



Gerald "Jerry" Houser

February 6, 1943 - December 7, 2020

Gerald "Jerry" Houser, 77, of Paxton passed away on Monday, December 7, 2020 at his home surrounded by loved ones. He was born on February 6, 1943 in Piper City, IL, the son of Laurence and Edith (Wilkey) Houser. Jerry married Kathie (Roy) on September 22, 1978 in Paxton and enjoyed a career as a union sheet metal worker.

The most important thing to Jerry was his family. Spending time with them brought him much joy. In his free time, he enjoyed fishing, tinkering with computers and flying his plane. He also enjoyed gardening and bowling with his wife, Kathie. He was a HUGE Illini Basketball fan and was very active in the Baptist Church in town before its closure. Jerry, along with Kathie, was a foster parent to more than 40 children over the years, and he also enjoyed his horses and camping when he was younger.

He is survived by his wife, Kathie of Paxton; one son, Tom (Traci) Houser of Buckley; 3 daughters, Wendy Marks of Reidsville, NC, Michelle (David) Hood of Paxton, and Erika (Jason) Swan of Noblesville, IN; one brother, Denny (Rita) Houser of Gibson City; one sister, Pat Houser of Alexandria, TN; 10 grandchildren, Josh Shelton, Jacob (Marie) Marks, Brock (Heather) Johnson, Ethan Johnson, Austin (Chrissy) Hood, Dylan Hood, Elijah Swan, Noah Swan, Josiah Swan, Jedidiah Swan; 10 great-grandchildren, Liana, Peyton, Dalila, Izzy, Kendall, Axel, Zandy, Araya, Jude and Penelope.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Rick Houser and Paul Houser.

There will be a private family service on Friday, December 11, 2020 officiated by long-time friend Pastor Doug Bradley. Burial will follow at Ridgeland Township Cemetery in Thawville, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Gibson City Area Hospital.

Please sign his guestbook at www.coxknapp.com.

Cemetery Details

Ridgeland Township Cemetery

Thawville, IL

Tribute Wall

MG

“ Prayers to family over the passing of your loved one. Rest In Peace my union brother.



Michael Gambosi - December 14, 2020 at 03:26 PM



“ Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Houser.



December 09, 2020 at 09:28 PM

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“ Tim Vest and Lisa Vest purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Houser.



Tim Vest and Lisa Vest - December 09, 2020 at 12:30 PM



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December 09, 2020 at 12:15 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss

Steve Elson - December 08, 2020 at 10:35 PM

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“ Jerry has been a huge part of my life for 30 years. I spent as much time at his house with Erika, Kathie, and Jerry as I did at my own house. Late nights of our families visiting and laughing, graduations, wedding and all the big moments of my life involved Jerry. He was family, not by blood, but by Jesus and I am so blessed to have known and loved this man!

Lori (Bradley) Goodman - December 08, 2020 at 10:01 PM

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The neighborhood will miss him and our prayers and condolences to Kathy and his family.

Henry and Patty DeHeer - December 09, 2020 at 10:22 AM

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I knew all my life
He worked on the Red Star passenger boats during his summer season in his youth .

brendan - May 18, 2021 at 03:58 AM