



# Forrest L. Cunningham

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**F**orrest L. Cunningham, 80, of Toboso, Ohio died Saturday afternoon, April 2, 2016 at Selma Markowitz Care Center in Newark, Ohio.

Born July 12, 1935 in Toboso, he was a son of the late Harold and Lillie (Middlemus) Cunningham and was a 1954 graduate of Hanover-Toboso High School. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict and was a member of the American Legion Post #85 of Newark. He was also a member of New Home Lodge #338, F. & A. M. at Hanover; an honorary member of Frazeyburg Lodge #490, F. & A. M.; Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus; the Aladdin Shrine of Columbus and Newark Chapter #305, Order of Eastern Star.

Surviving is his wife of 60 years, Ellen Jo (Kirkendall) Cunningham whom he married February 25, 1956; two sons, Calvin (Tammy) Cunningham of Kyle, Texas and Michael (Kandy) Cunningham of Toboso; a daughter, Kelly (Doug) Hadlock of Newark; twelve grandchildren, Christina Witherspoon, Candice Cunningham, Terry Robertson, Melissa Perry, Mikie Cunningham, Justin Cunningham, Jason Metz, Justin Metz, Chad Johnson, Kasie Johnson, Shannon Johnson and Erica Heminger; thirty-three great grandchildren; a brother, Louis (Sara) Cunningham of Toboso and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Mandie Cunningham and two brothers, Harold Cunningham, Jr. and Gerald Cunningham. Calling hours will be 5pm to 8pm Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at the Frazeyburg Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home, 110 West Third Street. Masonic services will be conducted at 8pm Wednesday, following calling hours, at the funeral home. Funeral services will be 11:00am Thursday, April 7, 2016 at the funeral home. Burial will be in Newark Memorial Gardens, Newark, Ohio. The Licking County Veterans Alliance will conduct Military honors at the cemetery.



## Tribute Wall

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KP

**Katrinka Perry** posted:

Forrest you made me so happy. you were always smiling when i saw you. God Bless you so much

March 29 at 3:18 AM

CH

**Cheryl (Sherry) Burchard) Hickman** posted:

Mike & Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Lifting the family in prayer during this most difficult time and the time to come.

April 10 at 1:14 PM

DW

**Dana Wood** posted:

Condolences to you all ..... He was a good MAN ....

April 7 at 4:33 PM

TC

**Tammy Cunningham** posted:

Dad, you're the best father anyone would be proud to have. A great teacher, mentor and friend. You taught us right from wrong with a strong firm hand, and a lecture that hurt worst and will always stay with us. You will truly be missed. RIP DAD P.S. Be our angle and continue to watch over us as we will take care of each other.

April 7 at 10:14 AM

TC

**Tammy Cunningham** posted:

You will always be my dad , in heaven or on earth. I will never forget your teachings of life and meanings behind them. You've always been an angel of God so I know where you are. Watch over us as you always Do.

April 7 at 7:46 AM

JC

**Justin Cunningham** posted:

Always will be in my hear papa!!

April 6 at 3:20 PM



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DM

**Daryl Miller** posted:

So sorry for your loss. I remember many "rides" with GWRAA. My sympathy to "all" family members.  
Daryl "Bush" Miller

April 6 at 12:43 PM

SF

**Steve And Kim Francis** posted:

so sorry for your loss Mike. your dad was a good man an I really liked him.

April 6 at 12:36 PM

CW

**Cynthia Wade** posted:

I'm saddened by his passing. But honored to have shared a few good words with him just hours before. Will miss our yearly midnight July calls. Enjoy your dance Forrest, will see you again.

April 6 at 6:28 AM

BM

**Billie Mcdonald** posted:

My deepest sympathys go to the family during this difficult time. I will miss sseeing Forrest at the American Legion post 85 on Saturday nights. Fly with the angels my friend. I will see you again someday.

April 6 at 4:02 AM

MP

**Melissa Perry** posted:

Dear Papo, I am soo blessed to have gotten to call you my Papo, you were there every step of my life no matter what the problem, or where I was. I could never thank you enough for all you have done for me and the rest of this family. You will forever be missed and cherished! Fly high Papo♥

April 5 at 11:36 AM

NN

**Natalie Nethers** posted:

Sending thoughts and prayers for strength and comfort in the days ahead.

April 5 at 8:26 AM



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KF

**Karen (Simmons) Fenton** posted:

I would like to express my deepest sympathy for your loss.

April 5 at 6:52 AM

HH

**Hillbilly Hall** posted:

I worked in the same department at Rockwell with Forrest for a lot of years. A really great guy and friend. Always smiling and wanting to make you smile also. I will miss him a lot and my sincere sympathy goes out to his family. Vanessa and Marla - - Thanks for putting him back in to my life closely for the past few years. God grant you His Peace.

April 5 at 4:48 AM

RL

**Rick Linn** posted:

Mike Be strong--we will see him again!Rick Linn

April 5 at 2:58 AM

RN

**Robin Hadlock Nelson** posted:

Dear Kelly, Doug and Family, may God wrap his arms around each and every one of you and give you comfort during the loss of your Dad. Our prayers are with all of you. Many Blessings and love, Kirk and Robin Hadlock Nelson

April 4 at 4:45 PM

TH

**Tim Holler** posted:

GOODBYE MY FREIND

April 4 at 4:22 PM

JC

**Justin Cunningham** posted:

He is my grandpa and I love him so much. My favorite memory would have to be when I was little and him and I would ride lawn mowers in the back yard. I hate that I'm not there to say my final goodbyes to one of the greatest men I have ever known. I love you grandpa always and forever will you be in my heart!!

April 4 at 1:59 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Good man,he always put family first.He loved his family very much.

April 4 at 1:11 PM



**Dylan Perry** posted:

I wish I could be there with y'all. Give grandma my love.

April 4 at 11:57 AM



**Drew Baker** posted:

My thoughts and heart are with y'all. Love Drew

April 4 at 11:52 AM



**Trinka Perry** posted:

Cunningham Family. My heart goes out to each and every one of you. Forrest was a wonderful man, It was my pleasure to have know him. Love to all Trinka Perry

April 4 at 10:39 AM



**Lisa Melrose** posted:

Jo & Family, So sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this hard time. May your memories bring you great comfort.Lisa Melrose(Cunningham) and Family

April 4 at 10:20 AM



**Dan And Lee Ann Webb** posted:

Mike, we are so very sorry for your loss. You are in out thoughts and prayers.

April 4 at 10:05 AM



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TW

**Tammy Wiseman** posted:

Jo and family,I am so sorry to hear about Forrest. At least he is out of pain and not suffering anymore. I will always remember him smiling. Prayers are with all of your family and friends.

April 4 at 9:31 AM

KF

**Kendrah Farmer** posted:

Sorry for your loss my prayers are with you.....

April 4 at 9:25 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

May I offer my sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr Cunningham. Be assured of Gods loving care at this sad time. Prayer won't eliminate your pain, but it will help to ease it. The pain, grief and feelings of helplessness of losing your loved one can seem unbearable. Please find comfort in knowing that God cares and understands your pain. At 2Kings 20:5, he says," I have heard your prayer. I have seen your tears. I am healing you..." I hope this brings you comfort and helps you cope with your loss.

April 4 at 8:35 AM

RC

**Ricky & Kathy Cunningham** posted:

With sadness in our hearts. He will always be lovingly remembered.

April 4 at 8:07 AM

DS

**David L Skeen** posted:

My prayers and condolences go out to the Cunningham Family. Also to Calvin Cunningham and his Family. Sorry for your loss. Mr Forrest Cunningham RIP sir.

April 4 at 7:14 AM

MC

**Mike & Kimmy Cunningham** posted:

Jo & family,We are so sorry to hear of your loss. The thoughts of many are with you at this time of sorrow. He was always such a fun loving person.God Bless,Mike and Kimmy Cunningham

April 4 at 6:36 AM



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MW

**Mel Whisner** posted:

So Sorry for your loss. My Prayers goes out to the Cunningham Family.

April 4 at 6:20 AM

SM

**Steve Mcclary** posted:

Dearest Kelly and family. I am so sorry to hear of Forrests' passing. What a great guy he was. I'm very happy I became friends with him back in my music days. I will miss him. See you on the other side man... we'll get together and jam...

April 4 at 5:44 AM

RS

**Randy Shaffer** posted:

So sorry for your loss Randy Shaffer

April 4 at 5:43 AM

DB

**Don Bennett** posted:

My Prayers to the Cunningham family, Forrest was a friend of our family for many Moons and a great man,,,He will be missed by many.

April 4 at 5:37 AM

DD

**Dan And Janet Doyle** posted:

Dear Cunningham Family, So sorry to hear about your loss. May God give you the strength and comfort at this difficult time. Went to school with Forrest at Hanover. Our deepest sympathy,

April 4 at 4:26 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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