



Gerald "Jerry" R. Apple

January 1, 1936 - September 11, 2024

Gerald R. "Jerry" Apple, age 88, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 8:25 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at St. Charles Health Campus in Jasper.

Jerry was born in French Lick, Indiana, on January 1, 1936, to Dow and Agnes (Lorey) Apple. He married Alice Burton on November 29, 1993. She preceded him in death on November 1, 2020.

Jerry was a 1953 graduate from Jasper High School. He then attended St. Joseph College and St. Meinrad College. He then served in the Army Reserves for six years.

He worked at Apple Shell Service Station for 30 years and Jasper Desk until retirement. Throughout his years of beekeeping, he enjoyed teaching many children and adults about the importance of bees and their contribution to Mother Earth. Jerry visited many elementary schools teaching about bees to enthusiastic youngsters. Jerry removed many swarms and hornets' nests from fearful humans. For the last eight years, Jerry has been working the bees with his very dear friend Dan Schroeder. Jerry believed in sharing knowledge, kindness, and passion for honey bees. Dan is honored to carry on his legacy.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Kiwanis, Fraternal Order of Police for 50 years, past president of White River Valley Beekeepers, past

president of Wabash Valley Beekeepers, Indiana Illinois and Kentucky State Bee Keepers, past member of J-Men Letterman Club. Jerry and his wife volunteered 25 years at the Indiana and Kentucky State Fairs doing bee keeping demonstrations.

Jerry was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan, but above all, he loved his bees.

He is survived by seven children: Lisa (Fred) Knebel, Jasper; Mary (Phil) Beckman, Jasper; Kevin Apple and companion Tammy Carpinetti, Indianapolis; Scott (Susan) Apple, Indianapolis; Michelle (Bill) Kress, Jasper; Linda (Allan) Huebner, Jasper; Staci (Eric) Smith, Holland; three step-children: Robin (Tom) McDonald, Washington; James (Pam) Burton, New Harmony; Sarah (Robert) Timmons, Lafayette, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, step-grandchildren, and step-great grandchildren, and sister, Nancy Larkin, Jasper.

He is preceded in death by stepdaughter, Vanessa Burton and brother-in-law, Ray Larkin.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Gerald R. "Jerry" Apple will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. The American Legion Post #147 will perform military graveside rites.

A visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Heart to Heart Hospice and St. Charles Health Campus for their compassion and support in Jerry's final days.

In lieu of flowers (SAVE THE BEES), memorial contributions may be made to

St. Meinrad Seminary, Dubois County Museum, Lange Fuhs Cancer Center,
and St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Online condolences may be made to www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown
214 East 7th Street
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4141
email@becherkluesner.com

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church
1029 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Tribute Wall

LH

“ So sorry to hear this! Jerry was just a gem. He would often say to me (after we'd talked for awhile), "Well, I'd better shut up or you better sit down!". Prayers for the family. I know he will be so very missed.

Lisa Hetman - September 18, 2024 at 01:09 PM

JJ

“ Sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. I will not be able to pay respects in person. I worked with Jerry at Apple's Shell. I got to know your Dad very well , and also you kids. Your Dad was a good guy to work with. Thoughts and prayers.
Jerry and Monica Jahn

Jerry Jahn - September 17, 2024 at 04:56 PM

SH

“ Sarah Berger Humphrey lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" R. Apple



Sarah Berger Humphrey - September 16, 2024 at 11:07 PM



“ Our condolences & deepest sympathies to Linda (Allan) and the entire Apple family! Prayers, Kurt & Malana

KurtMalana Hedinger - September 15, 2024 at 04:28 PM

BS

“ *Beth Ann Shriner lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" R. Apple*



Beth Ann Shriner - September 14, 2024 at 09:30 AM

BG

“ *Bonnie Eckerle Gessner lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" R. Apple*



Bonnie Eckerle Gessner - September 13, 2024 at 06:37 PM

SS

“ *Sandy S Schitter lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" R. Apple*



Sandy S Schitter - September 13, 2024 at 05:51 PM

JK

“ *My condolences to all of you. Godspeed!*



Joan Eckerle Knies - September 13, 2024 at 02:50 PM

JB

“ Sympathy & prayers to family and friends! Respectful 🙏

James Birkle - September 13, 2024 at 02:09 PM

JP

“ My dad, Dennis, always bought gas at Apple Shell, and we kids rode along.
Jerry was always so helpful and cheerful. We kids were always impressed and so was my dad. And, all of the Apple kids came to the Jasper Public Pool to swim and take lessons all the time when I was a lifeguard there in the mid-1970's. You all were great, which is a tribute to your dad, of course! We will miss him. Our prayers and best wishes are with you all.

Joseph Pfister - September 13, 2024 at 10:51 AM

VZ

“ Jerry would sit with my wife Nancy and myself for the lunches he attended at St. Joseph funerals. We enjoyed his stories and great sense of humor. We will cherish those times and remember him fondly.
Nancy & Van Ziegler

Vsn Ziegler - September 13, 2024 at 10:26 AM

SK

“ Gerald was a great person. He came all the way to my home in Spurgeon IN. one time to catch a queen bee and it's hive in a small tree next to our home. My ex husband now was highly allergic to bees. It was so neat to watch Gerald to do his work with those bees. It was awesome. I just thought I needed to share this memory for the family.

Sandra Keller - September 13, 2024 at 09:01 AM

CH

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Apple family. May the memories you hold close comfort you. Jerry was a great man and an educator at heart bringing his bees to Precious Blood for many years. May he enjoy eternal rest with your beloved grandparents and Ray.*



Chris Bohnert Hinkle - September 13, 2024 at 08:09 AM

TK

“ *Terrie Keusch lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" R. Apple*



Terrie Keusch - September 13, 2024 at 08:07 AM

DS

“ *Condolences to all of Jerry's family and friends. He didn't know a stranger and welcomed everyone in his home for honey sales, good conversation, and great bee stories! There was never a dull moment with Jerry. I learned all kinds of things I didn't know I needed, and we laughed every day!*



Dan Schroeder - September 13, 2024 at 07:03 AM

VC

“ Vera Crutchfield lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" R. Apple



Vera Crutchfield - September 13, 2024 at 04:56 AM

JS

“ Julia E Schutz lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" R. Apple



Julia E Schutz - September 12, 2024 at 10:51 PM



“ We will so miss your "Peep, Peeps" when you went back to check on your bees and when you were done. (I always kept an eye on you) And also the watermelons that you brought by. You always had a few stories to tell when you stopped by. Give Brian a big hug from me. Enjoy your bee heaven with your lovely Alice. I'll continue to watch over Dan.

Paula Mayo - September 12, 2024 at 09:49 PM

SS

“ My condolences to the family!

Stacey Stackhouse - September 12, 2024 at 09:45 PM

MS

“ *Mark And Ann Schulte lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" R. Apple*



Mark and Ann Schulte - September 12, 2024 at 06:33 PM

MA

My Dad, George Lythgoe taught your Dad how to be a bee keeper like himself. It was such a wonderful thing. We enjoyed your Dad's great sense of humor and kindness when we stopped in at Apple's Shell Station on Newton. His warmth and love of friends and neighbors will be missed!~ Sending LOVE and HEALING PRAYERS... Maureen Lythgoe

Maureen - September 14, 2024 at 10:15 AM