



## Darrell "Babe" Tussing

June 6, 1946 - October 18, 2016

Darrell "Babe" Tussing, 70, of Weston, Ohio passed away surrounded by his family Tuesday morning, October 18, 2016 at Wood County Hospital, Bowling Green, Ohio.

He was born June 6, 1946 in Findlay, Ohio to the late Orville V. and Lillian (Haraway) Tussing, Sr. On May 4, 1968 he married Diana Bartley and they shared over 48 years of marriage.

A 1964 graduate of Deshler High School, Babe was drafted and honorably served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He retired from Western-Southern Life Insurance Company after 33 years, serving as an agent & sales manager. After his retirement, he worked part time as a courier with Sky Bank and Cardinal Health.

He was a faithful and active member of Weston United Methodist Church where he served as trustee and membership historian. He was also a member of Weston American Legion Post #409.

Babe enjoyed travel, cruises, and trips to Disney World with his children and grandchildren. He was a well-known genealogist and was writing a book of his family's history. His love of family inspired him to plan the annual Tussing Reunion and golf outing.

He is survived by his wife, Diana; daughters, Annette (Rex) Benschoter, Christine (Tim) Tussing-Bean; grandchildren, Garrett, Dylan, & Mason Benschoter & Jason (Stephanie), Isabella & Sophia Bean; brothers, Orville (Nadine) Tussing, Jr., Garland "Gar" Tussing; in-laws, Lynn & Ruth Bartley &

David (Nedra) Bartley.

He was preceded in death by sister-in-law, Nancy Tussing.

Visitation will be Saturday, October 29 from noon to 3 at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Deshler, OH.

A Memorial Service will take place at Weston United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 30 at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. James Stewart officiating. Military honors will be accorded by the Wood County Honor Guard.

Memorials in Babe's memory can be made to Weston United Methodist Church or Wounded Warriors.

[www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com](http://www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **29**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home  
1010 Westmoreland Avenue  
Napoleon, OH 43545  
(419) 592-2333  
[help@rodenbergergray.com](mailto:help@rodenbergergray.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Darrell "Babe" Tussing.*



October 29, 2016 at 03:59 PM



“ *BGSU - Dept of Physics & Astronomy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Darrell "Babe" Tussing.*



**BGSU - Dept of Physics & Astronomy** - October 28, 2016 at 10:49 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Darrell "Babe" Tussing.*



October 27, 2016 at 03:38 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darrell "Babe" Tussing.*



October 26, 2016 at 05:36 PM

ET

“ *When we all get to heaven,  
What a day of rejoicing that will be!  
When we all see Jesus,  
We'll sing and shout the victory!*

*Rest in peace Uncle!!!We love you and miss you  
from India.*

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**Esther tusing** - October 26, 2016 at 06:40 AM

NE

“ *NORTHWEST OHIO MEDICAL EQUIPMENT  
purchased the Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet for the  
family of Darrell "Babe" Tussing.*



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**NORTHWEST OHIO MEDICAL EQUIPMENT** - October 24,  
2016 at 04:33 PM

JH

“ *Very sad and sorry for your family and for your loss. Darrell "Babe"  
Tussing -- always a good guy, kind and funny. With prayers and  
warm wishes,  
Jane (Wright) Haggerty*

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**Jane Haggerty** - October 24, 2016 at 03:44 PM

JP

“ I attended Deshler schools from the fifth through the eleventh grade and got to know Babe then as a '64 classmate - we all knew each other then didn't we, one of the special memories of DHS; but I think I got to know him better later on through class reunions and facebook. In that second time around I learned to appreciate Babe even more - a kind and generous man who really cared about all those around him - and the life of any party! During the early summer of '64, about a year after I had left Deshler, I met Babe at the Corn City Fair at the Memorial field, and he asked me how I was doing and showed that interest he always had of others; and I appreciated that very much - a good memory. Babe's was a life well lived and is one well remembered.

*Jerry Plassman*

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**Jerry Plassman** - October 24, 2016 at 12:33 PM

BP

“ I Talked with Babe just a few weeks ago. He shared many memories of our time growing up in Deshler. He was an awesome man, fun to be with, and always positive attitude, with a great sense of humor. My condolences to his family as I know he will be missed.

*Burr Pelton*

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**Burr Pelton** - October 22, 2016 at 11:22 AM

JB

“ Darrell worked with my husband John at Western Southern. Together we attended a convention of New Orleans. Oh. what fond memories of that trip..Darrell was such a cuttup and we really enjoyed the trip. He will be missed.He always made people comfortable. Darrell helped me greatly getting my pension set up after my husbands passing.What a great man,friend,coworker and all around fantastic person he was. My condolences to all the family and friends.May he rest in God's arms forever. -- Joyce ( John ) Butcher Findlay,Kg



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**Joyce (John ) Butcher** - October 22, 2016 at 08:51 AM



“ My prayers are with Darrell's family at this time. My grandmother Fleta Tusing Lamma often heard from Darrell during her lifetime and they discussed family relationships. I am sure they will have many conversations in God's heavenly kingdom.  
Edgar Lamma III

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**Edgar Lamma III** - October 22, 2016 at 07:37 AM

DK

“ Dianne & girls,

*So,so sorry to hear about Darrell ! Didn't know he was ill, he seemed well & as ornery as ever the last time we ran into each other. As you know I worked with, & for him w/W&S for many yrs. I also played basketball against him in high school( He was "pushy" then too! Just kidding about being pushy w/the insurance business. I know for a fact that he helped a lot of folks secure their families finances, both as a salesman & as a manager. He loved Dianne & you girls so much!*

*Hugs to all !!*

*Doug & Elaine Kaufman*

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**Doug Kaufman** - October 21, 2016 at 02:31 PM

GM

“ *A true friend. I will miss seeing him when I visit Deshler. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend the funeral.*  
*Gary Miller*

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**Gary Miller** - October 21, 2016 at 10:28 AM

TS

“ *Good By old friend. I will miss the conversations that we shared from time to time. May you always rest in peace.*

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**Tim Schroeder** - October 21, 2016 at 07:29 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darrell "Babe" Tussing.*



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October 21, 2016 at 07:11 AM



“ *Annette, we were so sorry to hear about your father's passing. We did not know him but he must have been a wonderful man, raising with your mother, a daughter like you. Our wish is that the beautiful memories you have of him will help you get through this most difficult time. We send our deepest sympathy and please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*  
*Linda and Ed Reiter*

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**Ed and Linda Reiter** - October 20, 2016 at 10:21 PM



“ *Kenny and Doris Tussing purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Darrell "Babe" Tussing.*



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**Kenny and Doris Tussing** - October 20, 2016 at 08:15 PM

FH

“ I will always remember Babes laugh...it filled the room, like his big heart. On the funny side he always gave Mrs Schwiebert a hard time in World History class. Sometimes she would get so frustrated she would hit on the head with the book and tell him that was the only way she could get it into him 😭 Thank you for the happy memories Babe....will miss your posts.....I will be praying for his family.

Faye Hammond - October 20, 2016 at 05:56 PM

DB

I am so happy I got to spend time with Babe and Diana at the Hamler restaurant this summer. We all laughed so much and I will always treasure that beautiful memory. You will be missed by so many. Our thoughts and continued prayers for all the family.

Diane Brubaker - October 21, 2016 at 04:50 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Darrell "Babe" Tussing.



October 20, 2016 at 12:03 PM

CB

“ 1 file added to the album Darrell



Carl Boms - October 19, 2016 at 10:38 PM

JM

*A few weeks ago, ironically I ran into Babe, Diana, and the girls at Cleveland Clinic. He hugged me and said,. "You didn't know you were going to see a celebrity here today?" I laughed so hard! He was always so funny. Good time had by all. RIP cuz 😞*

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**Janine Tussing Moelter** - October 20, 2016 at 09:21 AM

JM

*So sorry to the family for your loss. God bless all of you during this sad time.*

*Paul and Janie Markins*

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**janie and paul markins** - October 20, 2016 at 08:06 PM

CB

“ *I was shocked to learn of Darrell's passing. My deepest sympathy to all of his family - I know he loved you all. He often referred to the trips he was planning to take with his family or the visits he was expecting from them.*

*I met Darrell around 1966 while at the Army base in San Antonio. Our bunks were next to each other. He became known as “Kid” Tussing because he was among the younger soldiers there. He always remained “Kid” to me and signed his Christmas cards that way. My recollection of Darrell is that he always had a joke or a humorous slant on everything. Over the years I must have received several hundred or maybe even thousands of his shared emails. It was a pleasure to have known him and I mourn his passing. Although we didn't see much of each in recent years I still felt very close to him. Rest in peace “Kid” – the world is a better place because of you.*

*Carl Boms*

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**Carl Boms** - October 19, 2016 at 10:32 PM