



Elling Thomas

August 8, 2013

Thomas Eldor Elling, 63, of Wauseon, Ohio died Thursday, August 8, 2013 at Regency Hospital, Sylvania, Ohio. He was born March 11, 1950 in Napoleon, Ohio to Eldor and Marcile "Sally" (Nye) Elling. On July 1, 1972 he married Betty J. Kruse at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Ridgeville Corners, Ohio. Tom graduated in 1968 from Liberty Center High School and served his country during the Vietnam War with the U.S. Army. He was employed as a telephone technician for 40 years with CenturyLink. He was also the owner and operator of Elling Body Shop and Tom & Betty Elling Motorsports. He was a member of VFW Post #7424, American Legion Post #265, and Trinity Lutheran Church, all of Wauseon. Tom's hobbies included hunting, racing and restoring cars and trucks. He especially enjoyed racing the late model series at Oakshade Raceway. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Betty; mother, Marcile "Sally" Elling, Liberty Center, children, Christopher (Sherry) Elling, Napoleon; Wendy (Brad) Eitniew, Defiance, Ohio; grandchildren, Katelyn Elling; Rieley Elling and Emelia Eitniew; sister, Virginia (Sam) Rice, Wauseon; brothers, Michael (Jacquelyn) Elling, Liberty Center; Herbert (Teresa) Elling, Liberty Center and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Eldor and brother, James Elling. Funeral services are 11:00 a.m., Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastors Jen Herrmann and Keith Hunsinger officiating. Graveside services with military honors will follow in Wauseon Union Cemetery. Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. on Sunday at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon and 10-11 a.m. on Monday at the church. The family

suggests memorials to the National Drag School Project or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Colin Doolittle##imported-end##

August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to all the family of Tom Elling.He will be greatly missed by all that knew him.##imported-begin##Jeff Nulton##imported-end##

August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ ##imported-begin##Louise Ohr##imported-end##

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“ Dear Ones, Know that our Prayers and Love are with you all in the days ahead, and in the loss of your most precious loved one. He fought a good battle, and will be greatly missed by his many friends, including us. May God Bless you all and comfort you as only He is able. Knowing that Tom is now with our Heavenly Father and in no more pain. Our Love and Prayers, Everett and Lois##imported-begin##Everett & Lois##imported-end##

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“ Hi, Virginia has kept me updated this year with Tom's health issues so I tried to expand the prayer circle down here to FL for him. I regret that I never had the opportunity to get to know Tom, and I am so sorry for your loss. Hope Ann###imported-begin###Hope Martin###imported-end##

August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I worked with Tom for 30some years. He was a great guy. Sorry I can't make it to pay my respects in person. You have my sincere sympathy. Bud###imported-begin###Bud Ratliff###imported-end##

August 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Betty, Wendy and Chris, So sorry to hear about Tom You guys have our sympathy, thoughts and prayers. God bless you. Paul and Cinda###imported-begin###Paul And Cinda Meyer###imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts are with you all at this time. I have many memories of Tom in cluding the breakfast club at the Vag###imported-begin###Dean And Kim Anderson###imported-end##

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