



Jerome "Jerry" D. Christianson

August 19, 1938 - March 7, 2021

Jerome "Jerry" D. Christianson, 82 of Bluffton, passed away on Sunday morning, March 7, 2021, at Swiss Village in Berne.

Jerry was born on August 9, 1938 in Eagle Bend, MN. to George & Inez (Oman) Christianson. A 1956 graduate of Bluffton High School, Jerry was a truck driver for over 45 years and drove for Food Marketing from 1956 to 2001. He was also the owner of Frontier Antiques and Guns in Bluffton for over 10 years.

Jerry was a member of the Bluffton Elk's where he served as a trustee for many years, American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton and the Bluffton Moose Lodge. He enjoyed serving as the manager of the Bluffton Free Street Fair for over 10 years and was instrumental in building the Interurban Express Streetcar for the 100th Bluffton Free Street Fair! He enjoyed collecting antiques and antique cars and was a talented artist and model ship builder. He had a love for cooking for his family and others.

On September 9, 1961 in Bluffton, Jerry married Patricia "Patty" (Spaid). They shared 54 years together, and she preceded him in death on October 27, 2015.

Survivors include a son Terry Christianson and a daughter Vicki (Steve) Cale, both of Bluffton. He is also survived by a daughter, Linda Sechrist of Lafayette. He was a loving grandpa to three grandchildren; Kaylee (Brian) Riesen, Cameron Gerber and Ryland Christianson a great-grandson; Jace Andrews and great-granddaughter; Ellie Jane and three step-grandchildren; Ryan Cale, Matt Cale and Abby Hissong along with six step-great-grandchildren. Jerry is also survived by a sister, Joanne Jackson of Ohio along with nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Patty, a brother, Larry Christianson and a sister, Janice Schieferstein.

A service to celebrate Jerry's life will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, March 13, 2021, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Burial will follow at Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton with military honors by the United State Army Honor Guard and the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton.

Calling hours will be held from 2 P.M. to 7 P.M. on Friday at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service on Saturday. An Elk's memorial service will be held at 7 P.M. on Friday, at the conclusion of calling.

Memorials may be made in Jerry's memory to Bluffton Elk's Lodge or Visiting Nurse Hospice.

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 the service. During the current guidelines, we are only allowed a limited number of people in the building at a time. We appreciate your cooperation and patience. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Six Mile Cemetery

4795 SE State Road 116
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Elk's Memorial Service

MAR 12. 7:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
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Visitation

MAR 13. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Celebration of Life Service

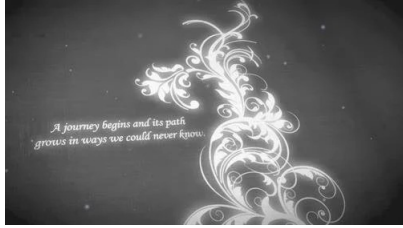
MAR 13. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerome "Jerry" D. Christianson*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - March 12, 2021 at 01:38 PM



“ *Jerome "Jerry" D. Christianson*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Joe Pfeifer lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" D. Christianson*



joe Pfeifer - March 12, 2021 at 12:13 PM



“ *TC and Vicki. We are truly sorry for your family's loss, and we are praying for your comfort during this time. Sincerely, Brett and Jodi Garrett*

Brett Garrett - March 12, 2021 at 12:08 PM



“ *One of the most stubborn old coots that I had the pleasure of calling my dearest friend. I will miss you Jerry! Rest in peace my friend. Joe Pfeifer*



joe Pfeifer - March 12, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" D. Christianson.



March 11, 2021 at 08:58 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" D. Christianson.



March 11, 2021 at 07:23 PM



“ *Terry and Vicki, I am so sorry to learn of the loss of your Dad. I did not know Jerry but knew your Mom, Patti and she was a sweetie. We used to exercise together at the old "Free to Be Me" salon. Our Son, Scott talked about Jerry and what a neat guy he was and I'm sure that he will be missed by so many people. Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your families at this time. BJ Gray*



BJ Gray - March 11, 2021 at 01:17 PM



“ *114 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - March 10, 2021 at 12:44 PM

JH

“ *Joyce Huss lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" D. Christianson*



Joyce Huss - March 10, 2021 at 10:19 AM

JJ

“ *Jerry was a friend to many and always ready to step up when help was needed. We shared many great times with him and Patty over many years. Great memories of two special friends.*
Jackie Johnson

Jackwyn E Johnson - March 09, 2021 at 12:08 PM

KA

“ *Kim Anderson lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" D. Christianson*



Kim Anderson - March 09, 2021 at 10:15 AM

JB

“ *Vickie and Terry, Grandma Jane and I were so sorry to hear about Jerry's passing. Grandpa Russell, Sr. and him will have lots of stories to tell each other when they get together in Heaven. We had lots of wonderful memories with the antique car club. Our prayers are with you and your family. Jane Wilkin and Joni Bertsch*



Joni Bertsch - March 09, 2021 at 09:24 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" D. Christianson.*



March 08, 2021 at 10:01 PM

MF

“ One of the greatest men I have ever known, rest in peace Jerry.



mark foreman - March 08, 2021 at 09:04 PM

MF

“ Mark Foreman lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" D. Christianson



mark foreman - March 08, 2021 at 08:56 PM

LD

“ Lori Dobson lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" D. Christianson



Lori Dobson - March 08, 2021 at 07:43 PM

LW

“ Jerry was a wonder person, I enjoyed spending time with him at the gun shop, he was always telling us about the animal's he had hanging around the shop!! Jerry will be missed, RIP Jerry

lesia wood - March 08, 2021 at 06:58 PM

LW

“ Lesia Wood lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" D. Christianson



lesia wood - March 08, 2021 at 06:56 PM



“ *Stacey West lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" D. Christianson*



Stacey West - March 08, 2021 at 08:18 AM

DG

“ *Sorry to learn of Jerry's passing. He will truly be missed. I enjoyed working with him when he was the street fair manager. The Christianson family will be in our prayers.*
Dan and Darlene Gerdom



Dan Gerdom - March 07, 2021 at 06:46 PM

LJ

“ *Lisa Jack lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" D. Christianson*



Lisa Jack - March 07, 2021 at 02:00 PM