



Jerry D. Schnarr

July 23, 1964 - December 5, 2021

Dateline Shoals, Indiana

Jerry D. Schnarr, age 57, of Shoals, Indiana, passed away at 2:55 p.m. on Sunday, December 5, 2021, surrounded by family at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Campus in Jasper, Indiana.

Jerry was born in Jasper, Indiana, on July 23, 1964, to Albert and Shirley May (Freyberger) Schnarr. He married his wife of 15 years, Patti on April Fool's Day in 2006.

Jerry was a Jasper High School graduate. He then served in the United States Air Force from 1983 until 1989. There he worked overseas as a warning radar repairman. He later became an Air Force Sargent. He was awarded the AFCOM, GCM, MK, HSM, and the OS medals. After the Air Force, he went on to receive his associates in electrical engineering at Vincennes University where he graduated with Magna Cum Laude.

Jerry was a lifelong farmer. He retired from Crane as an electronic technician.

He was an active member of the Gideons, the Via De Cristo, Walk to Emmaus, Thrivent, St. John's Lutheran Church in Boone Township, Calvary Lutheran Church in Bedford, Right to Life Activist and prayed outside many

abortion clinics, donated gallons of his blood to the Red Cross, he was a bell ringer for the Salvation Army and for over 20 years met Wednesday mornings with a men's prayer group.

Jerry enjoyed bringing people to the Lord, fishing, going on vacations, movies, traveling, motorcycle riding, farming and being with his family.

Surviving is his wife, Patti Schnarr, Shoals, IN, one daughter; Joanna Schnarr, Huntingburg, IN, two sons; John (Michelle) Schnarr, Loogootee, IN and Anthony Schnarr, Shoals, IN, one sister; Cheryl (Terry) Stemle, Jasper, IN, three grandchildren; Michael, Kyle and Scarlett Schnarr.

Preceding him in death are his parents.

A funeral service for Jerry D. Schnarr will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 13, 2021, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Boone Township, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. Pastor Gary Zakian will officiate. The American Legion Post #147 will perform military graveside rites.

A visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel on Sunday, December 12, 2021 and from 9:00 a.m. until the 10:00 a.m. service time at the church on Monday December 13.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross, Right to Life, and the Salvation Army.

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

Cemetery Details

St. John's Cemetery

6483 W. 580 N.
Otwell, IN 47564

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - North
3221 N. Newton Street
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4141
email@becherkluesner.com

Visitation

DEC 13. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Lutheran Church - Boone Township
6483 W. 580 N.
Otwell, IN 47564

Service

DEC 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Cemetery
6483 W. 580 N.
Otwell, IN 47564

Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry D. Schnarr*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *I just got the news of Jerry's journey to heaven. When I saw him at our last Red Cross Blood Drive at Crane prior to my husband's retirement in July 2020, he was on track to make his goal of donating 11-gallons of blood to the Red Cross. I had loved seeing him every other month at our drives throughout our tour at Crane. He'd call to me as he entered and we'd always find time to visit in the canteen. I gained insight into his spirit and those that mattered to him, hearing stories of time on the farm and fishing. There was never a doubt about where his faith lay and we had some wonderful heart-to-hearts. I know you are feeling a tremendous loss, but I'm not surprised that God felt Jerry had earned his reward earlier than most.*

Kimberly Oesterreich - December 16, 2021 at 05:33 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*

Everyone, please get vaccinated, we need to end the senseless deaths!

John Slater - December 14, 2021 at 09:12 AM

VE

“ So sorry for the loss of your husband Patti Jo, I was glad I got to meet Jerry , He was a great husband to you and a wonderful Dad And Grandpa. Prayers and Sympathy for you and the Family 💕🙏🙏



vickie Ellenberg - December 13, 2021 at 05:33 PM

TL

“ Where to begin, my uncle Jerry will be missed by so many. It seems surreal that he is not here with us today. It really shows that we should live everyday like it will be our last. I am so happy that he and my aunt Patti met over 15 years ago and from that day forward he has been a true blessing to our family. Jerry was a person that I knew I could call on for advice. I remember a couple occasions where emails were exchanged or telephone calls were made to simply talk and get his advice on things. Uncle Jerry will be greatly missed. I was so thankful that I got to see him for the last time on video chat on Thanksgiving, we both wished I could be there in person for a big welcoming hug. That was one of Jerrys specialties! Giving great, giant hugs! I think I may miss that the most. Jerry had a way of making his presence known, whether it be vocally or physically and I know that he has made his presence very clear up in Heaven! Keep looking down on us Uncle Jerry. I will miss you.

Your favorite niece!

Tara Law - December 13, 2021 at 11:21 AM

DB

“ He always had us smiling and laughing. And he always had kind words for all he knew. He will be missed.

Dawn Barron - December 07, 2021 at 11:38 PM

SC

“ Jerry was always such a joy to run across. His relationship with the Lord was such an encouragement. His latest update was the vacation he took with his family. My condolences go out to all the family. Jerry loved and was proud of each one of you.

Stephanie Canolty - December 07, 2021 at 08:02 PM

DV

“ I knew Jerry from working in the same building as him at the Small Arms Division at Crane. He was such a happy man with a smile on his face and a friendly greeting. A huge bear hugs. He could tell jokes at the drop of a hat and kept the humor flowing. I had such great respect for the man. My thoughts and prayers go to all of his family. Please remember that this isn't "goodbye", it is "see you later." Respectfully, Debra Vester

Debra Vester - December 07, 2021 at 06:10 PM

MP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.
Randy and Marie
Dale and Teri

Marie Patton - December 07, 2021 at 03:44 PM

KK

“ I met Jerry in 2002 through Carol Zehr (a mutual friend) a few months after I moved to Indiana. We hung out together and had some great times then unfortunately lost touch for a while. Then I moved to Loogootee and he came in the restaurant where I worked. Always the great smiling friend I knew from earlier. The last time I saw him (I was changing jobs) he gave me one of his bear hugs and wished me luck... He always had a smile on his face and was positive about life.. He will definitely be missed

Kathren Kluemper - December 07, 2021 at 11:24 AM

JP

“ John Pfender lit a candle in memory of Jerry D. Schnarr



John Pfender - December 07, 2021 at 08:46 AM

JM

“ I knew when I saw Jerry you would get a warm loud "Greetings" and a bear hug! I have no doubt he will be part of the Angles choir in his overalls this Christmas... I bet if we listen we maybe able to hear him❤️

Julie McBride - December 07, 2021 at 08:22 AM

KN

“ My very first day at Small Arms I was blessed to meet Jerry. He gave me a big Jerbear hug and was forever my friend. Give Jesus a hug my friend. 🙏👍❤️

Kerri Beasley Nonte - December 06, 2021 at 10:51 PM

PW

“ Patti Wigand lit a candle in memory of Jerry D. Schnarr



Patti Wigand - December 06, 2021 at 04:01 PM

PW

Sorry for your loss at this difficult time.

Patti Wigand - December 06, 2021 at 04:02 PM

JG

So sorry to hear of the passing of Jerry. He was a wonderful person and a joy to be around. Prayers for your family. I knew Jerry from Crane

jacky goad - December 06, 2021 at 07:07 PM

KH

*Patti,
Jerry was a brother in Christ to me. He has always been there when I needed encouragement and prayer. I will miss his phone calls when he said "He Kristi Helms! this is your friend Jerry Schnarr calling!" Loved when he shared about his family and how much he loved his "Sweetie". He loved to tell stories and they always brought laughter and joy to all those that knew him. He never hesitated to share his faith wherever he went and his life was a true ministry for Christ. He almost always ended his conversations with "God is good and life is good!" His passing leaves a hole in our hearts but I know he would say, "Don't cry for me because I'm with my Jesus!"
I will be praying for you and your family,
In Christ,
Kristi*

Kristi Helms - December 07, 2021 at 07:24 AM

NH

Jerry and I were friends in high school and I'm sorry we lost touch. It sounds like the sweet boy I knew then grew into a sweet man, surrounded by love. My sympathy.

Nola Hurst - December 07, 2021 at 07:51 AM

MC

Praying for you in your loss of such a beloved Brother in Christ. I worked with Jerry years ago at Crane. He was such a joy to be around, we shared our love of Christ often. He always made you feel welcome and I loved those JerBear hugs. He was just the best. He made sure I knew he was retiring and how to reach him so he could continue to receive my daily devotionals. Loved hearing about his love for his family. I just can't say enough good about him. I know he is having a blast in Heaven and the angels are singing with him. God bless you all and prayers to you.

Marnie Coffey - December 07, 2021 at 10:03 AM

DC

Jerry always had a smile and a hug ready. I remember an encouraging note from him just when I needed it most. He always spoke of his love for his wife and family, God, and life. All Gods blessings to you at this sad time.

Dana Churchill - December 07, 2021 at 12:00 PM

NB

I worked with Jerry in the Small Arms Division at NSW Crane and we were friends from day one. Always looked forward to seeing JerBear and hearing a few stories and at times much needed words of encouragement. He was definitely one of the good ones and will be missed by all. Prayers for all the family and friends he leaves behind.

Nathan Brown - December 07, 2021 at 01:36 PM

JT

Patti, Jerry will be missed by many. He always was full of joy. Hugs and prayers to you and your family.

Jared & Melissa Teaney

Jared Teaney - December 11, 2021 at 07:36 PM