



Gerald "Jerry" R. Schnell

May 29, 1938 - December 20, 2023

Gerald "Jerry" R. Schnell, age 85, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 7:14 a.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper.

Jerry was born in Schnellville, Indiana, on May 29, 1938, to Ollie and Barbara (Fritz) Schnell. He married Beverly Howe on June 6, 1964, in St. Joseph Catholic Church.

He was a 1956 graduate of Birdseye High School.

He was an Army veteran who served as an engineer in Germany from 1960 until 1962.

Jerry retired after 34 years from MasterBrand Cabinets in quality control. After retirement, he worked part-time for Krempp Lumber Co.

He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church where he once served on the parish council, the Jasper Knights of Columbus, Honor Guard for the V.F.W. Post #673, and a lifetime member of the Jasper Outdoor Recreation Center.

Jerry enjoyed playing cards, woodworking, gardening, following his

grandchildren in their sporting events and activities, and spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Beverly Schnell, Jasper, three children; Marsha Opel, Scott (Juli) Schnell, Keith (Gidget) Schnell, all of Jasper, six grandchildren; Jessica Opel, Jason Opel, Marissa (Travis) Wehr, Lauren Schnell (fiancé Louis Dubon), Cody Schnell, and Leah Schnell, two great-granddaughters; Ryleigh Opel and Madelyn Wehr, one sister; Monica Morris, brother; Robert Schnell, and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by one sister; Mary Jo Sheeley, two brothers; Ollie Schnell and Donald Schnell.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Gerald "Jerry" R. Schnell will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 27, 2023, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with entombment to follow in Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum in Jasper. The V.F.W. Post #673 will conduct military graveside rites.

A visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 26, 2023, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church or the V.F.W. Post #673 Honor Guard.

Condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26**. 3:00 AM - 7:00 AM (ET)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC **27**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church
950 Church Ave
Jasper, IN

Tribute Wall

JC

“ Beverly and family, may your loving memories of this wonderful man bring you peace, comfort, and strength. Our prayers are with you all.

Judy(Fritz) & Garry Cagle

Judy Cagel - December 28, 2023 at 12:54 PM

PM

“ My condolences to the Schell family. Your old neighbor. Paul Mendel

PAUL A MENDEL - December 27, 2023 at 07:55 AM



“ Our condolences and deepest sympathies to Keith & Gidget and the entire family. Prayers

KurtMalana Hedinger - December 24, 2023 at 10:53 AM

SS

“ Marsha so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad! Prayers for all your family!!

Sandy Schitter - December 22, 2023 at 06:23 PM

BG

“ Jessica and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you.



Bonnie Eckerle Gessner - December 22, 2023 at 02:36 PM

KW

“ *Lauren, I'm sorry to hear about your grandpa!*



Kim Wade - December 22, 2023 at 09:02 AM

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“ *Beverly and Family- The JHS Class of 1959 extends its sympathy on Jerry's passing. He will be missed by all who knew him. May he rest in peace.*

Thomas Wagner - December 21, 2023 at 04:31 PM

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“ *Krempp Lumber will always remember Jerry and the bright smile he always had on his face. He changed the lives of many and was a great man, indeed. Thoughts and prayers to all of his family and friends during this difficult time. R.I.P. Jerry. - Alex Krempp*

Alex Krempp - December 21, 2023 at 10:36 AM