

Bert Sterk

May 28, 1946 - December 20, 2025

Bert Sterk, 79, of Akron, Indiana died at home with his family at his side after a brief illness on Saturday, December 20, 2025.

Bert was born in Chicago, Illinois the 13th of 15 children of Cornelius and Winnie (Kelderhouse) Sterk. He was raised near Akron. After high school, he worked his way through Manchester College majoring in accounting. While attending college, he began dating Theresa Wildermuth. They married August 25, 1968. Together, Bert and Theresa shared 57 years making wonderful memories. They especially enjoyed travels that enabled them to see many of God's beautiful creations.

Bert retired from RR Donnelley printing company where he worked as a job cost accountant for 26 years. After retiring, Bert spent time gardening, visiting shut-ins and volunteering at the local food pantry.

Husband, dad, grandpa, brother, uncle, cousin-these loving terms are among Bert's favorite titles. He dearly loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. His family treasures times spent with him.

Bert's legacy includes his wife Theresa (Wildermuth), daughters Sara (Matthew) Turner of Fishers and Jennifer (Buddy) Freeze of Bristol, and son Scott (Stephanie) Sterk of Silver Lake. Also included are 12 grandchildren and

one great-granddaughter. He was also survived by sisters Cornelia Moore of Akron and Wilma Belsan of Brookfield, Illinois and brothers Robert (Sharon) Sterk of Sevierville, Tennessee and Lee (Leta) Sterk of Rochester, Indiana and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers John, Herman, Charles, and Richard and sisters Nellie Mosher, Carrie Koster, Margaret Tromp, Dorothy Sterk, Nancy Sterk, and Bernice Brown.

A memorial service, to celebrate Bert's life, will be held at 3:00 pm, Saturday, January 3, 2026 in the Akron Church of God 301 S West St, Akron, Indiana with Pastors Mandy Nellans and Kathy Nelson officiating. A time of fellowship will continue after the service. The service can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/eGG48sfA-4c>

Memorial visitation will be held from 1 pm to 3 pm, Saturday, January 3, 2026 in the Akron Church of God, Akron, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to United We Stand Ministries-Food Pantry, P.O. Box 173, Akron, IN 46910.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 3. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Akron Church of God
301 S. West Street, P.O. Box 66
Akron, IN 46910
<http://www.akronchurchofgod.org/>

Memorial Service

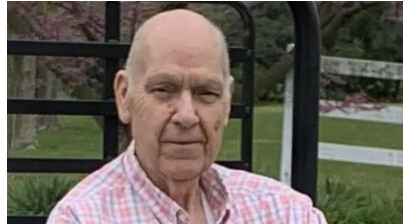
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Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Bert Sterk



Hartzler Funeral Services - January 03 at 04:15 PM



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Hartzler Funeral Services - December 30, 2025 at 03:06 PM

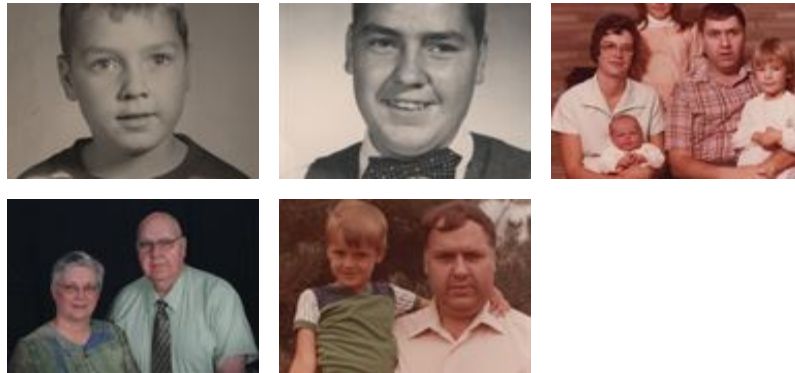


“ April M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bert Sterk.

April M. - January 03 at 10:06 AM



“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hartzler Funeral Services - December 30, 2025 at 03:04 PM

WH

“ Wilma Hale lit a candle in memory of Bert Sterk



Wilma Hale - December 29, 2025 at 04:54 PM

WH

“ Scott and extended family; so sorry to hear about the passing of your dear father. Sarah told us of his death, for we did not know. Please know you are in our thoughts during this most difficult time. Praying that you lean on the Lord Jesus Christ for your aching hearts to heal, and bring you comfort in the days ahead. He works quietly in our lives everyday. God Bless you all Scott
Keith & Wilma Hale

Wilma Hale - December 29, 2025 at 04:53 PM

PM

“ Was privileged to serve on the Church Board of Directors with Bert many years ago. His guidance and input were very much appreciated. He also shared teaching a Bible study with Marian Hunter on Thursday evenings. Good memories !

Pat Mitterling - December 27, 2025 at 03:49 PM

MO

“ Worked with Bert at RRD , always friendly. Sorry for your loss.

Mike Orr - December 23, 2025 at 05:35 PM

CA

“ Cheryl Albright purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Bert Sterk.



Cheryl Albright - December 23, 2025 at 04:08 PM

CA

“ Cheryl Albright planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bert Sterk.

Cheryl Albright - December 23, 2025 at 04:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bert Sterk.



December 23, 2025 at 12:10 PM

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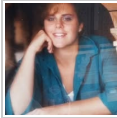
“ I worked with Bert many years ago at Tri State Harvestore. He was such a kind man and always so joyful. So sorry to hear of this.....may you feel Gods peace wrapped around you.

Amy Williams - December 23, 2025 at 07:35 AM

SB

“ So sorry to hear about this. Bert was a wonderful man. He will be missed.

Shirley Bickel - December 22, 2025 at 04:50 PM



Thinking of Theresa and your family during this time

Amy Voth-Reed - December 23, 2025 at 07:27 AM

CF

theressa and family we are so sorry to hear of berts passing. wayne and carol fryer,lakeland florida

carol and wayne fryer - December 24, 2025 at 04:14 PM