



Thomas H. "Tom" Waterman

July 23, 1928 - January 31, 2008

Thomas H. "Tom" Waterman, 79, of Wapakoneta, died 1:15 p.m., Thurs., Jan. 31, 2008, at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima. ♦ He was born July 23, 1928, in New Bremen, OH, the son of Arnold & Clara (Fischbach) Waterman, who preceded him in death. On Oct. 24, 1953, he married Charlene A. Walker, and she survives in Wapakoneta.

Other survivors include, 4 children, Jay Waterman, Lima, Jill (Tom) Clarke, Leonardtown, MD, Jeff (Cheryl Sunderland) Waterman, Spencerville, OH, Jon (Jamie) Waterman, Wapakoneta, 6 grandchildren, Jackson, Justine, Travis, Cody, Camie, & Kirstie, 2 brothers, Jim Waterman, Wapakoneta, David (Jean) Waterman, New Bremen, 2 sisters, Betty McGowan, Phoenix, AZ, Doris Howie, Minster, OH. ♦ He was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Waterman.

Mr. Waterman retired in 1987 from Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., St. Marys, where he worked with quality control. ♦ He was a 54 year member of the First English Lutheran Church, Wapakoneta. ♦ A U.S. Army veteran, he served during the Korean War. ♦ He was a life member of the V.F.W., Post #8445, a member of the American Legion, Post #330, a charter member of the Amvets, Post #333, and Brands Lake Fishing Club, all of Wapakoneta. ♦ A 1947 graduate of New Bremen High School, he had attended Findlay College before joining the U.S. Army. ♦ He dearly loved his family, and tried to help them as much as he could. ♦ He considered his grandchildren as his treasures. ♦ He enjoyed working outside, fishing, playing cards, and was an

avid O.S.U. Buckeyes fan.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Mon., Feb. 4, 2008, at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, Pastor Steven Nelson officiating.◆

Burial is to follow in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W.◆ The family will receive friends 1-4 p.m., Sun., and 1 hr. prior to the service Mon., at the funeral home.◆ Memorials may be directed to the First English Lutheran Church, V.F.W. Post #8445 Building Fund, or the charity of the donor's choice.