



# Steve Speckhart

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**S**teve J. Speckhart, age 91, a lifelong resident of Lorain, passed away on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at New Life Hospice after a long illness. He was born on September 2, 1919 in Lorain, Ohio to the late John and Theresa (nee Galler) Speckhart.

Steve enlisted in the United States Army on March 20, 1942 in Fort Benjamin, Indiana. He served his country in World War II as a Sergeant with the 82nd. Airborne Division and was honorably discharged on January 7, 1946.

Mr. Speckhart retired from National Tube in 1976 after 30 years of service as a Foreman. After his retirement he began working in the maintenance department at Lorain Community Hospital where he was employed until 1986.

He was a member of Nativity BVM Catholic Church where he served as an usher and was a member of the Holy Name Society. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 118 and the Senior Fellowship Club and volunteered with the Black River Fire Department.

Steve enjoyed golf, bowling, gardening and stained glass.

Mr. Speckhart is survived by his wife of 69 years, Josephine Speckhart (nee Gambis); son, Steve P. (Marie) Speckhart, of Casa Grande, Arizona; daughters, Sandra Vaughn, of Lorain, Janet (Mark) Diso, of Vermilion, Sally (Ed) Cornwell, of Amherst; grandchildren, William, Jonathan, Louie, Stacey, Valerie and Michael; great-grandchildren, Katherine, Caroline, Jacob, Lilianna, Courtney, Justin, Alexis and Sierra; brother, John (Virginia) Speckhart of Lorain.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Theresa (nee Speckhart) Farkas, of Lorain; brothers, Charles Speckhart, of Lorain, Ed Speckhart, of Tennessee and Robert Speckhart, of Elyria.

A memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, April 25, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Nativity BVM Catholic Church, 418 W. 15th. Street, Lorain. Rev. Fr. Robert



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Glepko, pastor, will officiate. Inurnment will follow in Calvary Cemetery. Military Honors will be conducted by the Amherst Military Honor Guard.

The family suggest that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made in his name to the New Life Hospice, 5255 North Abbe Road, Elyria, OH 44035 or Nativity BVM Catholic Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Pk. Rd., Amherst, OH 44001.

Online condolences may be left for the Speckhart family at


[www.dovinreberjones.com](http://www.dovinreberjones.com)





# Events

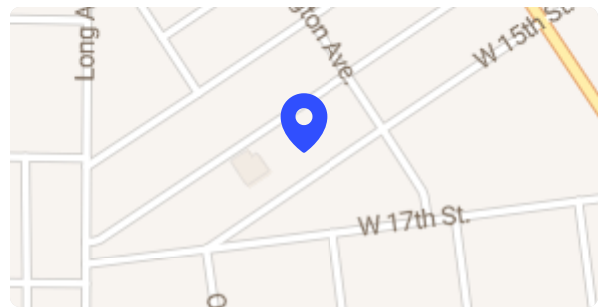
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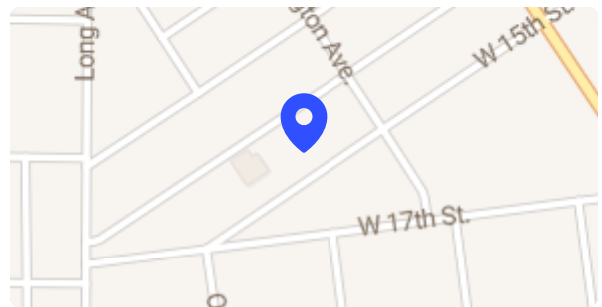


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DT

**Dan & Cheryl Bradley - Tucson, Az** posted:

We are sorry for your loss. Steve and Marie were so kind to us when Cheryl lost her father

March 11 at 8:00 PM

JA

**Justyna Orlinska - San Antonio, Tx** posted:

Sending my thoughts and prayers for the family during this difficult time. May there be comfort in knowing that someone so special will never be forgotten.

April 23 at 8:00 PM

CF

**Carol (Volak) Kussai - Oberlin, Oh - Friend** posted:

My sincere sympathy on the loss of Steve. All those Sunday's as an usher at Nativity Church, and a smile to greet you. He will be missed by many, and May he rest in Peace.Carol (Volak) Kussai

April 22 at 8:00 PM

JZ

**Joyce Pope Zickefoose - Oh** posted:

Thinking of you in the death of your Dad.God blessed you with many years together. I knew Mrs S. at LCH years ago and then, Sally at Amherst Hospital & Sandy at MLS.May God comfort all of you

April 22 at 8:00 PM

SA

**Steve P. Speckhart - Casa Grande, Az - Son** posted:

When I was a little boy, I was always outside playing with my friends. I would be having a gay old time, but I knew that when the sun was setting, and just before it got dark, it was time to go home. I knew that by going home I would be somewhere that is safe and warm. I would always be welcomed. There was food to eat, a bed to sleep in. I would be with friends and family. I would be at home.The sun has set for my Father. He is now with his friends and family. He is somewhere that is safe. He is somewhere where he will be happy. He will be happy for ever and ever. He has gone home.Steff

April 22 at 8:00 PM



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SG

**Stacey Klein - Vermilion, Oh - Granddaughter** posted:

Grandpa was my teddy bear for all the years I remember. He was stern and loud at times but he always had a smile on his face. He would light up the room when he was present and when you left the room you could feel his love. He had my Grandmother on such a pedestal and until his final days he always told her he loved her. I was fortunate enough to spend time with my grandpa and two weeks ago he told me one last time he loved me, I take that with me each and every day. I am such a proud grand daughter to have him in my life and to say he lived 91 years! I am blessed that my own children can say they remember their GREAT grandpa also. Always hold your family close, they are all you have in life. Thank you Grandpa from the bottom of my heart for teaching me, loving me and accepting me throughout my life. This world is a different place now that you are no longer in it! I love you!!!

April 19 at 8:00 PM

SD

**Sally Cornwell - Daughter** posted:

My Dad, A strong person who knew how to keep his life in order. Just two days ago, he still managed to say "Hey Josie, I'm doing okay" with a smile. God saw him and said hard times are over. We cannot see him now, but Dad is still with us. Nothing on earth can ever separate us; not time, not space.....not even this. Spend time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever. Give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart. Say "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones. Hold hands and cherish the moment, for someday that person will not be here. Love, Sally

April 19 at 8:00 PM

RF

**Robert & Lynne Daugherty - Gates, Nc - Friends** posted:

Our prayers with you all.

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# Memories only last if you share them

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



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