of you need to cherish those memories. Your family has our deepest sympathies at this time.

Tim and Kathy Doty - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

BM

“ Uncle Russ will be missed greatly. Especially by anyone who had the pleasure of meeting him and getting to know him. You'd know when Russ entered the room because of that smile. If "Laughter is the best Medicine", he sure made alot of people feel good. He made time go by so quickly with his stories and jokes. A conversation with him most always ended with a side - splitting joke. He will be greatly missed. Love Respectively; Bob & Rita

Bob & Rita Muterspaw - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Uncle Russ . I will miss his jokes and smile my heart goes out to all the family. Love you guys Marianne and girls

marianne lansdale (Muterspaw) - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

KM

“ Thinking of all and prayers are with you. We will be at the service Thursday at the church. Love Kathy and Larry

Kathy and Larry Muterspaw - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

JC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. I remember all the fun times we had with Russ as kids. (like pretending to have ac on the way to Florida) May the great memories you have of Russ comfort you all.

Jill (Waterman) Clarke - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM

CW

“ *Thoughts,prayers and memories from our family to yours, We will always remember our good times our families had together. RIP Russ.*

charlene waterman - July 10, 2015 at 03:55 PM