



## ORLAN "LIGHTNING" TOLLIVER

March 17, 1935 - August 25, 2025

TOLLIVER, Orlan "Lightning", age 90, of Middletown, Ohio, passed away Monday, August 25, 2025 at his residence. He was born March 17, 1935 in Bell County, Kentucky, raised in Bledsoe, Kentucky and moved to Ohio in 1953. He was employed at P K Lumber for 46 years, retiring in 2000. He was a Christian. Orlan was a strong supporter of the Second Amendment and a member of the NRA. Orlan was an outdoorsman, an avid fisherman and hunter. He was also a master wood worker. Preceding him in death were his parents, Oscar and Ora (Bailey) Tolliver; his wife, Ruby in 1988; one brother, Wayne Tolliver; and one sister, Otta Lee Smith. He is survived by two sons, Timothy Allen Tolliver and Mark Edward Tolliver; four grandchildren, Lauren Tolliver, Trent Tolliver, Tyler Tolliver and Tyra Tolliver; one great grandson, Alexander Tolliver; one sister, Ola James; two cousins, McClellan Tolliver and Roger Franz; and many extended family and friends. Visitation will be Thursday, September 4, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Herr-Riggs Funeral Home, 210 S. Main St., Middletown, followed by services at 1:00 P.M., with Dr. Dan Flory officiating. Interment will be next to his wife at Butler County Memorial Park, Trenton, Ohio. Arrangements by Herr-Riggs Funeral Home, 210 S. Main St., Middletown. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.herr-riggs.com](http://www.herr-riggs.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so saddened to hear of "Lightnings",passing  
We worked together at P.K Lumber for 11 years  
I have never known a better man--His dedication ,resourcefulness  
and honesty were his trademark  
I will always have a place for him in myheart  
Just a good man  
Ken Rainey

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ken rainey - September 03, 2025 at 03:53 PM

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Thank you Ken for your kind comments! He was one of a kind!

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Timothy Tolliver - January 14 at 06:28 PM

JN

“ Tim, I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. I remember the stories you used to tell me about him, and I know he will be sorely missed.

Sincerely,  
Jill Ristaneo-Niemiec

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jill niemiec - August 31, 2025 at 12:43 PM

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Thank you Jill! I am just now wrapping up his affairs and processing the loss, the past Holiday Season was hard! Hope you and yours are doing well!

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Timothy Tolliver - January 14 at 06:27 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of ORLAN "LIGHTNING" TOLLIVER.*



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August 27, 2025 at 03:49 PM



“ *Many may not know that my father was the epitome of a mountain man. He grew up in some of the toughest areas of the country when it comes to survival in a log cabin with very few modern day amenities. He worked all his life with wood, he could tell the type of wood just by the smell he built so many things that we still have in our lives and are thankful for rocking chairs, cabinets hutches Tables, etc. When he worked in the lumber industry, he got the nickname lightning very early in his career. Because he got things done so quickly and efficiently he was always about customer service being honest and fair and he dedicated his life to those principles. I will miss you, Dad, but I know you're in a much better place now with mom feeling no pain Hunting in the woods of heaven and fishing in the streams of forever.*

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**Tim Tolliver** - August 26, 2025 at 10:53 PM



*very sorry to hear that you have passed on. your son Tim and I were good friends.*

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**Mark Lansaw** - August 29, 2025 at 01:12 PM