

Joseph W. Veit

Joseph W. Veit, 79, died at 2:01 a.m. Nov. 3, 2009, at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima. He was born on Jan. 24, 1930, in Wapakoneta, to Dr. Alfred and Agatha Lyons Veit, who preceded him in death.



Mr. Veit served his country in the United States Army from 1954-1956, spending a majority of that time in Germany. Joseph taught in the Minster High School system for nearly 30 years before his heart attack and quadruple by-pass surgery in 1982. He taught English Composition and Logic to juniors and seniors, but insisted on doing so at a college preparatory level, for which many of his students came back to thank him after attending college. He likewise directed high school and community theatre productions, including Greek dramas.

However, his first love had always been music, especially 16th century polyphonic music. He conducted church choirs at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Wapakoneta, as well as St. Augustine in Minster. He also organized and conducted The Wapakoneta Chorale and gave numerous concerts, some of which were his own compositions. He also loved to cook and provide food for many occasions, even groups as large as 300 people.

Survivors include a nephew, Jud Cooley of Escondido, Calif.; a niece, Leah Jones of Overland Park, Kan.; and his life-long friend and caregiver, Joe Schlater of Wapakoneta.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Sally (John L.) Cooley, and a nephew, Brad Cooley.

A memorial service was held Friday, Nov. 13, 2009, at noon, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wapakoneta. His wishes to be cremated have been fulfilled and a private burial was held for immediate family and close friends.

Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Rita's Hospice 959 W. North St. Lima, OH 45805. Condolences may be expressed at schlosserfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were handled by Schlosser Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Wapakoneta.