



William D. "Don" Werner

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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of William Werner of North Ridgeville, OH. He passed away peacefully on January 16, 2025 with family by his side. He was 95. Don was born on January 18, 1929 in Bellevue, PA to Margaret Kenny and Edward Werner. He graduated from Bellevue High School in 1946. After working as a Kroger store manager, during which time he met a coworker who would become his future wife, he served for 18 months in the Army during the Korean War. He then went on to own an IGA store and later ran his own catering business for 13 years. Before he retired at age 82, he taught culinary arts at the Polaris Career Center and was Educator of the Year there in 2009. In 1951, he married Shirley Hastings, and they went on to share 72 years together. After living in Pennsylvania and then West Virginia, they eventually settled in North Ridgeville, OH, with their seven children. They were involved members of the community and the local St. Peter Church. Don loved to travel, to go fishing, to garden, and to take early morning walks with his dogs. He was known for his quick sense of humor, his readiness to take charge and tackle any challenge, and his gift for teaching and engaging the younger generation. He was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, and will be sorely missed. Don is survived by his seven children—daughter Lynne Werner and her husband David Olsho; daughter Nancy Werner and her husband Roger Risch; son Donald Werner and his wife Carole Werner; son Scott Werner and his wife Grace Werner; daughter Beth Werner-Smith and her husband Dan Smith; daughter Kathy Werner; son Jeff Werner and his wife Patty Werner; as well as 19 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Shirley; his father, Edward Werner; his mother, Margaret Kenny; and his brother, Edward Kenneth Werner.

Family will receive friends at the Bogner Family Funeral Home, 36625 Center Ridge



Obituary

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Rd., N. Ridgeville, on Monday from 4-7 p.m. and on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. for a prayer service preceding a 10:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Peter Church, 35777 Center Ridge Rd., N. Ridgeville. Rev. Bob Franco will officiate. Interment with full military honors will be in St. Peter Cemetery.



Events

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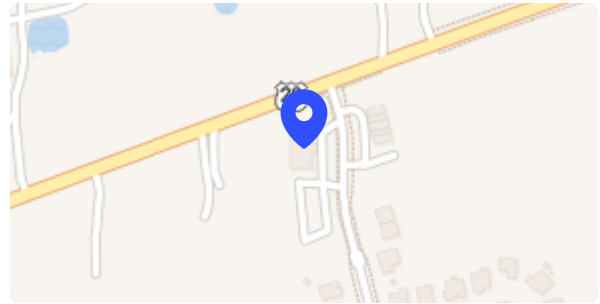
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Visitation

Monday, January 20, 2025

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

Bogner Family Funeral Home
36625 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville OH
44039

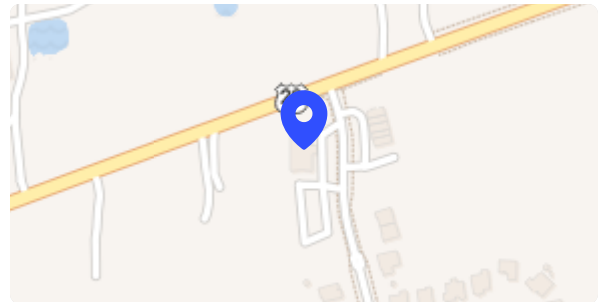


Prayer Service

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

9:30 AM ET

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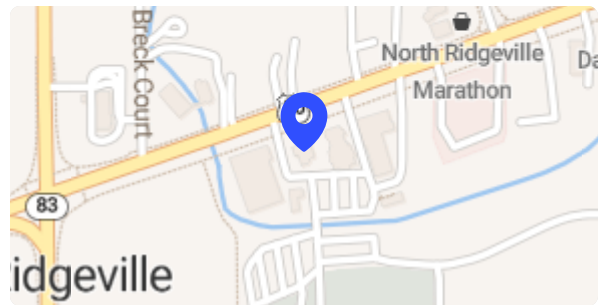


Funeral Mass

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

10:00 AM ET

St. Peter Catholic Church
35777 Center Ridge Rd, North Ridgeville OH
44039-3064






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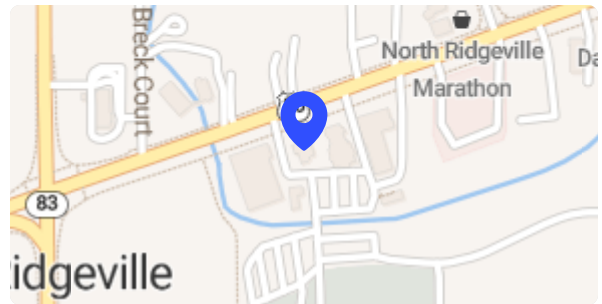
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Interment with Military Honors


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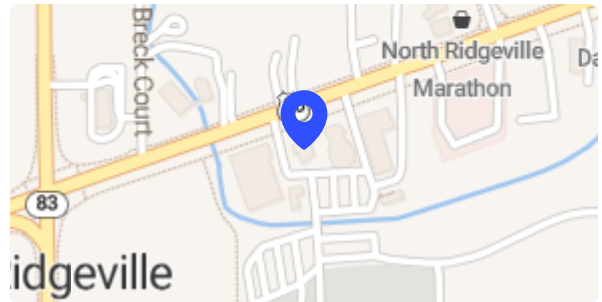
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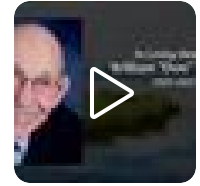
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Bogner Family Funeral Home And Cremationservices shared a **Video**.



January 17 at 12:39 PM



Lori Kaminski January 20 at 1:31 PM

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Jan Prucha January 17 at 7:03 PM

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Barbara Churgovich posted:

Was the best food service teacher I have ever had. I learned a great deal from him, and he will truly be missed.

April 21 at 11:17 AM



Matt Norris posted:

Mr Werner was a mentor to me, I spent 3 years with him in deli and food production and he was the most kind gentle man you'll ever meet and he will be missed. My deep condolences to the Werner family on your loss, now he can help prepare the heavenly meal. Fly high Mr Werner, we will see you again

January 23 at 5:27 PM



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Smiths, Cedargrens, Ubrys, Shirky planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.

January 20 at 2:22 AM



Smiths, Cedargrens, Ubrys, Shirky sent a Large Basket Garden to the Werner family.

January 20 at 2:22 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Werner family.

January 19 at 1:29 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Werner family.

January 19 at 11:37 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Werner family.

January 18 at 6:38 PM



Mike Baker posted:

Don's family was the best fishing family, and Don my best Alaska fishing partner for over 20 years. "Women feared him, fish loved him!" — Mike Baker

January 18 at 9:09 AM



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Jan Prucha lit a candle in honor of William.

January 17 at 7:08 PM



Anonymous sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Werner family.

January 17 at 12:47 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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