



Wayne Alton Quellhorst

January 6, 1939 - February 1, 2026

Wayne Alton Quellhorst, 87, of Wapakoneta, passed away Sunday morning, February 1, 2026 at The Gardens of Wapakoneta. He was born January 6, 1939, in Minster, the son of Alton & Eunice (Gritzmaker) Quellhorst. He was preceded in death by his father, mother and younger brother, Paul Quellhorst, sister-in-law, Arlene Graham & brothers-in-law, Fredrick Parish and Mike Parrish, Judy's parents, Fredrick & Golda Parish. On January 7, 1958, he married his high school sweetheart, Judith Lee Parish, she preceded him in death in March, 22, 2020. They were married for 62 years.

Wayne is survived by his sister Deborah Ann (Gary) McElroy and Judy's sister, Shirley (Richard, deceased) Piper, his special friend, Carol Jean Heidt.

Wayne & Judy raised three beautiful children: Anthony (Cindy Elliott) Quellhorst, Todd (Pam Mellor) Quellhorst, Tracy (Mark) McDonald.

Grandchildren: Jessica (Frank) Espel, Nathan (Alexandra) Quellhorst, Wade (Brittany) McDonald, Brea (Jacob) Barrett, Morgan (Chris) Duncan., step-grandchildren, Nathan (Melanie) Binkley, and Audrey (Tyler) Bickford Great-Grandchildren: Charles Espel, Anders & Vivienne Quellhorst, Paige, Peyton, Parker McDonald, Step-great grandchild, Avalynn Binkley, and several nieces and nephews.

Trucking was in Wayne's blood at an early age, he worked for his dad's business of Sealtest Milk. He couldn't pass a truck stop without going thru the parking lot and seeing the different trucks and trucking companies. After his dad sold the Sealtest Milk business, he worked for Canteen Vending

Company, Wehnam Transportation, Scott Lad Trucking and then he landed at Marathon Oil Company and retired from there after 30 years. He wasn't done yet, he drove school bus for the Wapakoneta City Schools and also Midwest Logistics and Peterman Sudden Service. He received the Golden Achievement Award for having over fifty years of dedicated trucking service from the American Truck Historical Society.

Wayne's memberships included being a charter member of the Jaycees and an active member of the Wapakoneta Breakfast Optimist Club (served as President 2006-2007). As an Optimist, he was on the Mowing Team at Parades and when he couldn't walk as much, he drove the trailer for them. Wayne belonged to St. Paul United Church of Christ Congregation of Wapakoneta where he had been on Church Council for 10 years served at funeral meals and was on the Call to Care Committee where he visited homebound members. He was a volunteer at God's Storehouse. He was a member of the Hamer Lodge #167, F.& A.M., Scottish Rite, Valley of Dayton, the Antioch Shrine, Dayton, and the Wapakoneta Eagles #691. During his children's lives, he was a volunteer of the Midget Football team, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Wayne was a member of the last graduating class of 1958 from Blume High School. He loved going to Sprint car and go-cart races and watching Nascar, working on the farm with his dad and on the Berg Farm, playing cards and camping. He loved spending time with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 6, 2026 at St. Paul United Church of Christ, Wapakoneta, with Pastor Paul Bomeli officiating. The family will receive family & friends from 9-11 a.m. before his funeral at the church. Graveside services at Resthaven Memorial Gardens will follow his funeral.

Because of his love of animals, in lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Auglaize Co. Humane Society in Wapakoneta, Ohio. Arrangements are under the direction of the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, Wapakoneta.

Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memory Gardens

C.R. 33A
St. Marys, OH 45885

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul United Church of Christ
108 West Mechanic Street
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Service

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Tribute Wall

RH

“ Todd, I am sorry to hear about your dad. He sure lived a full and meaningful life. May God give you comfort at this time of loss.

Russ

Russ Hollar - February 06 at 01:39 PM

TM

“ I got to know Wayne as a member of the Wapak Breakfast Optimist Club as well as the clubs Lawnmower Drill Team. Wayne had a special way of bringing his own enthusiasm and sence of humor to every event. He'll be greatly missed!

Todd M Meier - February 06 at 10:34 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Wayne Alton Quellhorst.



February 05 at 11:35 AM

KS

“ Karen Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Alton Quellhorst.

Karen Smith - February 05 at 11:35 AM

AM

“ Wayne would always come into McDonald’s when I was working and he was the most friendliest guy. Rest In Peace Wayne. Will miss your cheerful spirit.

Anonymous Male - February 05 at 03:56 AM

TZ

“ I’m so sorry for your loss Tony and Cindy. I will be praying for you and your families. May God comfort you and hold you close.

Teresa Zofkie - February 04 at 04:32 PM

ED

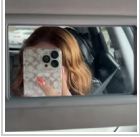
“ Dear Tony, Cindy and all the family, We are so sorry to hear Wayne passed away. Always had time to chat and so kind. May the Lord hug you, hold you and comfort you all. We will keep you in our prayers. Ed & Tammy Danner

Edwin Danner - February 04 at 01:32 AM

LH

“ Wayne filled our hearts with joy. It was a blessing to be one of his nurses. Wayne will be missed by us all.

Lisa Hall - February 03 at 01:14 PM



“ I always thought of Wayne and my extra grandpa. There were never bad days with him around. If I was upset or just needed a minute, id always go sit with him and just talk. My favorite was when id wake him up in the mornings. I’d walk in and his eyes would just open with pure excitement. He really did get me through some of my days. I’ll never forget him always asking me to “take a seat and have a treat with me.” I’d always call him “waynie” and he just thought that was the funniest thing ever. I’m so glad I get the pleasure to not only meet you, but care for you Wayne. You will always be missed and never forgotten. □



Isabelle Walker - February 03 at 07:39 AM

TK

“ Tina Kies lit a candle in memory of Wayne Alton Quellhorst



Tina Kies - February 03 at 06:29 AM

TK

“ Mr Wayne was a wonderful man and beautiful Soul, I had the pleasure of helping take care of him. He always had a big smile for me with his twinkling eyes. He will be deeply missed.

Tina Kies - February 03 at 06:27 AM