



## Thomas A. Bendele

February 11, 1940 - February 18, 2018

Thomas A. Bendele, 78, of Wapakoneta, died 3:29 p.m., Sun. Feb, 18, 2018, at the Cleveland Clinic. He was born Feb. 11, 1940, in Ft. Jennings, OH, the son of Isidore N. & Gertrude H. (Ricker) Bendele, who preceded him in death. On July 2, 1963, he married Shirley A. Haney, and she survives.

Other survivors include,

2 children, Teresa (Douglas Paynter) Bendele, Painseville, OH,

Tony (Shelly) Bendele, Wapakoneta,

3 grandchildren, Amber Bendele, Andrew Bendele, & Aimee Bendele,

3 great grandchildren, Payton, Lily, & Violet Bendele,

siblings, Jeannette (Norbert) Albers, Celina,

LaDonna (LaVern) Klawitter, Wapakoneta,

Norma Prenger, Minster,

& Geraldine (Ron) Brunson, MO.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Adam Bendele, an infant brother, Richard Bendele, and a brother-in-law, Eddie Prenger.

Tom retired in 2002 after 26 years of service in skilled trades at Dana Corp, Lima. Before that he worked 18 years as an engineer at Koneta Rubber Co., Wapakoneta. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, and the U.A.W. Local #1765. From 1957 to 1961, he served in the U.S. Navy. While in the Navy, he served on the USS Marias, which was the first ship to be stationed at Barcelona, Spain. Tom designed and built his own tractor. He

could repair anything, and enjoyed tinkering in his garage, gardening and doing yard work. His family will greatly miss their husband, father, grandfather & great grandfather.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Fri. Feb. 23, 2018, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, with Rev. Patrick Sloneker officiating. Burial is to follow in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445. The family will receive friends 2-4 & 6-8 p.m., Thurs. at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, 1102 Lincoln Ave. (St. Rt. 501) Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

Pearl Street  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **22**. 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 **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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FEB **23**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *With Deepest Sympathy, The STERIS SurgicalR&D Team purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas A. Bendele.*



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**With Deepest Sympathy, The STERIS SurgicalR&D Team -**  
February 22, 2018 at 01:27 PM

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“ *Maryanne Bowerman lit a candle in memory of Thomas A. Bendele*



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**Maryanne Bowerman -** February 21, 2018 at 07:58 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas A. Bendele.*



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February 21, 2018 at 12:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas A. Bendele.*



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February 21, 2018 at 12:01 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Thomas A. Bendele.*



February 20, 2018 at 07:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas A. Bendele.*



February 20, 2018 at 12:11 PM



“ *My condolences to the Bendele family on the passing of a precious family member Thomas Bendele. May you be comforted and strengthened as you face this difficult moment. Trust in the words of Revelation 21: 3,4 to bring much comfort and peace of mind to you in knowing that families will never experience hurt anymore.*

**J.Etienne** - February 20, 2018 at 10:08 AM



“ *Miles & Susan Armentrout lit a candle in memory of Thomas A. Bendele*



**Miles & Susan Armentrout** - February 20, 2018 at 08:26 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of  
Thomas A. Bendele.



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February 20, 2018 at 06:49 AM