

Tony Merkle

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My full name is John Anthony Merkle. My friends and family know me as Tony. Throughout my life I have had a deep appreciation of nature which compelled me to pursue and obtain a bachelor's degree in biology. Shortly after graduating college, I met a young woman by the name of Donna whom I married a few years later. We now have two grown daughters, Lori and Angelica each of whom has given us with a grandchild, a boy by the name of Joel and a girl named Elena.

I am currently retired from the Northern Kentucky Health Department where I worked in the field as an inspector for about twenty one and a half years and then as an office manager for about five years. I joined the Society of Kentucky Lepidopterists in 1997. Although I sometimes collect specimens, my interest in lepidopterans mostly involves photographing them or just simply observing and admiring them for their beauty, intricacy, variety and ecology.



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