



Joseph A. Ventolo Jr.

December 7, 1936 - December 29, 2024

Joseph A. Ventolo Jr., 88, of Enon, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 29, 2024. He was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania to the late Joseph and Dorothy (Funk) Ventolo Sr. on December 7, 1936. Joseph graduated from Enon High School and Miami University with a degree in History in 1958. He joined the Air Force National Guard in 1960. He worked as a cameraman at Channel 2 in Dayton, a motion picture archivist at WPAFB, and a historian for the Air Force before landing his dream job as a curator at the US Air Force Museum. He was later promoted to Chief Curator of the Air Force Museum in 1993 and retired after more than 30 years as a civil servant. After retiring he spent countless hours as a volunteer for the Air Force Museum as well as The Davidson Interpretive Center at George Rodgers Clark Park. He was a founding partner of Phoenix Aviation working to preserve aviation history and co-authoring books on aviation with Jeanette Remak. He enjoyed giving "Plane Talks" at special events for

the Air Force Museum. He was the first Santa's helper with his dad as Santa for the Enon Lions Club. He was a member of the Enon United Methodist Church. He was an extra-class amateur radio operator, K8DMZ, a member of the local Clark County Amateur Radio Association (CLARA) and founded GEARVAKf with his best friend Joel Rose, N8JR. Joseph joins his loving wife of 61 years, Martha "Marti" Ventolo in heaven. He is also preceded in death by both of his parents, his sister Janet Goode, and his son-in-law Loman Fisher III. He leaves to cherish his memory, devoted daughters, Tina Fisher, Karen (Phil) Wilson, and Joelle (John Musgrove), grandchildren, Loman (Sylvia) Fisher IV; Victor (Jaclyn) Woodward, Kaylyn (Chris) Hemmelgarn, Jonathan (Jessica) Sheridan, Aaron (Jen) Woodward, Tyler (Julia) Woodward, and Sarah Sheridan; great-grandsons, Ben, Lincoln; and many other loving nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and dear friends. He will be dearly missed by his family and all who knew him. Adkins Funeral Home in Enon will be assisting Joseph's family with his final wishes. A Visitation will be held on Friday, January 3, 2025, from 2:00-4:00 PM, and from 6:00-8:00 PM at Enon United Methodist Church. Funeral Services will be conducted on Saturday, January 4, 2025, at 11:00 AM, at the church followed by burial at Enon Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to the Enon United Methodist Church or The Friends of the Museum Foundation. www.adkinsfuner

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Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Enon United Methodist Church
85 Broadway Road
Enon, OH 45323
info@enonumc.com
<http://enonumc.com/>

Visitation

JAN 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Enon United Methodist Church
85 Broadway Road
Enon, OH 45323
info@enonumc.com
<http://enonumc.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Enon United Methodist Church
85 Broadway Road
Enon, OH 45323
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Burial

JAN 4 (ET)

Enon Cemetery
6013 Dayton Springfield Rd
Springfield, OH 45502
(937) 864-2881

Tribute Wall

JP

“ *Al send condolences along with my step mom. Father. Julie and frank knaus Cyndi knaus thanks believing in our step so Jimmie I'm my family has been taking turns reading that book black lighting thanks Ms Julie you daughter's should all be proud of your father I know he considered me one of his
Very special friends God bless joe and Marti from the knaus family and main coon named fluffy*



James Petty - April 05 at 10:08 PM

EA

“ *Joe and I met in the fifth grade. He was my first love. I will miss him.
Eileen*

Eileen Alexander - January 03, 2025 at 12:54 PM

JR

“ *Joe and I (and Marti) fought our way through saving rare aircraft, writing histories of Black program aircraft, gave all we had to the service of our beloved USAF museum. There is too much on our 45year history to post here, but Joe lived what he did, his family and aircraf with the USAF Museum was his life. We had fun, angst,joy, and sorrow. Phoenix Aviation won't be the same with our him*

Jeannette Remak - January 03, 2025 at 08:11 AM

JR

“ Jeannette and Mary - Phoenix Aviation Re purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joseph A. Ventolo Jr..



Jeannette and Mary - Phoenix Aviation Re - January 03, 2025 at 08:05 AM

LG

“ Love, your Duran Duran girls. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph A. Ventolo Jr..



Love, your Duran Duran girls. - January 01, 2025 at 09:24 AM

LG

“ Love, your Duran Duran girls. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph A. Ventolo Jr..

Love, your Duran Duran girls. - January 01, 2025 at 09:24 AM