

Dec. 4, 1935-April 1, 2013

Donald J. "Don" Lindeman, 77, of Delphos, died 2:35 p.m. Monday at Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center, Van Wert.

He was born on December 4,1935, in Lima to Joseph E. and Bertha (Pohlman) Lindeman, who preceded him in death.

On June 8, 1955, he married Lorene Hoehn, who survives in Delphos.

Also surviving are three sons: Terry (Doris) Lindeman of Delphos and Randy (Deb) Lindeman and Kevin (Lisa) Lindeman of Ottoville; three daughters: Cindy (Jack) Bertling and Lisa (Adam) Williams of Delphos and Donna (Joe) Miller of Ottoville; 15 grandchildren: Jennifer (Russ) Craig, Eric Lindeman, Ryan (Jessica) Lindeman, Cory (Jessica Jettinghoff) Bertling, Melissa (Andy) Nichols, Christina (Peter) Collins, Stephanie (Geoff Okumu) Lindeman, Annie Lindeman, Elizabeth Alt, Jessica Alt, Michelle (Adam) Kayser, Lynn (Matt Elwer) Lindeman, Brad Turnwald, Nathan Turnwald and Rachel Turnwald; three step-grandchildren: Nathan Miller, Elisa Miller and Joey Miller; three great-grandchildren: Jonathan Craig, Joshua Craig and Elias Bertling, and one on the way; two sisters: Beatrice (Donald) Kaverman and Louise (Tony) Warnecke of Delphos; and two brothers: Roger (Lois) Lindeman of Wapakoneta and Richard (Diane) Lindeman of Delphos.

He is also preceded in death by a brother, Elmer Lindeman.

Don enjoyed listening to and watching DVDs of country music from the 50s, woodworking, making model train layouts, taking care of his lawn, planting trees, eating breakfast with his friends after Mass each morning, driving his Ford van and feeding the birds. He was very proud of his grandchildren and great- grandchildren and loved spending time with them.

After graduating from St. John's High School (Blue Jays), he worked as a mechanic for Martz and Wannemacher's Motor Sales. He then worked at Raabe Ford as a parts, body shop and sales manager for most of his adult life and in 1981, he purchased the dealership and operated it until 1989. Don's favorite sayings were "Come back when you can stay longer" and "Who has more fun than people."

Don was a member of the Delphos Chamber of Commerce, Delphos Knights of Columbus and St. John's Catholic Church, Delphos.

Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11 a.m. Friday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, the Revs. Chris Bohnsack and John Stites officating. Burial will follow in Resurrection Cemetery, Delphos.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Love-Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Jackson Township

(on the corner of St. Rts. 634 and 224), where a Scripture service will be held at 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Church or Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Condolences may be expressed at: www.lovefuneralhome.com