



Thomas E. "Tom" Rickert

July 27, 1935 - December 20, 2022

Thomas E. "Tom" Rickert, 87, of Wapakoneta, died at 1:17 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at Wapakoneta Manor. He was born on July 27, 1935, in Wapakoneta, son of the late Carl and Mary (Rinehart) Rickert. On August 13, 1960, he married Evelyn M. Harrison, and she survives.

Other survivors include: 4 children, Cynthia (Patrick) O'Connor, Mason, OH; Patty (Steve) Severt, Wapakoneta; Pam (Michael) Ayers, Wapakoneta; Kevin (Laurie) Rickert, Hilliard, OH; 10 grandchildren, Andrea O'Connor, Ryan (Stephanie) O'Connor, John (Erin) Severt, Beth (Will) McCarthy, Laura Ayers, Rachael Ayers, Matthew Ayers, Kayleigh Rickert, Lucas Rickert, Lilly Rickert; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Tom was preceded in death by his siblings and their spouses, infant Helen Louise Rickert, Virginia (Tony) Mulholland, Paul (Norma) Rickert, and Marcia (George) Walls.

Tom retired from West Ohio Gas Co., Lima, after 38 years of service. He was a 1953 graduate of Blume High School and a veteran of the U.S. Army. Tom was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Wapakoneta. He enjoyed playing cards, doing puzzles, listening to music, taking care of his car, and spending time with his family. He was also a fan of the Ohio State Buckeyes and the Cleveland Browns.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Wapakoneta, with Pastor Doug Pretorius officiating. Burial of the cremated remains will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, Wapakoneta, where military rites will be conducted by Wapakoneta VFW Post #8445. The family will receive friends 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, December 27, at Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, and 10-11 a.m. on Wednesday at the church. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

The family would like to thank St. Rita's Hospice for the excellent care they extended to Tom.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Wapakoneta Fisher Road
Wapakoneta, OH 45895`

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
1102 Lincoln Ave.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com
<http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com>

Visitation

DEC 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Pearl St.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Service

DEC 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
302 E. Pearl Street
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Tribute Wall



“ *Please accept my sincere condolences.
Gene Pohlable*

Ken Pohlable - December 22, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the
family of Thomas E. "Tom" Rickert.*



December 21, 2022 at 08:29 PM



“ *It has been a long and tough road, Tom, but you are now at peace
with God and family in heaven. May all the wonderful past
memories bring solace to the family during this difficult time. We will
miss your presence here on earth. Jim Harrison and Family*

Jim Harrison - December 21, 2022 at 07:46 PM



*Peace and comfort to the family and blessed memories of a life well
lived. Judy Harrison Warner*

Judy Harrison Warner - December 23, 2022 at 11:04 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas E. "Tom" Rickert.*



December 21, 2022 at 07:31 PM



“ *Jan Miller lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. "Tom" Rickert*



Jan Miller - December 21, 2022 at 07:13 PM