



## Gerald D. Schaeffer

June 2, 1959 - December 24, 2023

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

Gerald D. Schaeffer, age 64, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 2:02 p.m. surrounded by family on Sunday, December 24, 2023, in Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper, Indiana.

Gerald was born in Huntingburg, Indiana, on June 2, 1959, to Robert and Arlene (Denning) Schaeffer. He married Joan Ernst on June 5, 1982, in St. Ferdinand Catholic Church in Ferdinand, Indiana.

He was a 1977 graduate of Forest Park High School. He then graduated from Vincennes University with a degree in architectural design.

He retired from Universal Design, where he had worked for 42 years.

He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, where he was a member of the Holy Name Society, and he was also a member of the Jasper Knights of Columbus.

Gerald enjoyed playing golf, traveling, cooking, home improvement projects, drawing, and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Surviving is his wife Joan Schaeffer, Jasper, IN, two children, Jeremy (Manda) Schaeffer, Bloomington, IN, and Jessica (Rob) Luegers, Jasper, IN, five grandchildren, Fitzgerald and Maisy Schaeffer, and Robbie, Spencer, and Declan Luegers, his mother, Arlene Schaeffer, Jasper, IN, one sister, Imogene (Ed) Sigmon, Wake Forest, NC, and one brother, Michael (Tammy) Schaeffer, Avon, IN.

Preceding him in death is his father, Robert Schaeffer.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Gerald D. Schaeffer will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 29, 2023, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana with entombment to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper, Indiana.

A visitation will be held from 2:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 28, 2023, at the Becher-Kluesner Downton Chapel in Jasper, Indiana, and one hour before services on Friday from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church or to the Dubois County Food Bank.

Online condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum

1020 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN 47546

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 28. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

DEC 29. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
950 Church Ave  
Jasper, IN

## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 29. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
950 Church Ave  
Jasper, IN



# Tribute Wall

JT

“ *Joan,  
I am so sorry to hear of Gerald's passing. May you find comfort in your family and friends during this time of grieving. I will be thinking of you...*  
--Janet (Hagemeyer) Tassell

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**Janet Tassell** - December 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM

PG

“ *My condolences, Joan, Jeremy, and Jessica. I'm very saddened and shocked to read about Gerald's passing. Wishing you strength during this difficult time and will be keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Phil G** - December 29, 2023 at 07:31 AM

LB

“ *Joan, I'm so sorry for your loss. You and your entire family are in my prayers. May Gerald rest in peace. Lynne Bohnert*

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**Lynne Bohnert** - December 28, 2023 at 11:46 PM

PM

“ *Joan, Offering prayers for family peace through this sorrowful loss...I recall Gerald always caring for others...other friends, other clients, other co-workers. Our deepest sympathies...*

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**Patrick Mendel** - December 28, 2023 at 01:27 PM

RC

“ Joan, I had the pleasure of meeting Gerald some 40 or so years ago. We had a great business relationship and became friends as well. When I drive past the many projects that we worked on together, I will remember and think fondly of Gerald. I am so terribly sorry for your loss.

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**Roger Cox** - December 28, 2023 at 01:12 PM

PS

“ Paul Schnell wants to send his prayers and sympathy to Joan and family.

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**Paul Schnell** - December 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM

VB

“ Joan and family you have our deepest sympathy. I got to work with Gerald several years. Gerald was such a fun loving person. We did get to golf with you guys a few times. He will be missed. Sending love, prayers and hugs.  
Vicki and Dan Bettag

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**Vicki Bettag** - December 28, 2023 at 11:46 AM

GM

“ Gerald was a peer in many ways. He was one of the finest, hardest working and most common-sense professionals I had the pleasure of working with during my career. In addition, he was a good friend and confidant when needed. He will be missed by many. May he rest in peace and enjoy his heavenly journeys.



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**Gerry Miller** - December 28, 2023 at 11:04 AM

RB

“ I had the privilege of meeting Gerald about 3 years ago thru golf outings. It was always a pleasure playing alongside him in different outings. He was always a gentleman and he will be missed by me and our golf group. My prayers and condolences are with you and your family.

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**Randy Buchta** - December 28, 2023 at 11:02 AM

JH

“ To Joan and family, you are in our prayers and you have our deepest sympathies on the passing of Gerald, your husband and your father. My associations with Gerald in his professional capacities were always very special and meaningful. He always had time and compassion for your needs and was willing to give you his all to find your solutions. I was very fortunate to know his father during his short time on this earth, and Gerald was a great example of what his father was to us all during his short tenure. May God bless you all during this challenging moment, and may memories be a lasting positive reward as you remember him after you give him back to his creator, and his God.

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**Jim Hagedorn** - December 28, 2023 at 07:32 AM

HE

“ Gerald was my cousin on my Mom’s side. He is one of the most genuine people I have ever met. I have always had great respect and admiration for my cousin. As some of you know, Gerald lost his father at a very young age. His childhood was not easy but I never heard Gerald complain. Gerald had a successful professional career, was happily married to an amazing woman, raised two wonderful children, was active in his church and community and never met a stranger. Gerald had a positive impact on everyone he met. The news of Gerald’s passing was gut wrenching. I had planned for the past few years to sit down with Gerald at the right time to let him know how proud I was to call him my cousin and friend. I regret that I never told him how I felt about him and the impact he had on myself and others. Gerald was a mentor and role model to many and definitely left a lasting legacy on this earth. Rest in Peace my friend!

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**Harley Ebert** - December 27, 2023 at 10:21 PM

CK

“ I’m so incredibly sorry to hear of this loss! Prayers for all of the family ❤️

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**Cori Schwenk Kahle** - December 27, 2023 at 05:02 PM

AO

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Schaeffer family. I truly looked forward to our chats on Wednesday evenings. Looking down the fairway won't be the same.

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**Aaron Owens** - December 27, 2023 at 02:01 PM

CK

“ *Sending prayers to the family. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Cheryl Knies** - December 27, 2023 at 12:30 PM



“ *Gerald was one of the best guys I've ever had the honor to spend time with. A class act in all ways and loved by everyone. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Jeff Carr** - December 27, 2023 at 09:14 AM

PB

“ *So sorry to hear. Joan and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers.*



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**Pamela Bickerest** - December 27, 2023 at 08:14 AM

CH

“ *My deepest sympathy and prayers to the entire Schaeffer family. We enjoyed having Gerald attend the HTCS masses. May the memories you hold dear in your heart comfort you.*



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**Chris Bohnert Hinkle** - December 27, 2023 at 08:06 AM

CJ

“ So sorry to hear. Joan and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Our condolences and hugs to you all, Chris and Jerry Krodel



Chris and Jerry - December 26, 2023 at 07:30 PM

BU

“ Beth Underwood lit a candle in memory of Gerald D. Schaeffer



Beth Underwood - December 26, 2023 at 05:28 PM

CH

“ Dear Joan, Jeremy and Jessica, I am so very sorry for the loss of your beloved husband and father. I will be praying for you all during this difficult time. Cheryl Lehmkuhler Haas

Cheryl Haas - December 26, 2023 at 04:34 PM

RH

“ Rosie Henriott lit a candle in memory of Gerald D. Schaeffer



Rosie Henriott - December 26, 2023 at 04:30 PM

RH

*We are all saddened to hear of the passing of Gerald, especially over the Christmas Holiday! Such a nice and friendly guy, who would gladly share his thoughts on the last PURDUE Game. "BOILER UP"!!*

*Our Deepest Sympathies from:*

*Jay & Rosie Henriott and  
Anthony and Jenna Seng*

**Rosie Henriott** - December 26, 2023 at 04:34 PM

RH

*To the entire Schaeffer Family, please accept our sympathies.*

**Rosie Henriott** - December 26, 2023 at 04:39 PM

MJ

*Joan, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family*

**Mary Jackson** - December 26, 2023 at 04:56 PM

LB

*so sorry for your loss rip LEESA BEYKE*

**LEESA BEYKE** - December 28, 2023 at 02:35 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Joan & family.*

**Pam Hughes** - December 26, 2023 at 04:23 PM

EZ

“ *Joan, Jeremy, Jessica, you have our deepest sympathy...Friday Dec. 22nd, he gave me and your neighbor Bill, a golf ball retriever he made himself...I will cherish that gift for the rest of my life...*

*Sarah & Ed Zoglman*

**ed zoglman** - December 26, 2023 at 04:01 PM

VE

“ Joan and family... Our deepest sympathy to you all 🙏🙏🙏  
Gerald was a great friend and a wonderful golfing buddy... we will miss our fun trips to Tennessee with him and our Friday night golfing.  
Rest In Peace our dear friend 🙏🙏  
Love Mel and Virgie ❤️❤️

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**Virgie Evans** - December 26, 2023 at 03:15 PM

AB

“ What an amazing man that was looking forward to all his adventures he had planned with his wife!! Prayers to all family and friends 🙏🙏. RIP Gerald!

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**Audra Berg** - December 26, 2023 at 03:06 PM

BE

“ You won't find a nicer guy anywhere! Rest in peace Gerald. My condolences to Joan, Jeremy and Jessica. Prayers for Gerald and your family.

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**Brenda Erny** - December 26, 2023 at 02:06 PM

SH

“ I am so sorry to hear about Gerald. Prayers for all the family 🙏.  
Shirley Harter

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**Shirley** - December 26, 2023 at 01:48 PM