



## Dr. Fred O. Hartman

October 20, 1915 - May 21, 2015

### HARTMAN

Dr. Fred O. Hartman age 99 of Worthington, died peacefully May 21, 2015. Professor Emeritus of horticulture, The Ohio State University. Vet. WWII, U.S. Army where he served as a medical technician assigned to the 6th Armored Division attaining the rank of Captain. Dr. Hartman taught agriculture in the U. S. Army Rehabilitation Center at San Antonio, TX. He was released from the service in 1946 and resumed his studies at The Ohio State University. Dr. Hartman was a 1937 graduate of The University of Toledo earning a BS degree receiving his MS degree in Horticulture and PhD in Horticulture and specialty in Pomology from The Ohio State University from where he retired in 1983 after 42 years of teaching and research. He was a devout Buckeye Fan. Preceded in death by first wife Margaret Older Hartman (from Columbus), and wife Joan Guthery Hartman (from LaRue, OH)); brother Wayne G. (Margaret) Hartman (from Woodville, OH); and nephew Brian Lehman. Survived by his daughter Sharon (Christopher) Bartkus; grandchildren Christopher R. Bartkus and Chelsea (Ryan) Bartkus Chaney, all of Florida; 3 nieces and a nephew; many grand-nieces and nephews. Dr. Harman and his wife Joan traveled extensively throughout the US; Europe, Australia, and South America. Member of Worthington Presbyterian Church; life member of Ohio Fruit Growers Society; American Society for Horticultural Science; tropical Region of the American Horticultural Society; honorary member of Sigma Xi and Gamma Sigma Delta;

OSU Faculty Photographic Society; life member of the OSU Alumni Assoc., and the OSU Faculty Club. In addition to his teaching at OSU, he concurrently conducted research projects with the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Wooster, OH. He was the author of many articles in a number of scientific and other publications. He was an advisor to many graduate and undergraduate students to student organizations. Funeral Service 1:00 pm Thursday, May 28, 2015 at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High St., Worthington, OH 43085. The Rev. Dr. Timothy F. Jones officiating. Burial Union Cemetery. Contributions may be made to: The Fred O. & Joan G. Hartman Excellence in Fruit Production Endowment Fund, The Ohio State University Foundation, 1480 West Lane Ave., Columbus, OH 43221.

# Cemetery Details

## Union Cemetery

3349 Olentangy River Road  
Columbus, OH 43202  
(614) 267-5471

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

**MAY 28.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home  
515 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085  
(614) 885-4006  
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<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Fred O. Hartman*



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**Rutherford Funeral Homes** - May 27, 2015 at 11:31 AM



“ *Dr. Fred O. Hartman*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Sharon and Family,  
I have so many fond memories of Uncle 'Bud'---most of all what a fun person he was! He had a wonderful sense of humor and just seemed to have the ability to roll with the punches. Daddy was definitely the more serious of the brothers, more like his mum. Uncle Bud was much like Papa and so easy-going. My boys used to get a chuckle out of Uncle Bud, well into his 80's, pulling his day planner out to double check he had no 'pressing engagements' that would interfere with a get-together and his slipping them a buck when we came to visit. Such a vivacious man and a pleasure to have called my Uncle. Shall miss him!*

*Hugs!  
Barbara, Chip & Wilde Co.*

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**Barbara Wilde** - June 06, 2015 at 05:26 PM

PK

“ Sharon,

*Although I've never met you, I was one of the Monday Meals on Wheels delivery people who had your Dad on my route and as a client. Let me say that he was the highlite of the route and an absolute pleasure to have as a client. High school students would often accompany me as part of a class requirement and your Dad was always thrilled to see the kids and the kids were equally thrilled to greet him. Such a kind man! I believe I delivered to him on his 99th birthday.*

*I will really miss him every Monday.*

*My thoughts are with you.*

*He truly had a wonderful life and judging from his demeanor, a happy one!*

*Patty Kalbfleisch*

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**Patty Kalbfleisch** - June 04, 2015 at 02:49 PM

BK

“ *My condolences to the family. While I am certainly sadden by Dr. Hartman's passing, it brings a smile to my face to have known him. Dr. Hartman was one of my professors at OSU from 1975-1979. As the owner of Smith Farm Market in Columbus for thirty-two years, I would often cross paths with him at the Ohio Fruit and Vegetable Grower's meetings. I always found him to be an engaging and kind person. I considered him my horticulture professor and a friend within my professional life. He will be missed and will always a part of me. May the grace of God and God's peace be with Dr. Hartman, his family and his friends. Bill Kline, 3087 Courtright Road, Columbus, Ohio 43232*

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**Bill Kline** - May 28, 2015 at 02:47 PM

MH

“ Sharon, I'll miss Fred so much. He was one of my first clients while establishing my business in Worthington and was much more than a client. I loved hanging out on his back porch listening to him explain varieties of his plants and new plants he combined create hybrids. I loved discussing all the amazing football games he attended, such as the Ohio Stadium Dedication game in 1922 vs Michigan. He was always a great gentleman with my daughters at the Memorial Day parade, we loved watching the parade with Fred. I am grateful for all the memories and my family will forever cherish our memories of Fred.

*Mark Huber and family*

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**Mark Huber** - May 28, 2015 at 09:19 AM

FH

“ Sharon and family,  
We were very sorry to hear of your father's passing. He was a wonderful teacher and mentor to many fruit growers in the state of Ohio. His sense of humor always endeared him to his students and alumni. This quality helped him to live for almost a century.

*Frank & Judy Hirsch*

*Hirsch Fruit Farm*

*Chillicothe Ohio*

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**Frank Hirsch** - May 28, 2015 at 07:33 AM

SJ

“ Your father was a favorite patient of our dental office and we had the pleasure of seeing him not to long ago...my father is Dr. Joe Massaro and Fred was a special patient for many years...we just loved him. His memory was sharp and we loved to talk about his favorite subject, his fruit trees. I was hoping to be invited to his 100th birthday party. He will be missed but you had a special father...a friend to all.

Susan Massaro Jackson

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**SUSAN JACKSON** - May 27, 2015 at 08:25 PM

KR

“ I came to Ohio State for graduate work in Horticulture and later became a faculty member. Fred and I shared many good times in the Department, Jan and I joined Indianola Lutheran Church where your Mom & Dad were members, Sherrie. In recent years, Fred and I were members of the Worthington Arbor Advisory Committee. He was an avid participant and, although he couldn't hear everything, he enjoyed being at every meeting. He will be sorely missed...Jan & Ken Reisch

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**Ken Reisch** - May 27, 2015 at 07:05 PM

MH

“ Sharon and Family. I was a secretary in the department of Horticulture and had the highest regard for your father. Everybody loved Fred O. He was so kind and a true gentlemen. One time he gave me his tickets to one of the OSU football games and insisted that he wouldn't take any money for them. We kept in touch after he retired and on several occasions he took me to the Faculty Club for lunch. I would also see him at the Chadwick Arboretum Arbor Day celebrations. After that he would rush back to attend the Worthington City Arbor Day celebration. I always looked forward to his Christmas cards each year. He was the BEST and will be missed. Sincerely, Michele Hobbs

Michele Hobbs - May 27, 2015 at 05:25 PM

HU

“ God Bless/RIP, to ALL who served in WWII. The USA would Not Be as it is today. Thank YOU for your service, Dr. Hartman..... And Semper Fi.



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - May 27, 2015 at 04:49 PM

BL

“ Two brothers could not have been closer than our Dads . It was truly a blessing to have such a wonderful uncle. He knew how to be "cool" at ninety plus years! Many fond memories of the times we shared will forever live on in my heart. I loved him too.  
Beverly

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**Beverly Lehman** - May 25, 2015 at 04:25 PM

JM

“ Sharon,  
Thinking of you at this sad moment in your life. Your Dad was such a special person and seemed to enjoy his long, wonderful life. I know all your wonderful memories you and your family shared with him will forever be in your hearts. Our deepest condolences to you and your family.  
Junebug & John

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**June Mensinga** - May 25, 2015 at 10:18 AM

LD

“ Sharon,  
So sorry to hear of your dads passing. I know this must be very hard for you. Our thoughts & prayers are with you & your family.  
Fondly,  
Lorraine & Tom Deimel

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**Lorraine Deimel** - May 22, 2015 at 08:39 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Fred O. Hartman.



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May 22, 2015 at 08:35 PM

MA

“ Sherry-  
*You know how sorry I feel for you, Chris and the kids. Losing a parent is so tough. I feel like I've just lost my Dad all over again. Your Father was my second Dad.*

*I'll miss him and his humor. He was so loved by so many and especially by me, his 2nd daughter, as he liked to call me.*

*God graced you with one terrific Dad, and what a beautiful life he showed you. He raised a wonderful daughter. You're a lucky gal.*

*Love you bunches - Marti*

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**mart** - May 22, 2015 at 08:22 PM



“ *Your loved one lived a long life. He had what the Bible calls "special mightiness".(Psalms 90:10) We've been promised the hope of a resurrection whereby,you will have the opportunity to be reunited with "FRED" again right here on earth, without anymore ailments. (Job 14:14,15) (Isaiah 33:24) May you look towards that hope.I'm sorry for your loss.*

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**L** - May 22, 2015 at 04:33 PM

MV

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Fred. He was a wonderful man. I had the honor of being his Guardian on a Columbus Honor Flight trip. It was a wonderful time that I will never forget.*



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**Mindy Valko** - May 22, 2015 at 10:14 AM