



Jerry K. Bickel

May 8, 1937 - May 29, 2020

Jerry K. Bickel, 83, of Akron, Indiana passed surrounded by family at 4:54 am, Friday, May 29, 2020 at his residence.

Jerry was born on May 8, 1937 in Miami County, Indiana to the late Palmer O. and Maxine Ruth (Needham) Bickel. He married on Nov. 24, 1956 in Akron, Indiana to Bonnie Wentzel, she survives.

He was an operating engineer for Local 150 for 53 years running heavy equipment. His favorite machine was the road grader. He also drove semi truck for various companies throughout the years. After retiring he worked with Clean Burn servicing used oil furnaces.

He attended Gilead School. He served his country proudly in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He attended the Akron Church of God. Jerry had been a member of the Masonic Lodge since 1973 and had been a past Master in the Akron Masonic Lodge. He then was a member of the Gilead and lastly Lincoln Lodge 523 of Macy. He was a member of the VFW and the American Legion both of Rochester.

Jerry enjoyed mowing yard and caring for his property. He was an avid race fan traveling the area to see sprint car races. He was known for being a regular drinking coffee with friends uptown. He loved sharing time with his

princess, a yorkie, Suzie.

Survivors and place of residence:

Wife - Bonnie Bickel – Akron, Ind.

Daughters – Sherry and husband Carl Dewey - Peru, Ind.

Shelly and husband Don Robertson - Greenwood, Ind.

Son – Jerry E. and wife Jamie Bickel - Pierceton, Ind.

Grandchildren - Kelly, Gordon, Bonnie Kaye, Jason, Jenelle, and Josey

10 Great Grandchildren

Sister – Ruth Ann Funk - Akron, Ind.

Brother – Jim and wife Shirley Bickel – Akron, Ind.

Preceded in Death By:

Parents – Palmer and Maxine Ruth Bickel

Brother – Gene Bickel

Following all county, state, and federal guidelines for social distancing, the funeral service for Mr. Bickel will take place at 10:30 am, Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana with Pastor Kathy Nelson and Pastor Mandy Nellans officiating. For the health of all in attendance we encourage the public to wear masks.

Burial will be in the Akron Cemetery, Akron, Indiana with graveside military rites being performed by the Fulton County Honor Guard.

Visitation hours will be held from 3 pm to 7 pm, Monday, June 1, 2020 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana with a Masonic Service at 7:00 pm.

Donation can be made in Jerry's memory to the Akron Church of God.

Cemetery Details

Akron Cemetery

S 1075 E
Akron, IN 46910

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hartzler Funeral Home
305 West Rochester Street
P.O. Box 856
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerry K. Bickel



Hartzler Funeral Services - May 31, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jerry K. Bickel.



June 01, 2020 at 04:03 PM



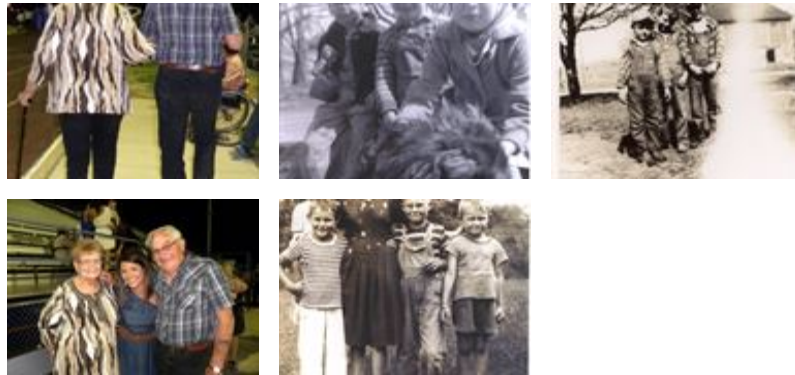
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry K. Bickel.



June 01, 2020 at 11:42 AM



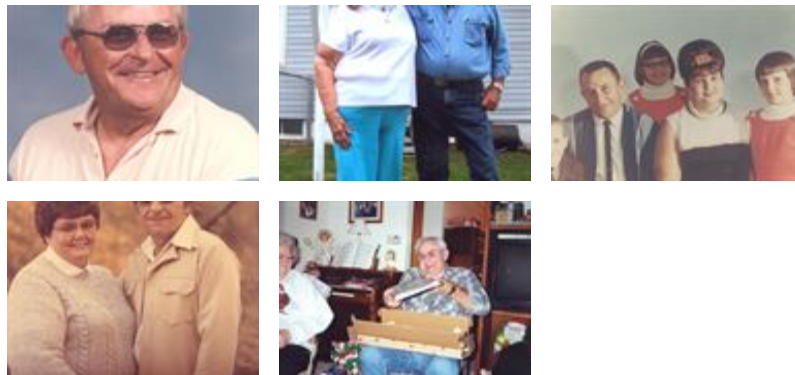
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Hartzler Funeral Services - May 31, 2020 at 10:22 PM



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Hartzler Funeral Services - May 31, 2020 at 06:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Jerry K. Bickel.



May 31, 2020 at 01:46 PM

JP

“ Jerry & Patti purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Jerry K. Bickel.



Jerry & Patti - May 30, 2020 at 10:18 PM

DT

“ Dianne, Suza, & Jack Irving, Texas purchased the *Medium Dish Garden* for the family of Jerry K. Bickel.



Dianne, Suza, & Jack Irving, Texas - May 30, 2020 at 05:58 PM

TF

“ The McColley Family purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of Jerry K. Bickel.



The McColley Family - May 30, 2020 at 02:09 PM

SG

“ Shirley Gray lit a candle in memory of Jerry K. Bickel



Shirley Gray - May 30, 2020 at 10:44 AM

FS

“ My mind was flooded with the memories when Stanley/Kathy called me about Jerry’s passing. I was told he was an incredible partner to you Bonnie. I still remember Jim, Shirley and two of you in your early courtship. What an amazing long marriage. I know in the days to pass, you will find comfort in the many special memories and years you shared. You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers. Frankie R Singpiel Sparks

frankie sparks - May 30, 2020 at 08:28 AM

NB

“ It’s not going to be the same without seeing him around town I got really close to him when I was working at the gas station and subway he called me subway girl I told him I would sign up to get him Winston coupons and some came in the mail not to long ago and I told him that I forgot them at home again he laughed and said it will ok nik I’m going to miss him so much God got a amazing man but he will never be to far away ull always be in my heart thank u for being a wonderful friend Mr. Jerry Bickle R.I.P.
I’m sorry for your loss Mrs.Bickle and his family

nicole blankenship - May 30, 2020 at 01:06 AM

MP

“ Melinda Pratt lit a candle in memory of Jerry K. Bickel



Melinda Pratt - May 29, 2020 at 11:43 PM

GM

“ So sorry to hear of Jerry’s passing. Our heartfelt sympathy to Bonnie and Family.

Wendell & Georgia Moudy.

Georgia Moudy - May 29, 2020 at 10:45 PM



PM

“ Peggy And Barry Murphy lit a candle in memory of Jerry K. Bickel

Peggy and Barry Murphy - May 29, 2020 at 09:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry K. Bickel.

May 29, 2020 at 09:52 PM



PM

“ Peggy And Barry Murphy lit a candle in memory of Jerry K. Bickel

Peggy and Barry Murphy - May 29, 2020 at 09:27 PM



DD

“ Thoughts and prayers for the family, 🙏😞

Dave and Pam Daulton - May 29, 2020 at 08:16 PM

TC

“ Wow! Bonnie and family we are so sorry to hear about Jerry's passing. We just saw him a few months ago at the CPA getting your taxes done. We have so many great memories of Jerry. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Love you!
Terry and Ruth Canfield

Terry Canfield - May 29, 2020 at 07:58 PM

JH

“ June Harvey lit a candle in memory of Jerry K. Bickel



June Harvey - May 29, 2020 at 07:13 PM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Jerry K. Bickel.



May 29, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Jerry K. Bickel.*



May 29, 2020 at 05:41 PM



“ *Jerry you were special to me and I will miss you terribly, who am I going to pick on now, you fought a good fight and I am proud of you. It will be hard to let you go but you are in a better place now. Rest In Peace my friend someday I will see you again.*



Mary Saner - May 29, 2020 at 05:05 PM



So sorry for your loss Bonnie and family.

Bonita Daine - May 30, 2020 at 08:38 AM



So sorry for your loss, Bonnie and family my heart aches for you. My thoughts and prayers with you.

Shirley Gray - May 30, 2020 at 10:42 AM



so sorry for your loss i went to school with Sherry and Shelly i know that he is with the Lord now and he will be your mom Bonnie and all the rest of you just remember all the good times that you all shared RIP in peace Jerry Cheryl A Nicodemus Carter

Cheryl A Nicodemus Carter - May 30, 2020 at 11:15 AM

MH

bonnie and the family of jerry so sorry for your loss, will miss jerry alot, such a wonderful friend, we had alot of laugh's and good stories about our lives and anything, an honorable vetran, a great family man, hard working, the best of the best, thank you jerry for your friendship and standing by me, you always had my back as i had your's, rest in peace friend...

mark hoffman - May 31, 2020 at 10:54 PM