



Thomas J. Kohlrieser

August 29, 1945 - October 14, 2020

Thomas J. "Tom" Kohlrieser, 75, of Wapakoneta, died 1:41 a.m., Wed. Oct. 14, 2020, at Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati, OH. He was born Aug. 29, 1945, in Lima, the son of Ralph & Farrell (Hittepole) Kohlrieser, who preceded him in death. On Dec. 30, 1967, he married Nancy L. Copeland, and she died Aug. 7, 2011.

Survivors include,

3 daughters, Melissa (Marty) Manger, Wapakoneta,

Jennifer (Granville) Lee, Camillus, NY,

& Rebecca (Todd) Cooper, Wapakoneta;

7 grandchildren, Lukas, Trentin, Katie, Brennin, Josiah, Addisyn, & Lydia;

siblings, Judy (George) Steinke, Darryl (Sharon-dec) Kohlrieser,

Linda (Joe-dec) Walter, Shirley (Rick) Schroeder, Mary (Mike) Ruppert,

& Cathy (George) Hengstler;

fiancée, Jill Sanders;

brothers-in-law, Don (Melody-dec) Chiles, & Steve Copeland.

In addition to his parents & wife, Tom was preceded in death by his father-in-law & mother-in-law, Leo & Roberta Copeland.

Tom was a life time farmer, and worked as a welder-fabricator for 45 years with the Ohio Shield Co., Wapakoneta. He was a member of St. John Catholic Church, Fryburg. A 1963 graduate of Cridersville High School, Tom served in the U.S. Marine Corps. His memberships included, Brands Lake Fishing Club, Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445, the American Legion, Post #330, Amvets,

Post #333, the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie #691, all of Wapakoneta, and the Loyal Order of the Moose, Lodge #1533, Indian Lake. Tom enjoyed farming, clubbing, horseshoes, bowling, golfing, and cards. However, he most enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren.

Due to current health concerns, a private family mass will be held at the St. John Catholic Church, with Rev. Sean Wilson officiating. Burial is to follow in the St. John Cemetery, Fryburg where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445. The committal service will be open to the public. The family will receive family and friends 2-6 p.m., Sun. and 9-10 a.m., Mon., at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Thomas Kohlrieser Agricultural Scholarship Fund. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com. In keeping with state health guidelines, masks and social distancing are required.

Cemetery Details

St. John Cemetery

Fryburg, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **18**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
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Visitation

OCT **19**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ Sorry to hear about Tom's passing. I haven't seen Tom in several years...he looks just like Ralph! I remember having to go to your house when I was sewing and totally messed something up. Mom would drive me and Nancy somehow ALWAYS had the correct formula to fix my errors!

Janet (Kohlrieser) Dingledine

Janet M Dingledine - October 20, 2020 at 03:38 PM

SM

“ Shirley Wahlie - Jeff McKenzie sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas J. Kohlrieser



Shirley Wahlie - Jeff McKenzie - October 18, 2020 at 08:10 PM

CT

“ Deepest & Heartfelt sympathies to all the Kohlrieser family & friends. Tom always had a smile & good word to everyone, Joe & I will miss him dearly.



Connie Turner - October 18, 2020 at 04:01 PM

DM

“ Melissa, Jen and Becky- Sending my deepest sympathies to you and your families. Your dad was always so supportive of you and all of his "adopted" daughters in all we did. Thinking of you.

Deb Miller - October 18, 2020 at 12:49 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Kohlrieser.*



October 18, 2020 at 02:09 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathies to the entire family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Really considered Tom a dear friend.*

Sam & Pat Wiford - October 17, 2020 at 07:05 PM



“ *Melissa, Jenn, Becky and the entire Kohlrieser family--my heart goes out to you all. Tom was a mentor and absolutely fabulous role model. We share so many memories. I am sorry I will not be able to be there to celebrate his life with all of you but I wanted you know you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God shine is grace upon you all.*

---Stacey Vetter

Stacey Vetter - October 17, 2020 at 06:30 PM



“ *To all of Tom's beloved family & friends, my deepest sympathies are with you all. He always had a smile & made everyone else smile. Prayers and thoughts are with you. Elaine Herndon Steinke*

Elaine Steinke - October 17, 2020 at 04:05 PM

BB

“ *Our prayers are with your families and you...many great memories....Bob n Charlotte Black*

Bob n Charlotte Black - October 16, 2020 at 11:15 AM

JM

“ *Melissa, Becky and family-My heart goes out to you and your family.. Wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Hugs to you both.*



Jill Miller - October 16, 2020 at 09:45 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Thomas J. Kohlrieser.*



October 16, 2020 at 08:51 AM