



Loren "Max" Hittle

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Loren "Max" Hittle, 88, of Dresden, passed away Monday evening, June 23, 2025.

Born August 11, 1936, in Dresden, he was a son of the late Ralph & Myrtle (Spiker) Hittle and a 1955 graduate of Jefferson High School. Max was a lifelong farmer and retired from Rockwell after 30 years as a machinist. He was a faithful member of Dresden United Methodist Church, Ohio Farm Bureau, the Cattlemen's Association, Ruritan Club, and an active member and advisor of 4-H for over 40 years.

Max had a way to make people smile and laugh. It was common to hear him call everyone "George"; he made friends young and old very easily. He was often referred to as ornery in a good way. Much to his children's and grandchildren's chagrin, no matter where he went, Max would search and find someone he knew.

He dearly loved Bess and their family and was so proud of each of them. Surviving are his three children, Scott (Susan) Hittle, Bonnie (Glenn) Gamary, and D.J. Hittle; four grandchildren, Jarrod (Ashley) Hittle, Justin (Brie) Hittle, Kirsten Gamary, and Delanie (Jason) Rock; five great grandchildren, Ayla, Alair, Quentin, Shepard, and Emmett; two sisters-in-laws, Kathleen and Sylvia McCutcheon and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Bessie "Bess" Lee Hittle, who died May 16, 2024; and a brother, Leslie Zane Hittle. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a memorial contribution that will provide scholarships to local 4-H members.

Contributions may be made to the Muskingum County 4-H Endowment Fund at Secure Processing Center, P.O. Box 736096, Chicago, IL 60673-6096 or given online at go.osu.edu/musk4hendowment. Please indicate Fund #605084, in memory of Max Hittle with your donation.



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Family and friends may visit 2-4pm and 6-8pm, Monday, June 30, 2025, at the Dresden Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home, 714 Main Street, Dresden. A Celebration of Life funeral service will be held at 10:00am, Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at the Dresden United Methodist Church, 1014 Main Street, Dresden with Pastor Dan Wells officiating.

Max will be laid to rest with his wife, Bess, at Zanesville Memorial Park Cemetery, Zanesville.



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JM

~John & Jennie Mccutcheon~ posted:

Dear Hittle Family, We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Max. We had no idea and we were so surprised and saddened to hear of this. We are sorry that we missed celebrating the life of Max. He was a wonderful man with the best sense of humor! He always had me/all of us laughing! Enjoyed that about him. ♡♡ Max and Bess have raised such a wonderful family and I know they were proud of you all. ♡ We send our sincere condolences to you all. You are in our thoughts and prayers.... ♡

July 2 at 7:39 PM

IB

Irene Boyd posted:

Max was a wonderful man, who my husband and I got to know at Altarcare. He was dedicated to Bess, and now can be with her. My husband got to be good friends with Max. Sincerely missed, prayers for family. Victor and Irene Boyd

July 1 at 8:21 AM

CS

Craig Small posted:

Max was a kind, ornery and sweet loving soul that we very much enjoyed during our visits at Altercare nursing home. We all will most certainly miss dear brother Max very much. Our Sympathy and condolences to family and friends of Max. All your friends from Freedom City Church.

June 28 at 6:19 PM

KA

Kate (Woodrow) Applegate posted:

Always a smile and positive attitude. Great influence on so many youngsters in 4H. My son's were just a few. Sorry for the Family's loss.

June 28 at 6:05 PM

BR

Buzz And Pat Rock posted:

Dear Bonnie, Glenn and family, Our love and prayers are with you for God to comfort and strengthen you at this sad time.

June 27 at 6:34 AM



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RS

Ron Sowers posted:

Scott and family, You are in our thoughts and prayers

June 27 at 3:47 AM

LM

Lee Murphy posted:

Rest In peace Max Another Rockwell Friend

June 26 at 7:50 AM

MJ

Melissa Jenkins posted:

Mr. Max, I will miss you dearly! The short time I got to know you from Brookdale will always be remembered. Rest easy

June 26 at 4:09 AM

SD

Sheila Dailey posted:

Max and Bess are again together. What a lovely pair! I always enjoyed visiting with them at Bill's BBQ. They raised a wonderful family and their grandkids are a reflection of their upbringing. I hope his final days were bearable; not too much pain. He is now enjoying a well-deserved reunion and eternal life with Bess in Heaven.

June 26 at 3:34 AM

KS

Kevin, Amy & Logan Spiker posted:

We are very sorry for your loss, Max will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Keeping all of you in our prayers.

June 25 at 10:13 AM

RL

Randy And Joyce Lincicome posted:

To the Hittle Family, sorry to read of your loss. Your family are in our prayers. Scottie Nation lost a good man.

June 25 at 9:56 AM



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Mary Wagner And Judy Hamilton posted:

What a nice right down kind hearted man. So happy you are back with your beloved Bess.

June 25 at 9:47 AM



Rick And Becky Martin Priest posted:

Our sincere sympathy to your family

June 25 at 9:21 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Loren "Max" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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