



Gerald Kaufmann

December 23, 1945 - February 14, 2018

Gerald (Jerry) Kaufmann, 72 of Carbondale, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on February 14, 2018 in Memorial Hospital of Carbondale following a brief illness.

He was born on December 23, 1945 in Urbana, Illinois to Alfred and Mildred Kaufmann.

Jerry was blessed with a large and loving family. He married his best friend, Debra Terneus, on June 12, 1981 in Herrin. He helped raise four children with patience, discipline and humility. He taught everyone around him to see the beauty of the outdoors and to find happiness in the simple moments of life. He cherished quality time with his loving family and friends.

Jerry graduated from Buckley-Loda High School and came to Carbondale to attend Southern Illinois University. He was later hired by the City of Carbondale where he retired after over 20 years. In 1987, he became co-owner of Mac-Weld, Inc. in Carbondale where he served Southern Illinois as a welder. Jerry also spent many years growing crops and raising cattle. Jerry was happiest when he was on his John Deere tractor in the fields.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Debra; his children, Terril (Marilyn) Kaufmann of Carbondale; Tina (Len) Goetz of Jonesboro; Stephani (Larry) McCaughan of

Carbondale and Greg (Emily) Kaufmann of Johnston City; grandchildren, Jamie (Frank) Eovaldi of Murphysboro; Tim (Brie) Imhoff of Murphysboro; Mallory (Ben) Wilson of Marion; Robin (Justin) Yancey of Carterville; Dana (Todd) Kellerman of Pinckneyville; Jacob McCaughan of Carbondale and Oak Kaufmann of Johnston City; eight great-grandchildren; a sister, Joan Hilse of California; a brother, Robert Kaufmann of Illinois; other relatives and a host of friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral Services for Gerald (Jerry) Kaufmann will be Sunday, February 18, 2018 at 2:00 pm in Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home with Rev. Tommy Monroe officiating. Interment will follow in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

Visitation will be Saturday, February 17, 2018 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the American Heart Association, the Alzheimer's Association, and the American Cancer Society and will be accepted at the funeral home.

To view the full obituary or to leave an online condolence for the family visit www.crainsonline.com

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
crain@crainsonline.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 17. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13
31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
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Service

FEB 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald Kaufmann*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald Kaufmann.*



February 16, 2018 at 03:00 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald Kaufmann.*



February 16, 2018 at 02:50 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Kaufmann.*



February 16, 2018 at 01:48 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gerald Kaufmann.*



February 16, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ *The family lost a great man.*

Kendall and Pat Doty, Carbondale, IL

Pat Doty - February 16, 2018 at 09:27 AM



“ *Your sisters, Mom and the rest of the family purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Gerald Kaufmann.*



Your sisters, Mom and the rest of the family. - February 16, 2018 at 09:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald Kaufmann.*



February 15, 2018 at 06:09 PM