



Gerald "Jay" Stauffer

August 5, 1938 - July 26, 2020

Gerald "Jay" Stauffer, 81 of Markle, passed away on Sunday evening, July 26, 2020 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Jay was born on August 5, 1938 in Adams County, Indiana to John & Pearl (Smitley) Stauffer. A 1957 graduate of Rockcreek High School, Jay delivered fuel for National Oil & Gas for over 30 years. He previously was the owner & operator of the Markle Shell Station, along with working in construction.

Jay and Ruth Ann (Faust) were married on March 6, 1960 at the Markle United Methodist Church, where he was a longtime member. They shared 59 years of marriage and Ruth Ann preceded Jay in death on January 7, 2020.

Survivors include his children; Tammera (Richard) Hazelwood of Cumming, GA., Richard J. (Julie) Stauffer of Plymouth, John Edward "Eddie" (Amy) Stauffer and Jayleen (Cory) Smith, both of Markle. He was a proud grandpa to 9 grandchildren; Jake Hazelwood, Daniel Stauffer, Michael Stauffer, Joseph Stauffer, Kaylee Patterson, Reilly Stauffer, Lucas Stauffer, Lily Smith and Lora Smith and 3 great-grandchildren, Sawyer, Elias & Harper Patterson. Jay is also survived by a brother, Carl Stauffer of Bluffton.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, a son Christopher Dennis Stauffer, a granddaughter, Addison Ann Stauffer, a brother, Bob Stauffer, a sister, Phyllis Bauermeister, a brother, Jim Stauffer and a sister, Barbara Lockwood.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Friday (July 31, 2020) at the Markle United Methodist Church with Pastor Dan Hyer officiating. Burial will

follow at the Markle Cemetery. Calling hours will be held from 3 to 8 P.M. on Thursday at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton and for one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday. Memorials may be made to the American Kidney Foundation.

The safety of the family and all visitors is our utmost priority. For everyone's safety, we ask that you practice social distancing. Masks are required for visitation and for Jay's service at the church. We appreciate your cooperation and patience.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Markle Cemetery

Markle, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

JUL 31. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Markle United Methodist Church
145 West Morse Street
Markle, IN 46770

Service

JUL 31. 10:30 AM (ET)

Markle United Methodist Church
145 West Morse Street
Markle, IN 46770

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald "Jay" Stauffer*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - July 30, 2020 at 04:56 PM



“ *Gerald "Jay" Stauffer*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



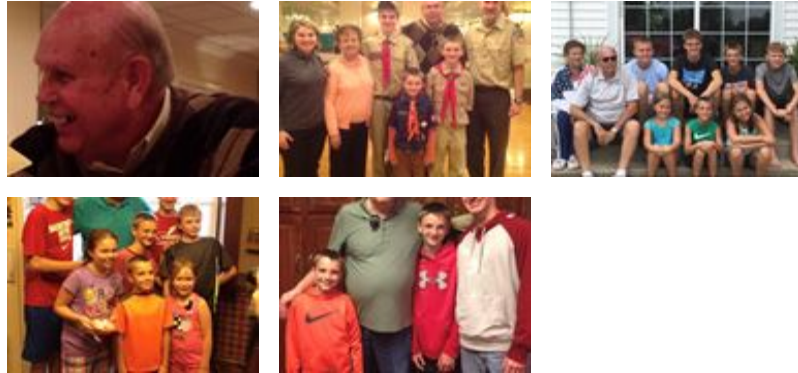
“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jay" Stauffer.*



July 30, 2020 at 07:26 PM



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Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - July 30, 2020 at 09:40 AM



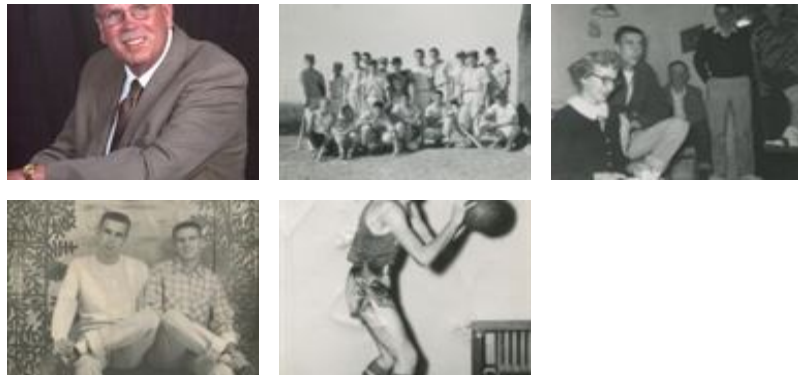
“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jay" Stauffer.*



July 30, 2020 at 08:06 AM



“ 129 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - July 29, 2020 at 04:30 PM

FG

I want to send my sympathy to the family, Skip always had a nice time visiting with Jay and his brother Carl. We also had business with Eddie and he is a fine man. Always try to please us.

Fern E. Gould - July 31, 2020 at 10:58 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jay" Stauffer.*



July 29, 2020 at 04:08 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jay" Stauffer.*



July 29, 2020 at 01:19 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jay" Stauffer.*



July 29, 2020 at 12:15 PM

BR

“ I did not know Jay, But have been doing business with Eddie and Amy for a number of years. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and the rest of the family at this time.

Barbara & Kevin Rupley

Barbara Rupley - July 28, 2020 at 02:56 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Our Family Chain Is Broken" was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jay" Stauffer.



July 28, 2020 at 02:15 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jay" Stauffer.



July 28, 2020 at 01:48 PM

LM

“ Lisa Ploughe McDonald lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jay" Stauffer



Lisa Ploughe McDonald - July 28, 2020 at 10:12 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jay" Stauffer.*



July 28, 2020 at 09:46 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jay" Stauffer.*



July 28, 2020 at 07:19 AM



“ *Deb Duhamell (McCune) lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jay" Stauffer*



Deb Duhamell (McCune) - July 28, 2020 at 06:35 AM