



Gerald "Jerry" Cruse

April 17, 1950 - March 30, 2022

Gerald "Jerry" Cruse, age 71, of Dongola, was called to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on April 17, 1950 to Charles Oliver and Leota (Smith) Cruse in Anna. Jerry married Janet Hase on September 12, 1970, and she survives.

Jerry retired in 2009 as an ironworker for over 35 years. During this time, he owned and operated a filling station in Dongola, as well as a grain and livestock farm with his family.

After retirement, he worked for IDOT during the winter months for nine years. Jerry had a passion for fixing things and pulling tractors. He enjoyed being outside and camping with his family and friends. He also loved attending his children and grandchildren's activities, wherever they may be.

Jerry was a man of faith serving as a deacon at the First Baptist Church in Dongola along with teaching Sunday School there and at Mt. Olive Baptist, where he was a member. He, alongside his wife, worked with the Illinois Baptist Association for Disaster Relief. They volunteered many hours and traveled several places to help those that were in need.

Besides his wife of 51 years, he is survived by his son, Lane (Deanna) Cruse of Anna; daughter, Leslie (Stanley) Treat of Dongola; five grandchildren, Ashton (Jake) Casey, Raegan Cruse, Riley Cruse, all of Anna, Dalen Treat and Evan Treat, both of Dongola; two great-grandchildren, Aliyah and Paisley Casey of Anna; brother, Gaylon (Goldie) Cruse of Dongola; sister-in-law, Joyce (Marion) Hill of Dongola; brother-in-law, Jerry (Sheila) Hase of Anna; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Larry Wayne Cruse.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 1:00 PM at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola with Rev. Paul Sadler and Rev. Victor Duckworth officiating. Visitation will be from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Friendship Cemetery.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family request with gratitude that memorial contributions may be made to Residential Hospice, and envelopes will be provided at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Friendship Cemetery

Dongola, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Dongola
106 NW Front St.
Dongola, IL 62926
866-592-7246
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Funeral Service

APR 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Gerald "Jerry" Cruse

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear about Jerry.
Jim spent a lot of time watching you kids play at the gyms. At the Dongola game 2 years ago - Nathan played -
(Jay - a senior and Lane a Sophomore) used to be on same team.
He and I were in the same band with Mrs Brown - our fathers both on the school board together. Long history. He was a good guy one of the best!

Jim Kaufman - April 01, 2022 at 09:15 PM



“ I am so sorry to learn of Jerry's passing, Janet. Prayers and condolences to you and your family. Love you, Jayn

Jayn Bigler - April 01, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ Jerry always had a smile and encouraging comment. Prayers for your family during this time of loss.

Maurice and Carol Wilhoit - April 01, 2022 at 09:20 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Cruse.*



March 31, 2022 at 11:09 PM



“ *So sorry about the passing of Jerry. He is resting peacefully with all the angels and Our Lord. With deepest sympathy from Diane & Larry Lovell.*

Diane Lovell - March 31, 2022 at 09:38 PM



“ *So many memories. School ballgames, church, and him waving at us as we drive by while he is mowing. Our prayers are with you Janet, Leslie and Lane and families. May God wrap his arms during this time of grief and many days ahead
Willie & Terrie*

willie and terrie rhymer - March 31, 2022 at 09:38 PM



“ *Dearest Janet...Our Deepest Sympathy...The Primary thing I remember about your Sweetheart is what a sweetheart he always was to me...I doubt Anyone could have been any Kinder...Please know dear Janet...I am upholding you in my prayers dearest Friend...❤️❤️ He is now sharing his love with his God...first hand...
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Christine Helm - March 31, 2022 at 06:51 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Cruse.*



March 31, 2022 at 03:55 PM