



## Jerry A. Springer

July 18, 1961 - March 26, 2026

Jerry Allen Springer, 64, of Ossian, Indiana passed away at his home on March 26, 2026. Born on July 18, 1961, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, he was the son of Junior and Delight (Fisher) Springer.

Jerry is survived by his sisters, Vickie Springer and Pattie (Steve) Bardonner; nephew Matthew (Tiffanie) Bardonner; niece Kristin (Stephen) Howey; and grandniece Sophia Howey.

Jerry was preceded in death by his grandparents, Simon and Elsie Springer, Orlo and Lola Fisher, and his parents.

Jerry is the owner of Lighted Gardens, purchased in 1998. He is known for his beautifully decorated cakes, made for any occasion, and his delicious smoky wellington. Jerry has been delighting the tastebuds for over 40 years. He received his Certificate of Culinary Arts from Ivy Tech in 1982. He worked at Goeglein's Catering for eight years before establishing Catered Affairs in 1995.

Family and friends may gather for a Celebration of Life to share memories on Monday, April 6, 2026, from 5-8 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6514E 750N Ossian, Indiana. The funeral service will be on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Rev. Samuel Wirgau officiating. Burial will follow at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery. Memorials may be given to American Cancer Society, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, or Wells County 4-H Backpack Program and can be directed to the funeral home.

Jerry's arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cemetery

6514 East 700 North  
Ossian, IN

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Reception

APR 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
6514 East 750 North  
Ossian, IN 46777

## Funeral Service

APR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
6514 East 750 North  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerry A. Springer*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - April 06 at 04:45 PM

NM

“ *I just found out Jerry passed away. What a shock. I am so sad about it. What a wonderful, good, caring person. He was a generous soul, fun to work with was such an hard worker. Jerry did a lot for the Ossian and Wells county communities. I worked with him many years as part of Ossian Revitalization and could always count on him for our Wine tastings and many other events. My heart goes out to his family and the community as a whole. Natalie Milholland*

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**Natalie Milholland** - April 26 at 06:26 PM

MC

“ *We have held all the kid's events for school, graduations, bridal showers, baby showers, rehearsals - Jerry was the kindest. We have one more booked for July that I was working with him on and just jumped on here to send our menu! I am in shock. We always pick his place because of the customer service and experience. I am heartbroken for the family and the close employees who I am sure were like family. Godspeed Jerry - Thank you for Everything. Mishelle, Molly, Marcella*

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**Mishelle Coldren** - April 15 at 12:12 PM

DB

“ Jerry made my daughter, Rachelle and her husband, Ethan's wedding reception amazing. He treated our family so well and my Aunt Marceil and Uncle Bud's "neighbor" (Lighted Gardens) was loved by all who knew him. The whole community of Ossian is a better place due to the small business owner, friend to all and genuine love that Jerry put into every dish served and cake decorated. God has blessed us. Love to you Vickie and Patty and your families. From Kevin & Dawn (Werling) Buuck

Dawn Buuck - April 09 at 04:56 PM

GR

“ Jerry was a sweet, kind guy with a good sense of humor. I loved his big smile and laugh. He was a dear friend.

Ginny Robinson - April 07 at 01:53 AM



“ 168 files added to the album LifeTributes



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - March 31 at 11:48 AM

BK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Barb Kampschmidt - March 30 at 05:46 PM

ED


*New Year's won't be the same without Jerry* ❤️

Emeline Detrick - March 31 at 08:29 PM

AP

“ *I've worked for Jerry as a server and bartender for 25 years. I always told him it was my favorite job, and it was. Working for Jerry was always so much fun. We had alot of laughter in the kitchen and he taught me how to make food look "pretty ". It was those final touches that made it look pretty. Jerry will be missed.*

Anita Penrod - March 30 at 06:21 AM

 Barb Kampschr

“ 1 file added to the album Jerry with Friends



Barb Kampschmidt - March 29 at 08:42 AM

BK

*Jerry knew how to embrace the fun. He won 1st place for Best Dressed Male at the University of Saint Francis "Roaring 20's Murder at the Castle" event. His Partners in Fun... Eme, Steve, Barb*

**Barb Kampschmidt** - March 30 at 05:42 PM

ED

*We remember this evening we'll. Jerry won 1st place for best dressed male at the University of St Francis "Murder at the Castle" event. Jerry knew how to have fun.*

**Emeline Detrick** - March 30 at 06:17 PM

LN

*“ Jerry made special occasions more special with his creativity and culinary gifts. He shared his talents well and will be missed.*

**Leann N Nash** - March 28 at 09:58 PM