



Vernon Westbay

October 21, 1922 - January 28, 2014

Vernon V. "Farmer" Westbay, 91, of Wapakoneta, formerly of Bellefontaine, died 5:50 a.m., Tues. Jan. 28, 2014, at Wapakoneta Manor. He was born Oct. 21, 1922, in Bridgeport, IL, the son of Cloyd L. & Bessie (Saddler) Westbay who preceded him in death. On June 6, 1942, he married LaVerta A. Hirschfeld, and she died March 5, 2006. Survivors include, a son, Rev. Michael (Nancy) Westbay, Wapakoneta; a grandson, Christopher M. (Melissa) Westbay, Hilliard, OH; a grandson-in-law, Joseph Helberg, Helena, AL; 3 great grandchildren, Christopher S. & Chloe Westbay, and Rylie Helberg; numerous nieces & nephews; a close friend, Norma Beach, Bellefontaine. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Jennifer Helberg, a great-granddaughter, Cara Westbay, and 7 siblings, Kermit, Kenneth, and Berlin Westbay, and triplets, Edwin & Edgar Westbay and Edna Fisher. Mr. Westbay was a 1940 graduate of Blume High School in Wapakoneta, lettering in football, basketball and baseball. After high school he played on several different baseball and softball teams in the area, including Lima, Wapakoneta, St. Marys, New Bremen, Jackson Center and Moulton. He was one of the people who helped organize the first Little League in Wapakoneta. He coached Little League teams, Pony League teams, and was the first coach of the Wapakoneta Acme League team. He was an avid golfer throughout his life. He scored three holes-in-one, and before he had to retire from golf was able to shoot his age a few times. Mr. Westbay was a business man, first serving as the business manager at the Jackson Center Farm Bureau, then as

a salesman for Friends Office Supplies and Equipment in Wapakoneta. Finally he opened his own office supply business in Bellefontaine, Ohio in September of 1962, operating that business until he retired in 1981. Mr. Westbay was involved in the communities in which he lived and worked. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Bellefontaine, the Lions Club, Wapakoneta and a member of the Kiwanis Club and Chamber of Commerce, Bellefontaine, serving in leadership positions in both of the latter two. At the time of his death, Mr. Westbay was a member emeritus of the Board of Directors of the Citizens Federal Savings and Loan in Bellefontaine, having served on that board more than 35 years. Funeral services will be 3:00 p.m., Sat. Feb. 1, 2014, at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, Pastor Ed Beale officiating. Burial is to follow in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta. The family will receive friends from 1-3 p.m., Sat. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Bellefontaine First United Methodist Church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall

PH

“ I took over where Vern left off in running the office at Bellefontaine Country Club. He trained me well. Whenever we started a new project, he would make me clear my desk. (to keep organized) I still do that to this day & will always remember where it came from. I was sorry to hear of his passing. I Wanted to let his family know of another person who's life he touched.

Patty Haley - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

JR

“ Mike, Nancy, Chris, Norma Please know we are with you in spirit and heart on this day. Vern was such a great man and wil certainly be missed. We have great memories and now he can be at rest with our other loved ones. All our love Joe and Rylie

Joe and Rylie - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

RC

“ My sincere sympathies to Mike, Nancy, Chris, and the rest of the family. Though I only knew Vernon in passing, I know what a wonderful man that he must have been from knowing his family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all always.

Randy Cox - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

AM

“ very sorry for chris and nancy and mike and all the family loss so sorry inthoughts and prayers .doug,amy cody and kenny jones and bernitam.nickell

amysjnickell-jones - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

RW

“ Mike and Nancy- I was saddened to learn of Vernon's passing. May you take comfort in knowing an angel is watching over you now. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Randy at Universal Home Health & Hospice Care

Randy Wax - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

RG

“ Mom and I are praying for you and your family. We miss you both so much. Please know that our thoughts and love are with you always. May God give you peace and understanding at this time of loss.

Ruth Daum & Rose Gerken - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

CS

“ So sorry to hear about Vern. he was a gem, and I always enjoyed talking to him when he came into the bank. I really enjoyed working on his retirement video and pictures. He will be missed. You are all in our prayers.

Christi Skidmore - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

MS

“ Sorry to hear about your Dad. It has been so many years since I been in Fryburg but will always have fond memories of your family and being apart of the Fryburg Church. I am living in FL most of the time but also have a home in Piqua, OH where some of my family lives.

Marilyn Eisert Selover - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM

CS

“ *Real sorry to hear about the death of my good friend Vern. It was my pleasure to have done business with him for many years when he owned the office supply store and most recently as a fellow Board member at Citizens Federal Savings & Loan. May you find comfort in knowing that others held him in high esteem.*

Carmen Scott - July 10, 2015 at 03:53 PM