

# WAYNE M. OTTO

November 9, 1932-February 12, 2025



Wayne Merwin Otto, of Zelenople, PA, passed away peacefully on February 12, 2025.

Born into the Otto family in the Pittsburgh area, Wayne's early years were shaped by the dairy industry. After the family business Otto Suburban Dairy was sold, he dedicated 23 years to the Dairy Division of the Michigan Department of Agriculture as a Dairy Inspector.

Wayne was a proud graduate of Pennsylvania State University, where he earned a degree in Dairy Science. His passion for learning led him to pursue a Master's Degree in Park Management and Natural Resources at Michigan State University, and he also attended the Cornell Graduate School of Business.

A man of many interests and talents, Wayne was an avid reader, a self-proclaimed "poor" guitar player, and a banjo picker. He enjoyed crafting hickory steam-bent furniture, working as a carpenter and electrician, and even mastering the art of locksmithing. A veteran and a man of sharp wit, he often referred to himself as a curmudgeon, though those who knew him best would say otherwise; his quick humor, warm smile, and generous heart told a different story.

Wayne is survived by his sister, Marlene Otto Morrell.

As Wayne himself put it:

"Visitation will be any time, day or night at the German Lutheran Cemetery, Zelenople, PA."

-Wayne O.

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