



Wendell L. Lueken

December 18, 1956 - June 29, 2023

Dateline, Jasper, Indiana

Wendell L. Lueken, age 66, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 12:07 p.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at home.

Wendell was born in Cannelton, Indiana, on December 18, 1956, to Robert and Margie (Kirk) Lueken.

Wendell started his woodworking career at Woodmaster in St. Anthony at the age of 16. He continued to grow and perfect his craft, moving from Woodmaster, to Jasper Lumber, and finally he became the "W" in BWT Custom Woodworking. He was not just a cabinet builder, but an artist.

He enjoyed playing and watching golf and was an avid I.U. and St. Louis Cardinals fan.

Surviving are two children, Nathan Lueken, Santa Claus, IN, and Jillian (Blake) Schroering, Jasper, IN, five grandchildren, James, Gavin, Jenna, Meadow, and Silas, two sisters, Sharon (Francis) Gogel, Huntingburg, IN, and Elizabeth DeMuth, Jasper, IN, and one brother, Gene (Gina) Lueken, Ferdinand, IN.

Preceding him in death are his parents.

In accordance with Wendell's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service.

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

Tribute Wall

GO

“ I might have drank a beer or two with Wendell back in high school. I ran around with Gene a lot and with Wendell some and always enjoyed talking to him. Last time I saw Gene he was telling me about Wendell and his woodworking. I am sorry to hear of his passing and will have Gene and all the Lueken family members in my prayers Glenn Oser

Glenn Oser - July 08, 2023 at 07:03 AM

SA

“ Wendell was a regular at the gas station I once worked at. He made my days brighter and never left me without a smile. A genuine soul gone too soon. Thank you for the warm smiles and laughs that made my hard days worth it. Rest now, my dear friend Wendell. ❤️

samantha - July 07, 2023 at 03:33 AM

SM

“ Worked with Wendell many times over the years. He always had a positive attitude and usually had a contagious smile. Sometimes his dry wit would make me wonder if he was serious or just joking - then he would chuckle - he was always joking.

He will be missed. My sympathy to his family and friends.

Steven Meyer - July 05, 2023 at 08:29 AM

NL

Thank you Steven we greatly appreciate it.

Nathan P Lueken - July 05, 2023 at 07:41 PM

VG

“ I met Wendell when he was looking for counter tops to go on cabinets that BWT was making for veterinary clinics. He would call me Vic, so I called him Wilbur. He was such a fun guy to work with and always had a smile to share. My sympathy to his family.

Vince Granacher - July 03, 2023 at 02:54 PM

LK

“ You are missed my dear friend! Memories of your love and kindness will be with me till we meet again. My condolences to all of Windell's family and friends. This is the loss of a truly great man!

Lydia Kluemper - July 03, 2023 at 07:43 AM

NL

Thank you Lydia

Nathan P Lueken - July 05, 2023 at 08:07 PM

AB

“ I went to work back in 1976, early '77 at Woodmasters in St. Anthony. It was a pretty small factory back then. The bosses were kinda male chauvinistic and all the women could do at that time was off bear or work with a machine after it was set up. I wasn't sure what to expect when I first saw Wendell. He had come over to set up a boring machine for me. He turned out to be one of the nicest most respectful men I have had the pleasure to know. Later on, after I had watched him set up a couple of machines many times and knew how myself, he'd always laugh about how I could probably do it faster than him. Also, he had such a gift in working with wood. Many of his art works will be around for a long time. You will be missed.

My sympathies to his family,
Ann Berg

Ann Berg - July 02, 2023 at 12:32 PM

AS

“ I will miss walking in to the bwt shop and seeing Wendell there and opening the morning with a good hearted poking fun at me, we also would spend much time after the work day just sitting and talking about the world, politics and our life's growing up. There were alot of days I just lost track of time chatting away with Wendell, he was such a skilled and knowledgeable man. I know he loved his children and grandchildren so much, as well as his friends. It seems like everyone knew him, I could be towns away and mention where I worked and people would say, oh Wendell, yeah he is a character we love that guy. The truth is he was an amazing person, with a good heart, a hilarious personality, and a lot to teach anyone that wanted to learn. I will never forget the time I got to share with him and it only saddens me that it wasn't longer. Thanks Wendell for all you showed me and all the great conversations and laughs we had. I will miss you very much.

Aaron Sanders - July 02, 2023 at 05:19 AM

HC

“ I met Wendell five years ago when I walked into his shop looking for some-one to build custom kitchen cabinets. I was very impressed with his talents in woodworking.and Wendell got the job. God bless Mr. Lueken

H. Leo Clements

Howard Leo Clements - July 01, 2023 at 06:34 PM

JH

“ Sorry to hear the loss of Wendell. Enjoyed the conversations when he needed copies for the projects he was currently working on. May you rest in peace. Sorry to the family for your loss. He will be missed.

Julia Hurst - July 01, 2023 at 10:01 AM



“ Goodbye old Friend. We had a lot of fun through High School and a lot of years afterwards. We were born on the same day and would call each other for birthday greetings if we could remember. So many good times and many Beers together.

Joseph Hoffman - July 01, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ I worked with Wendell many years at Jasper Lumber- he was a kind person who I thought a lot of. I went out of my way to strike up a conversation with him because he always brought a smile to your face- he was a gifted man and he will be missed dearly- we are so very sorry for your loss!

Lisa Schroering - July 01, 2023 at 08:53 AM

MM

“ Use to play together as young kids, always thought high of him. Reget hearing of his death, but we know he's in a much better place.

Michael Maffenbeier - July 01, 2023 at 08:21 AM

KU

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the family. Worked with him at wood masters for years.

Kelly Uppencamp - June 30, 2023 at 07:48 PM

RN

“ I was so lucky to get to know Wendell 20 years ago when we worked together at Jasper Lumber. Wendell went out of his way to teach me about woodworking and craftsmanship. He was an incredibly warm and funny and kind man and a great friend to our family. I'll always remember a road trip we took together to South Carolina to install some beautiful cabinetry he created for my mom's home. When my wife and I got married in 2016, Wendell came to our wedding, and that's another memory I'll always treasure. Our hearts go out to your family - Reid, Megan, and Charlie Norris



Reid Norris - June 30, 2023 at 07:08 PM



I moved away so soon after graduation that my memory of cousin time has faded. But I do have some memories of us being rowdy children ... which was awesome... we played and we got dirty and we had fun. RIP dear cousin. Prayers of love to your family

Phyllis Angelo - July 06, 2023 at 09:03 PM

KW

“ My heart out to your family! I always enjoyed your presence. You were hard worker going above & beyond to help my Dad build his business Woodmaster Inc. It was then he extremely successful! I wish I could of talked to you one more time!! Rest in Peace!
Kathy Hoffman-Welp

Kathy M Welp - June 30, 2023 at 06:12 PM

NL

Thank you Kathy

Nathan P Lueken - July 05, 2023 at 08:03 PM

SH

“ Will miss you little brother! Every morning when I walk into the kitchen and see the cabinet you built for me, I think of you! Love you always.....Sharon

Sharon - June 30, 2023 at 05:50 PM



“ I have such sweet memories of Wendell and was privileged to own many of his fine woodworking pieces. I will miss him.
Robin Norris

Robin Norris - June 30, 2023 at 04:27 PM

NL

Thank you Robbin, I know dad talked of you and your family several times. He thought the world of you all. Thank you

Nathan P Lueken - July 05, 2023 at 08:05 PM

VS

“ I'll deeply miss you, my friend. Even though I couldn't say goodbye; "see you later" will have to do. I'm praying for your family and friends at this difficult time. -Jen

Virginia "Jen" Schwartz - June 30, 2023 at 04:26 PM

NL

Thank you Jen, he was definitely taken way to soon.

Nathan P Lueken - July 05, 2023 at 08:06 PM

DK

“ Rest In Peace dear classmate!

Dave Knust - June 30, 2023 at 03:14 PM

NL

Thank you Dave

Nathan P Lueken - July 05, 2023 at 08:07 PM