



Steven Robert Tabler

August 11, 1961 - February 3, 2026

Steven R. Tabler, 64, of Wapakoneta, passed away Tuesday evening, February 3, 2026, in Lima, OH. He was born August 11, 1961, in Lima, the son of the late Robert Lee “Bob” and Avalene (King) Tabler. On August 23, 2020, he married Priscilla A. Shuler, and she survives.

Other survivors include his children, Hannah (Jon) Holtzapple, New Knoxville, OH, and Cale (Kalyn) Tabler, Ft. Wayne, IN; and his children through marriage, Elizabeth Shuler, Cincinnati, Andy (McKenna) Shuler, Indianapolis, IN, and Kevin Shuler, Waynesville, OH. Steve was a proud grandfather and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, Halle and Winnie Holtzapple, Zayli, Kynli, and Paisly Tabler and Holden and Rory Shuler. His favorite thing to do was teaching his grandchildren to fish as soon as they were able to hold a pole.

He is also survived by his brother, Greg (Mindy) Tabler of Wapakoneta, and his nephews, Ben and Josh Tabler.

Proud of his long career as a plasterer, Steve dedicated over 45 years to the art of plastering. He began working as a union plasterer throughout Ohio.

Later, he and his brother, Greg, started T & T Plastering, which they ran together for 35 years. A 1979 graduate of Wapakoneta High School, Steve was a member of the Sons of the American Legion, Post 330, Wapakoneta. His hobbies included fishing (especially ice fishing), deer and turkey hunting. He also enjoyed racing go-karts and modified stock cars at Eldora and Limaland Raceways. Steve and Priscilla were fortunate to take several

motorcycle trips all throughout Ohio, to Acadia National Park in Maine, Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Upper Peninsula and several trips to their favorite spot in Leland, Michigan.

Steve will be remembered for his ability to fix, weld, or build just about anything, his hard work ethics, his willingness to help others, and being a friend to everyone he met.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 7, 2026, at the Eley funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, with Pastor Joel Bucklin officiating. Burial is to follow in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta. The family will receive friends 2-4 & 6-8 p.m., Friday, and 10-11 a.m., Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to the New Knoxville First Church or the American Legion Scholarship Fund.

Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Cemetery

Presar Road
Wapakoneta, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 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

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

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Visitation

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

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Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SH

“ Priscilla, I just found out about Steve. My heart is breaking for you and the family. Please know that I have you in my prayers.



Sheri Hammer - February 24 at 02:19 PM

WD

“ One of the best person to ever run into on a job site . Work several jobs with His plastering company if you showed up down or in a bad mood you didn't leave that way after being around the T &T boys. You will truly be missed. Until We met again.

walker Construction Drywall Division - February 09 at 06:50 PM

MS

“ Mark S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Robert Tabler.

Mark S. - February 08 at 03:45 PM

JC

“ Jerry Fisch (From PA, Burma Run Camp) purchased the Sharing Comfort Gourmet Gift for the family of Steven Robert Tabler.



Jerry Fisch (From PA, Burma Run Camp) - February 06 at 07:41 PM

KB

“ I learned a lot about racing modifieds from Steve, He was always willing to lend a ear and listen and help if he could... And he was always patient even if I screwed up and get into him and he would come over put his hand on my shoulder and calmly explain how 2 cars can't maintain the same spot at the same time. God speed my friend....

Kelly Bowlby - February 06 at 07:35 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Steven Robert Tabler.



February 06 at 01:11 PM

WS

“ Woerhmyers, Ranlys, & Sommers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Robert Tabler.

Woerhmyers, Ranlys, & Sommers - February 06 at 01:11 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Steven Robert Tabler.



February 06 at 11:33 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven Robert Tabler.



February 06 at 11:29 AM



“ Basecamp family. purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Steven Robert Tabler.



Basecamp family. - February 06 at 08:51 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Steven Robert Tabler.



February 05 at 10:13 PM



“ Warm Condolences, Mel's Decorating planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Robert Tabler.

Warm Condolences, Mel's Decorating - February 05 at 10:13 PM

SH

“ Skip and Cheryl Hoffman purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Steven Robert Tabler.



Skip and Cheryl Hoffman - February 05 at 06:34 PM

TB

“ The Birkemeiers purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Steven Robert Tabler.



The Birkemeiers - February 05 at 06:24 PM

TB

“ The Birkemeiers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Robert Tabler.

The Birkemeiers - February 05 at 06:24 PM

CP

“ I always loved when Steve would wander over just to talk. I will miss those moments. Prayers for you, Priscilla, and the rest of the family.

Clif Perryman - February 05 at 06:08 PM

TF

“ *The Knapke Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Steven Robert Tabler.*



The Knapke Family - February 05 at 05:42 PM

TF

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The Knapke Family - February 05 at 05:42 PM

TZ

“ *Steve was a great employer, mentor and friend to our son Jonathan Zofkie. He was always a joy to be around!*

Teresa Zofkie - February 05 at 11:59 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven Robert Tabler.*



February 05 at 10:57 AM

MF

“ Priscilla and family, Rick and I heartbroken over the loss of Steve. He will be missed dearly by all in the neighborhood. Always kind, gentle and a smile on his face. Our prayers and sympathies to you and your family.

Missy Francis - February 05 at 10:51 AM

SR

“ Screamin Zero Racing purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Steven Robert Tabler.



Screamin Zero Racing - February 05 at 09:08 AM

FS

“ We loved our neighborly impromptu get-to-getters under your lake house gazebo (which Steve built the beautiful table & chairs). The smell of “what kind of meat is Steve smoking today”. Our hearts break for you and your family.

Fred and Becky Schmiesing - February 05 at 08:51 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Steven Robert Tabler.



February 05 at 08:44 AM

SF

“ Priscilla and Family,
I'm so so very sorry for your loss. My heart
breaks for you. You are in my thoughts and
prayers.



Sarita Flores - February 05 at 08:39 AM

TF

“ The Stonebraker Family purchased the Arrive in
Style for the family of Steven Robert Tabler.



The Stonebraker Family - February 04 at 08:38 PM

PR

“ Parkview Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab
purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the
family of Steven Robert Tabler.



Parkview Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab - February 04 at
08:22 PM

GS

“ Steve was a quiet and kind gentleman! I met him at the
grandchildren's birthday parties! He was interesting to visit with! I'm
sure he will be missed tremendously ! Gladys Stonebraker

Gladys Stonebraker - February 04 at 07:49 PM

JM

So sorry to hear of Steve's passing. He and his brother were the best at plastering and had an amazing talent. Steve and I were classmates starting in 5th grade at Northridge Elementary and became close friends. I hadn't seen him much over the last few years but when we did, we always had a quick conversation and laughed a bit, remembering our early years in school. Rest in peace Steve. 🙏

John McCormick - February 05 at 08:44 AM

DK

Priscilla and family, I'm so very sorry for your loss. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Dawn Kuhlman - February 06 at 10:44 AM