



Howard T. Kerr Jr.

August 3, 1943 - April 24, 2025

Howard T. Kerr Jr., 81, of rural Akron, Indiana passed, after being ill since March, on Thursday, April 24, 2025 at Lutheran Hospital of Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Howard was born on August 3, 1943, in Chicago, Illinois, to Howard T. and Eleanore A. (Miert) Kerr. At the age of three, his family moved from Chicago to the farm. He graduated from Akron High School in 1961 and married Jolinda Draper on August 1, 1964, at Richland Center United Methodist Church.

A dedicated farmer throughout his life, Howard raised hogs and grain, embodying the hardworking spirit of agriculture. He also worked at Sonoco Products in Akron, for many years. Howard was a man of faith, attending Hope Community Church in Rochester, and a devoted enthusiast of Ford vehicles—both driving and farming with them. He held a deep affection for his dog, Kasey, and was a proud supporter of the Chicago Cubs.

He is survived by his wife Jolinda Kerr of Akron; sons Jeff Kerr and Brian Kerr both of Rochester; grandchildren Kaitlyn and Gabe; and great grandchildren Kobe and Collyn.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents and a sister Diane Camfferman.

The funeral service will take place at 12:00 noon, Monday, April 28, 2025 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana with Pastor Wanda Carter and Michael Walters officiating.

The interment will take place following the service in the Athens Cemetery, Athens, Indiana.

Visitation hours will be held from 10 am to 12 pm, Monday, April 28, 2025 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in his memory to Hope Community Church C/O Frankie Swango: 1202 Bancroft Avenue Rochester, IN 46975.

Cemetery Details

Athens - Hoover Cemetery

State Road 14
Athens, IN 46912

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 28. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Hartzler Funeral Home
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P.O. Box 856
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Funeral Service

APR 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Howard T. Kerr Jr.



Hartzler Funeral Services - April 26, 2025 at 09:05 PM

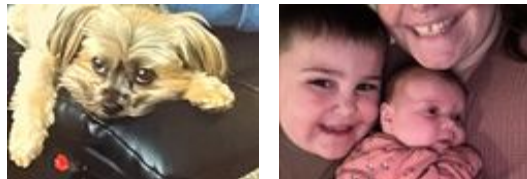
BI

“ I am going to miss you uncle kurlly I don't know what I'm going to at the next tractor pull when someone is not throwing a bottle at my head or instigating something just to make me smile. You are my favorite and always one of the best we love you your niece Bethany and husband Paul Ice I will miss you everyday more and more

Bethany ice - April 28, 2025 at 10:55 PM



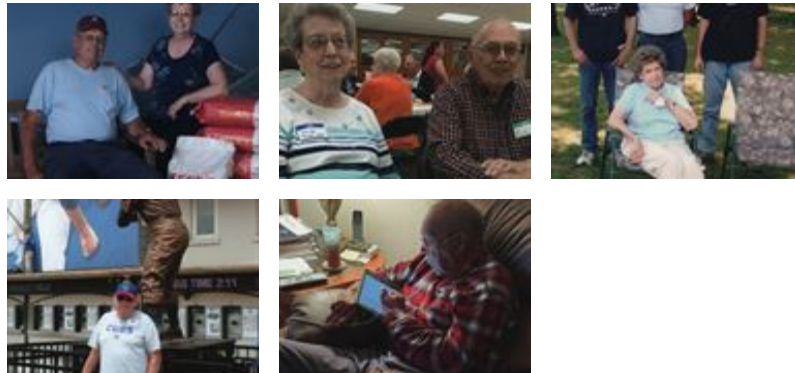
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DM

“ What an all around great guy and neighbor. He farmed our farm for a few years. And I always enjoyed seeing "Curly " when I worked at Akron Farm Supply. He always had a smile on his face. You are going to be missed.

David "Goober" Mathias - April 25, 2025 at 08:23 PM

JV

“ Prayers 🙏 to Jolinda & all family members. I use to haul grain for Howard & we had lots of good talks & laughter. Love ❤️ & prayers 🙏 To all. Jim & Patricia Vigar. Madera, CA.

Jim Vigar - April 25, 2025 at 06:53 PM

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“ Uncle kerly was the best he loved to laugh have fun and instigator he was. He was a good hard working man. Always having fun. Miss him always your Niece Lisa Shay and Bethany Pearson Ice. Remember those tractor pulls .

Lisa Shay - April 25, 2025 at 04:35 PM