



William E. "Joe" Cotterman Sr.

October 6, 1926 - April 20, 2018

William E. "Joe" Cotterman, Sr., 91, of Wapakoneta, died 7:00 a.m., Fri. April 20, 2018, at Mercy Health-St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima. He was born Oct. 6, 1926, in St. Marys, OH, the son of Samuel F. & Bessie L. (Goodwin) Cotterman, who preceded him in death. On April 24, 1948, he married Doris J. Knoch, and she survives.

Other survivors include,

2 children, Carol Jean Cotterman & William E. "Bill" (Betty) Cotterman, Jr., both of Wapakoneta,

daughter-in-law, Kay Knoch Franz, Wapakoneta,

8 grandchildren, Miles (Chelee Pischalko) Cotterman, Nichole (Brandon) Havens,

Heather (Michael) McDonald, Myria (Brian) Rostorfer,

Ben Knoch, Chris (Albert) Presnell, Jenny (Tim) Boroff,

Terry (Ernie) Vehorn,

20 great grandchildren, Justin, Samantha, Cody, Shelby, Kayla, Katie, Maya, Kimber,

Katelyn, Ky, Charlie, Allison, Amanda, Brittany, Briana, Brielle,

Courtney, Joey, Samantha & Alexis,

6 great great grandchildren,

brothers-in-law & sisters-in-law, Lewis & Sharon Knoch, Virginia La Marr,

Jerry McEldowney, & Barbara Cotterman.

He was preceded In death by a son, John W. Knoch; sisters, Betty Weiler,

Barbara McEldowney, Deloris Sawmiller, Rosemary Holsinger, Dixie Cramer, Patricia Chilcoat, Louise Zimmerman, Beverly Cotterman, & Judy Cotterman; and brothers, Donald Cotterman, Samuel Cotterman, Lester Cotterman, and Ronnie Cotterman.

Joe retired in 1989 from Ametek- Westchester Plastics, Wapakoneta. He also worked as a home builder and carpenter. Joe proudly served in the U.S. Army during W.W. II and the Korean War. He was a member of the American Legion Post #330, Wapakoneta. His hobbies included woodworking, fishing, hunting, and most importantly, spending time with his grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Sat. April 28, 2018, at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, 1102 Lincoln Ave. (St. Rt. 501), Wapakoneta, Pastor Stephen Ambrose officiating. Burial is to follow in the Resthaven Memory Gardens, near Moulton, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445. The family will receive friends 2-4 & 6-8 p.m., Fri. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Wounded Warrior Project or the charity of the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Memory Gardens

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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

APR 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *William E. "Joe" Cotterman Sr.*



April 26, 2018 at 02:04 PM



“ *Patriotic Throw* was purchased for the family of *William E. "Joe" Cotterman Sr.*



April 24, 2018 at 12:08 PM