



Ermal E. Shimp

July 16, 1938 - November 13, 2019

Ermal E. Shimp, age 81 of Cambridge passed away on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at his home. He was born in Cambridge on July 16, 1938, a son of the late Ross Shimp and Leora Shimp.

Mr. Shimp was a 1956 graduate of Cambridge High School. He served his country in the U.S. Army 501st Signal Battalion Airborne Division from 1956 to 1959.

He served as a firefighter in the Cambridge State Hospital Fire Department and retired as Chief of Cambridge Fire Department. Later he served as Director of Guernsey County Emergency Management Agency. He served on numerous boards through the state of Ohio, including the American Red Cross. He was a member of the Guernsey Lodge 66 F& AM, the Valley of Cambridge Scottish Rite, a member of the Aladdin Shrine and Kambri Shrine of Cambridge for over 50 years. He enjoyed Civil War Reenacting, and was a member of the 1st Ohio Light Artillery Battery A, and the 5th KY, Company B, CSA.

Survived by: his wife of five years, Elaine (Hawley) Shimp; two daughters, Kearny Hambrick of Cambridge; Kathy (William) Bellinger of Cambridge; son Michael (Pam) Moose of Huntsville; nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by: his parents, Ross Shimp and Leora Kear; his step father Donald Kear; and former wife Patricia A. (Moose) Shimp.


In keeping with Ermal's wishes, no services will be held at this time. A

celebration of life will be held by the family at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Guernsey at P.O. Box 1165 Cambridge, Ohio 43725. Ermal's online tribute wall may be viewed and signed at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

At a later date

Tribute Wall

 Regina
Ryan

“ *Ermal meant a lot to me and my sister. Among many wonderful memories were the times spent with him at Civil War Reenactments and some events when we were both part of his Mountain Howitzer crew. Deepest Sympathy for the family. Ermal is dearly missed.*

Regina Ryan - November 24, 2019 at 10:44 PM

DG

“ *There must be a battle going on in heaven for the lord to call forth such a fine man. Rest in peace Ermal. The Spanish Waltz will never be the same. Your brother in arms.*

Doug "Doc" Gill

Doug Gill - November 17, 2019 at 03:24 PM

PH

“ *Our sympathy to mike and Karen maxfield his step children. He loved them and welcomed them to his family. He was so good to Elaine. Rest In Peace my friend*

patty hawley - November 16, 2019 at 07:23 PM

KD

“ *Kay Dudley lit a candle in memory of Ermal E. Shimp*



Kay Dudley - November 16, 2019 at 11:41 AM

KD

My condolences from Kay Barnett Dudley

Kay Dudley - November 16, 2019 at 11:42 AM

TT

“ *I remember Ermal as being a big kid at heart. I remember going to his hobby shop on Wheeling ave and his slot car track on North 7th street. He was always up on all the model kits of the time and was always willing to spend time with us bothering him about which ones to buy. It was a privilege to know this kind gentle man who was a part of my days as a kid. Timothy todd*

ttodd - November 16, 2019 at 11:19 AM

MR

“ *Ermal was a good man. So glad that he had 5 years with Elaine. She has been my friend for years. We met on Art on the Square and I bought something from her first husband. We are both cancer survivors. God Bless you Elaine! Catch up with you soon. Martha Rice*

Martha Rice - November 16, 2019 at 11:00 AM

AM

“ *Ermal was a great and longtime friend. We enjoyed many stories around many campfires ever since he joined Battery A years ago, and not just in fair weather. He carried his load in all kinds of weather. He was very tough and fully participated. Civil War reenacting was in his blood, as was his love for family, country, community and yes, the Battery. The Battery is very well respected nationwide due not in small part to his presence. Rest In Peace, friend.*

Alan and Robby Mazur

Alan MAzur - November 15, 2019 at 07:20 PM

HS

“ *Ermal was a second father to me growing up with Kearny and Kathy. Such a caring funny man, a lot like my dad! He will be missed! My condolences to Elaine and the rest of the family.*

Heidi Swanson - November 15, 2019 at 02:12 PM



“ *Ermal's dedication to share history with visitors at the Ohio Statehouse is appreciated. His kind and humble service with 1st Ohio Light Artillery, Battery A will be remembered.*
Mike Rupert

Michael Rupert - November 15, 2019 at 12:20 PM

AN

“ *My Uncle Ermal was the kindest, gentlest man. I remember watching family videos and eating homemade ice cream at his house. He could cook, paint, build and do just about anything. His heart was big and always open to love. May Heaven welcome his with open arms.*

Angie

Angie - November 15, 2019 at 10:57 AM

GS

“ *Ermal was a good man & great cousin! He enjoyed life to the fullest & always smiling. He will be missed*
My thoughts & prayers are with his family. God bless you all

Guyla (Fowler) Sellers

Guyla Sellers - November 15, 2019 at 10:35 AM

GH

“ *Ermal was a great person! My prayers for the family. Gordon Hammond "56"*

Gordon Hammond - November 15, 2019 at 10:31 AM

JW

“ *Ermal was so loved by so many. A life well-lived should be and will be celebrated. Praying for the family.*

Jennifer Wicks - November 15, 2019 at 10:04 AM

SM

“ *Ermal was very sweet and kind, with a quick smile! Civil War reenacting with him was so much fun! He will be very missed. My prayers are with the family at this time.*

Sue Milewski - November 15, 2019 at 08:33 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Ermal E. Shimp, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Army/FF Veteran, Ermal E. Shimp, is “A True American Hero”
God Bless †

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - November 15, 2019 at 08:15 AM

EK

“ *Evelyn King sent a virtual gift in memory of
Ermal E. Shimp*



Evelyn King - November 15, 2019 at 06:45 AM

EK

“ *Ermal was outgoing and willing to help out the community in so many ways. He was a great guy. My sympathies to the family, and may happy memories of him bring you peace and comfort in the coming days. God bless.*

Evelyn King - November 15, 2019 at 06:44 AM

MW

“ *I enjoyed my time getting to know Ermal while serving on the Red Cross Board. He was such a kind man. My thoughts are with you all. Melissa Wilson*

melissa wilson - November 14, 2019 at 05:11 PM