



Walter Schappert

March 22, 1932 - July 5, 2020

Walter Harland Schappert, 88, of Defiance, passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his family on Sunday, July 5th, 2020. He was born in Defiance March 22nd, 1932 to Albert and Laura Schappert.

On June 28, 1952 he married his high school sweetheart, Joann Thielman. Walter and Joann's love blossomed into a family of eight children. Walter was 'dad' to more than just his eight children, demonstrating what it means to be a father to those who encountered him. His Christian fatherly guidance can be seen in houses and backyards too numerous to count.

Walter was a faithful worker at Defiance Precision Products for 50 years. His passion for anything Cleveland or Ohio State sports was second to none. His patience and teaching spirit were on display taking out tangles on a fishing rod or throwing batting practice before a game. Walter was no stranger to many outdoor activities. There are many more outdoorsmen and women because of the time he spent passing along his passion to the next generations.

Walter's passion for hunting or fishing was not to be outdone by his love for gardening and sharing what the Lord provided from his garden. Anyone that visited the house during the Summer would have been offered an assortment of vegetables. The only thing that could've surpassed his love for the outdoors was his love for babies. His babies, grandbabies, great grandbabies, puppies,

raccoons, anything he could care for or show compassion.

Dad loved because his Father in Heaven first loved him.

He is survived by daughters, Pat (Terry) Dicke, Elkhart; Cindy (Ron) Brown, Defiance; Kathy (Mark) Homier, Defiance; Deb (David) Engel, Defiance, and Angie (Randy) Vogel, Defiance; sons Terry (Lisa), Charlotte; Wesley (Michelle), Defiance, and Nicholas (Cristin), Defiance; sister Joan (Daryle) Rogers, Defiance. Also surviving are 28 Grandchildren, 32 Great Grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife, Joann; sister and brother-in-law Emma and Fred Lange and grandson, Christian Dicke.

In lieu of flowers, memorials will be graciously accepted for St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Online messages and condolences may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com.

Service and visitation will be private.

Cemetery Details

St. Mark's Lutheran Cemetery

25950 Nagel Rd.
Defiance, OH 43512

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Video*



Rodenberger Funeral Home - July 14, 2020 at 04:25 PM

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“ *I remember Grandpa Schappert being such a loving, kind man that was a great basketball player well into his 70s! Great on the farm and master fisherman, toughest and sweetest guy you'd ever meet :)*

Brian Dicke - July 09, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ *Jane Strauss lit a candle in memory of Walter Schappert*



Jane Strauss - July 09, 2020 at 04:21 PM



“ *To the Schappert Family,*

Wesley's CROSSMARK family sends their love and condolences on Walter's passing and the great loss that you are bearing. While we did not know Walter directly, we know that his love for God, his family, his community and for nature were deep and abiding as is reflected Wes' character.

*With deep respect and sympathy,
The CROSSMARK TEAM.*

Jane Strauss - July 09, 2020 at 04:13 PM

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“ *Kathy and Mark,*

We want to share our sympathy and sorrow for the loss of your father/father-in-law. Good and gentle men are the ones we remember and miss the most. Monica and I want you to know that we are thinking of you and are here if you need anything. We pray for Walter and for all of your family. Please remember what the liturgy says: "Life is changed not ended.

*With prayers,
Monica and Joe Tumeo*

Monica and Joe Tumeo - July 09, 2020 at 02:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Walter Schappert.*



July 08, 2020 at 03:29 PM