



Merle L. Metzger

March 26, 2011

Merle L. Metzger age 77 of Kenton, OH and formerly from Forest, OH passed away at 11:55 a.m. on Sat. March 26, at his home while surrounded by his family . Merle was born July 7, 1933 to Allie L. and Edna P. (Getz) Metzger in Hardin County, OH and graduated from Forest High School in 1951.

Survivors include his wife Audrey D. Smith (Married July 12, 1952), two sons Ron Metzger of Forest, OH, Joe (Machelle) of Lynn, IN, two daughter's Connie Stewart (Greg Byers), Kenton, OH, Cindy (Casey) Messenger, Mt. Blanchard, OH six grandchildren, Dustin (Danielle) Stewart, Candace & Chance Metzger, Brandy & Ashley Bowman and Erica Metzger, great grandchildren, Aidan & Ryleigh Stewart, three sister-in-law, Carolyn M. Smith, Mary Jo Stewart, Pat (Hubbell) Ehora. Merle was preceded in death by his parents as well as Sam Metzger, cousin and best friend

Merle was passionate about farming. He started farming as a young boy with his father and continued farming with his sons. After retiring in 1999, he began working at the Kenton Kroger store. Merle loved working at Kroger's where he was a cashier and made many friends. He valued his co-workers, he considered them family. Merle;s customers referred to him as "Mr. Kroger". He had also worked at UAP in Forest. He was a member of the Forest United Methodist church, Lions Club, Kenton Jaycees, as well as a former Forest Volunteer Firefighter. Merle enjoyed traveling with his wife to Hawaii, Niagara

Falls, Bahamas as well as to Amish Country, fishing trips to Canada, gardening, and taking care of his pond and feeding the fish, as well as International Farmall tractors.

Being an only child, Merle loved his family. His wife, sons, daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren were his life, also his sister-in-laws Carolyn, Mary Jo, and Pat. They would always bring a smile to his face. Merle was a tender-hearted man and will be sadly missed by his loving wife, family and friends..... But never forgotten.

A funeral service will be held on Wed. March 30, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in the CLARK SHIELDS Funeral Home with Pastor Dennis Livingston officiating. Burial will be in Hueston Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Tuesday March 29, 2011 from 2-8 p.m. and an hour before the service on Wed. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Hardin County Hospice in care of CLARK SHIELDS Funeral Home 301 S. Patterson St. Forest, OH 45843. Visit www.shieldsfh.com to view the Life Tribute DVD, extend a condolence or share a memory.

<http://videos.lifetributes.com/207689>

Tribute Wall



“ I am a loyal Kroger shopper. Merle waited on me many times. I would wait in his line even if it was longer, just to say hello. He was always kind and patient. He reminded me of my grandfather who passed a few years ago. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. He will be missed by many!###imported-begin##Joanne Longbrake###imported-end##

May 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Audrey, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss, I'm sure the wonderful memories that you have will keep Merle very much alive In your heart. You will be in our Prayers.###imported-begin##Dana Metzger Shenberger & Family###imported-end##

April 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ my condolences to the whole family... i worked with merle at kroger and he was such a wonderful man. very happy and could turn my bad day around. i also enjoyed seeing him and his wife come into together, so in love :) i have sooo many fun memories of merle.... again very sorry for your loss###imported-begin##nichole dillard###imported-end##

April 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Merle and I met over thirty years ago when we were both working in agriculture. Years later, as I did my shopping in Kroger where Merle cashiered, I can remember standing third or fourth in line at Merle's register many times. A neighboring cashier would say, "I can take you over here." I would reply every time, "No thanks, I'd rather wait here and catch up on old times with Merle." He was as friendly and good-natured as any person I have ever met.##imported-begin##Max Trachsel##imported-end##

April 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Extending our condolences to Cindy and your family. Always enjoyed talking to Merle when visiting Krogers in Kenton. Our best to Audrey and the family during these difficult times. We are in Florida and will be unable to see you personally. Mary & Dave Jesse##imported-begin##David Jesse##imported-end##

March 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Cindy,Brandy,Ash..I just heard of your loss and I wanted to let you know how sorry I am..there are no words that can make it better..I found that surrounding yourself with people you love and fond memories will be what helps you through..I'll be thinking of you..Love Taush##imported-begin##Tausha Chiow##imported-end##

March 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Audrey

Our deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. I know dad and Merle are together again in heaven looking down on us. We will keep you in our prayers.

Our hearts go out to you and your family

Mark and Michelle

Sam and Cindy's son and wife.##imported-begin##Mark and Michelle McCutcheon##imported-end##

March 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Merle was such a sweet man, I went thru his checkout line many times at Kroger, he always had a smile on his face, and was ALWAYS super friendly! He will definently be missed! My condolences to his family.##imported-begin##Holly Thacker##imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Audrey & Family, You are all in our thoughts and prays, Merle was a wonderful person, he will me loved and missed. Thinking of all of you.##imported-begin##Bob & Char Sons##imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Audrey & family, Can't tell bad I feel for you. I have such fond memories of us running around together. Sam and Merle were so much alike. I know they have reunited in heaven. Trips we took together, like going to Nashville over News Years Eve. Walks thru Cades Coves in the Smokey Mountains. I love you Audrey and think of you often.

Still family

Cindy Metzger##imported-begin##Cindy Metzger##imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. He will be missed by many but the memories will live forever.

John and Judy Waller (Joes brother and sister-in-law)##imported-begin##John and Judy Waller##imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Wanted to say how sorry I am to hear about Merle. He was the nicest person. Even if I didn't go through his line at Kroger he always had a smile and a big HI for me. I'll say an extra prayer for him and his family.

Kathy Cain##imported-begin##Kathy Cain##imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I was sorry to learn of Merle's passing. He was always friendly and always interested in what was happening around Forest each time I went through his line at Kroger. May God bless and comfort each of you in your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Tim Curtin##imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt Audrey and family,
I have so many fun memories with Uncle Merle during visits to Ohio. He is loved and missed very much and I will hold those great memories with him very close to my heart! You are all in my thoughts and prayers! I love you all!
Love, Angela##imported-begin##Angela Pruitt##imported-end##

March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Always enjoyed going through Merle's check out line in Kroger's. He had a pleasant demeanor and a big smile every time. Condolences and prayers go out to the family at this time.

Just a Kroger customer##imported-begin##Kroger customer##imported-end##

March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Audrey & Family,

*We extend our condolences to you and your family.
Would be there, but are visiting Tricia and grandkids in Georgia.
Merle was one of a kind and made everyone`s life
better.##imported-begin##Bill & Patty##imported-end##*

March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sad about the loss of Uncle Merle! He was such a
genuine man and loved by all. God Bless you Aunt Audrey and all of
my cousins. We are grieving with you.

We love you all so much!

*Judy, Frank and family##imported-begin##Frank and Judy
Bussemeier and family##imported-end##*

March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To all the Metzger family. Our love and sympathy goes out to you
all. Merel was one of the sweetest men I know. I am sure he will be
missed by all who knew him. We will be heading home about the
11th of April so I will try to come out to see you.

Love Ya

*Bev and Dave##imported-begin##Bev and Dave
Selover##imported-end##*

March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM