



Earl "Tuff" Spiess

June 15, 1934 - November 9, 2025

Earl Lewis "Tuff" Spiess, 91, of Liberty Center, Ohio, passed away peacefully on November 9, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Liberty Center, on June 15, 1934, Earl was the youngest son of Homer and Myrtle (Braucher) Spiess.

A self-made man of many talents, Tuff lived his life with hard work and quick-witted humor. He had a lifelong love for animals and the simple joys of rural life. His favorite pastimes included livestock trading, attending swap meets, and spending time with his many friends and family. A lifelong resident of Liberty Center, Tuff especially enjoyed sharing coffee and conversation with his friends every morning. He was also a proud supporter of LC Football and never missed a chance to cheer on the Tigers.

Earl and Marilyn (Head) Spiess were married on June 11, 1960, and spent the next 65 years side by side, creating a life filled with love, laughter, and family. Earl attended Liberty Chapel Global Methodist Church.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Marilyn, and their children: Ginger (Robert) Cobb, Rex (Barbara) Spiess, Charlie Brownfield, Diane (Kenny) Spiess, Cathy Belden, and Crystal (Freeman) Kirkland. He is also remembered by his numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who brought him immense joy and pride. Earl was preceded in death by his

parents and his siblings: Bettie (Ervin) Myers, Burdette "Red" (Ellie) Spiess, Earlene "Monie" (Clarence) Sager, Royce "Spud" (Carolyn) Spiess, and infant brother, Carlton Spiess.

Friends and family will be received at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Sunday, November 16, 2025, from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Funeral Services will be held at Liberty Chapel Global Methodist Church on Monday, November 17, 2025, at 11:00 AM with an hour of visitation prior to services. Interment will take place immediately following services at Young Cemetery, Liberty Center. Memorial contributions may be made to the Liberty Center Athletic Boosters or Liberty Chapel Global Methodist Church. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com.

Cemetery Details

Young Cemetery

ST RTE 109
Liberty Center, OH 43532

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV 16. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Public Viewing

NOV 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Liberty Chapel United Methodist Church
9474 County Road V
Liberty Center, OH 43532

Funeral Service

NOV 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Liberty Center, OH 43532

Tribute Wall

TJ

“ Tammy J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Earl "Tuff" Spiess.

Tammy J. - November 15, 2025 at 11:48 AM



“ Tuff was a special man, One might say one of a kind! It seems like ive known him forever. I didn't get to see him often but when I did he was always a pleasure to be around. He will forever be cherished! Sending our warmest condolences to Marylyn and family, please know you're in our thoughts and prayers. Shawn and Sally Griffin ❤️ 🙏❤️

Sally Griffin - November 14, 2025 at 11:40 PM

KR

“ Kae & Tyler Alik & Dustin, Lynn & Rich purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Earl "Tuff" Spiess.



Kae & Tyler Alik & Dustin, Lynn & Rich - November 13, 2025 at 02:36 PM

RM

“ Rex and Barb, so sorry for your loss. Many Prayers for Comfort for you and your Family.



Reda Maynard - November 12, 2025 at 03:53 PM

TJ

Marilyn sending love and prayers to you and your family during this time. ❤️ Tammy and Jeff Jones

Tammy Jones - November 15, 2025 at 11:50 AM

JM

“ *Marilyn and family, We send our deepest sympathy to you and the family. We always enjoyed talking to Tuff at the class reunions you and Tuff would come to. Jim and Linda Miller*

Jim and Linda Miller - November 11, 2025 at 09:37 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Earl "Tuff" Spiess.*



November 11, 2025 at 06:11 PM