

Edward Ferrell Zickafoose

March 17, 1938 – March 6, 2018

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Edward F. Zickafoose, 79, passed away peacefully on March 6, 2018, at Mercy Health-St. Rita's, Lima.

He was born on March 17, 1938 in Charleston, West Virginia. His parents were Willard F. and Gertha M. Zickafoose who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Anne Zickafoose.

On April 13, 1957, he married Beverly Sue Carr who survives in Lima.

Ed graduated from high school in Hinton, West Virginia. He then attended Alderson Broaddus College and Bowling Green State University where he graduated in 1976 with a Master's Degree in Music Composition. Ed spent his life devoted to the art of playing, composing, and teaching music. He worked as a music therapist at Lima State Hospital and taught music at Perry High School, Delphos St. Johns, Wapakoneta High School, and Ohio Northern University. Ed was a musician at Temple Beth Israel in Lima and was also Minister of Music at First Baptist Church in Lima for many years. Ed has been entertaining the Lima community for decades and always brought his signature touches wherever he shared his music.

He was well known for his sense of humor, incredible versatility and his ability to bring generations together through his music. Ed was the originator of the popular EZ Company, a musical group which entertained audiences in Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan. Ed enjoyed camping, hunting, and being with his family. His most important legacy will most certainly be passing down his love and gifts of music to his children and grandchildren.

Ed is survived by three sons: Jon (Jennifer) Zickafoose, Greg (Cindy) Zickafoose, and Jeff Zickafoose, all of Lima, 9 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Calling hours with the family will be at First Baptist Church on March 17, 2018 from 10-12 pm with a Celebration of Life service following at noon.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the "Ed and Sue Zickafoose Music Scholarship Fund" in care of First Baptist Church.