



Merl W. Cummings

July 16, 1938 - July 23, 2020

CUMMINGS, Merl W., a family-oriented gentleman who loved to make people laugh, age 82, of Waynesville, passed away Thursday, July 23, 2020 at his residence after a short battle with cancer. He was born July 16, 1938 to Webb and Erma Cummings in Dayton, Ohio.

Merl was an Army veteran. He retired from General Electric in 2000 after 22 years of service. In addition, he owned and operated Cummings Paint & Custom outside of Waynesville in the 1970's, which provided custom paint, body work, and graphics for automobile and motorcycles. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Wilmington and the AMVETS Post 120 in Franklin.

With a huge heart, Merl was fun-loving, was always joking with people, and was always willing to help others. Naturally handy and a jack of all trades, he used his skill of building things to build his home and barns, but also in the form of volunteer work. He volunteered for Samaritan's Purse through his church, whereby he volunteered and built churches in Alaska and in the southern states. Over the years, he enjoyed restoring old automobiles, with a '62 Impala, a '66 Oldsmobile, and a '48 Chevy truck being his favorite projects. He also enjoyed gardening and yard work in his free time. Among many things, he will be remembered for his love of travel and was fortunate enough to travel to 49 states. The many trips to Gatlinburg, Florida, and North Carolina will always be remembered some of the favorites.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers Arthur and James Cummings; and five sisters Eileen Fries, Betty Hicks, Martha DeBurler, Pat Hart, and Beverly Jenkins. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Lynda; two sons Mark (Pamela) Cummings and Doug (Megan) Cummings; daughter Tricia (Jon) Nichols; nine grandchildren Joseph (Brandy) Friend, Becky Watts, Amanda (Jim) Cliburn, Jonathan Nichols, Conner Nichols, Elizabeth Nichols, Morgan Jacobs, Rhonda Cummings, and Nick Cummings; eight great grandchildren Cody, Rylee, Kennedi, Gunner, Paisley, Owen, Liam, and Avery; and great great grandson Cole.

A celebration of life service will be held 1 PM Saturday July 25 at the Calvary Baptist Church, 1920 St. Rt 22 West, Wilmington, Ohio 45177. Pastor Stephen Sturgin will be officiating. Stubbs-Conner Funeral Home in Waynesville is serving the family. Burial will be in Hillgrove Union Cemetery, Miamisburg. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, Operation Christmas Child, 1920 St. Rt. 22 West, Wilmington, Ohio 45177.

During this difficult time, if you are feeling ill or unhealthy in any way, you are encouraged to pay your respects in alternative methods, such as sending a sympathy card or sharing a memory though our online tribute wall. Following the state's current guidelines, please remember to bring a mask to wear while you are in the church. Condolences at www.stubbsconner.com

Cemetery

Events

Hillgrove Union Cemetery

1002 E. Central Ave.

Miamisburg, OH, 45342

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Celebration of Life Service

01:00PM

Calvary Baptist Church

1920 St. Rd. 22 West, Wilmington, OH, US, 45177

Comments



“ To the best partner an old cowboy could ever have. 52 years of friendship and no matter how long it had been since we had seen each other, every time was like it was just yesterday. Here's to the day we get together for another ride and look for another "train" to rob. Rest In Peace, Sundance.

From Butch

Ted Smith - July 27 at 08:48 PM



“ Barbie Campbell Gray sent a virtual gift in memory of Merl W. Cummings



Barbie Campbell Gray - July 26 at 06:01 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers for your family.



Donna Wogoman Landis - July 25 at 10:19 AM



“ My heartfelt condolences go out to Doug , Megan, and Betty Cummings as they mourn the loss of their dear loved one, Merl Cummings.

I have been graced to be in the presence of Merl on a few occasions, most notably at the annual fish fry at Doug & Megan's home in Waynesville, and each time in his presence was a relaxed and very enjoyable one. He had a great sense of humor and a God-given gift of making you feel welcomed and valued in his presence. It was quite obvious that he loved the Lord and others as well. I rejoice in knowing that he is in the presence of Jesus but he will be missed by many.

To the family, I pray that the Peace of God, which passes all understanding will be yours in abundance as you think of and remember him.

With the Love of Christ,
Brother Lee Bradley

Colossians 1:10-12

Lee Bradley - July 24 at 10:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Merl W. Cummings.



July 24 at 07:37 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Merl W. Cummings.



July 24 at 05:30 PM



“ Aunt Linda & Family-I'm so very sorry for your loss. I loved Uncle Merle from the moment I met him. He was an absolute joy to be around. God bless you all in this time of grief

Brittany Hicks

Brittany Hicks - July 24 at 05:13 PM



“ Calvary Grace Brethren Church purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Merl W. Cummings.



Calvary Grace Brethren Church - July 24 at 04:51 PM



“ Lowell and I are so saddened by your loss. Merl always lived life to the fullest. Lowell always enjoyed their conversations of car detail and his love of the Lord. He always had a smile on his face and he and Uncle Howard definitely knew how to enjoy life with gusto. We love you all and are praying God's comfort surround you.

Nancy Adams - July 24 at 04:49 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Teresa Winkler - July 24 at 02:13 PM



“ Merl loved Jesus and he let everyone know, and He loved people and never met anyone that didn't love him. He left us with so many funny stories and gave us so much joy and laughter. Our hearts are hurting for Lynda, Mark, Tricia, and Doug and their mates, the many grands. May we continue to share his humor and generosity with everyone the way Merl would do it. Love you Merl and look forward to our heavenly reunion! Bob and Debbie Jahn

Deberah Jahn - July 24 at 12:58 PM