



Jerry L. Hartzler

June 2, 1957 - March 26, 2025

Jerry L. Hartzler, 67, of rural Akron, Indiana passed unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at his residence.

Jerry was born on June 2, 1957 in Peru, Indiana to the late Jerome C. and Annetta E. (Flook) Hartzler. He was a 1975 graduate of North Miami High School. He married on Jan. 17, 1976 in the Disko United Methodist Church to Debra A. Ihnen, she survives.

In earlier years, he worked for Sonoco Product, Cargill and Franger Gas. He then worked for the Fulton County Highway Department for 24 years, retiring on Jan. 1, 2023. But he was also known as a farmer. He was actively serving his community on the Athens Cemetery Board as well as the Henry Township Advisory Board for several years.

He cherished his family deeply and had a passion for farming and history. An avid storyteller and a friend to everyone, he enjoyed socializing and connecting with others. He had a particular love for auctions, especially the annual FFA Sale. Known for his appreciation of bargains, he collected tools and saved everything. He was rarely seen without his beloved cowboy boots. In years past, he was a talented musician playing the guitar and sang at the Athens Church and often could be heard whistling.

He is survived by his wife Deb Hartzler of Akron; children Diana and husband Steven Baumgart of Akron, Jennifer and husband Nathan Shewman of Akron; and Jerid Hartzler of Roann; grandchildren Hailey, Wade, Dustine, Eli, Marley, Vance, Lilyana, and Eilira; sister Angie and husband Matt Gast of Akron; nieces and nephew Amanda Powell, Clayton Riffett, and Rayanna Roxberry.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents Jerome Hartzler and Annetta Robinette, brother Todd Hartzler (2013), and sister Cindy Hartzler (2024).

The funeral service will take place at 10:30 am, Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana with Pastor David Eaton officiating.

His interment will take place in the Athens Cemetery, Athens, Indiana.

Visitation hours will be held from 3 pm to 7 pm, Monday, March 31, 2025 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in his memory to the Henry Township Fire Department or to the Athens (Hoover) Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Athens - Hoover Cemetery

State Road 14
Athens, IN 46912

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hartzler Funeral Home
305 West Rochester Street
P.O. Box 856
Akron, IN 46910
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Funeral Service

APR 1. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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



Hartzler Funeral Services - March 30, 2025 at 08:14 PM



“ Melinda Pratt lit a candle in memory of Jerry L. Hartzler



Melinda Pratt - April 21, 2025 at 11:03 PM

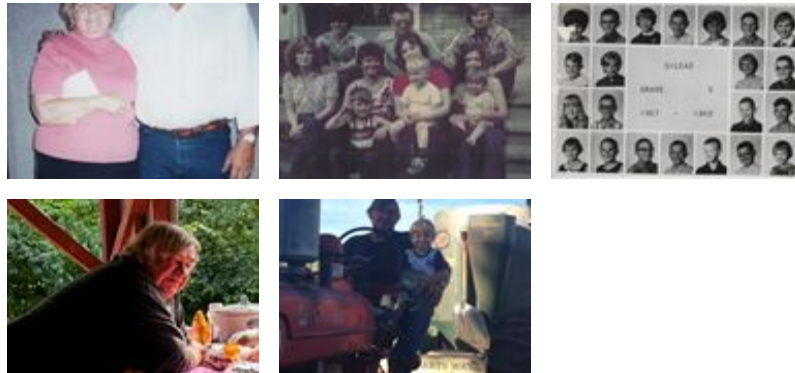


“ Deb, so sorry for your loss! I'll be praying for peace and comfort for you and your family!

Deb Hall - March 31, 2025 at 10:19 AM



“ 137 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hartzler Funeral Services - March 30, 2025 at 08:12 PM

PK

“ Although I haven't seen cousin Jerry since childhood , I can smile about what he did with his life and things he liked to do . Some is just in the blood ❤️ His grandma Lucille and my grandma Irene were sisters. Sorry I didn't see you much here Jerry but we'll catch up in Heaven Prayers to all the family🙏

Pamela Kokta - March 30, 2025 at 12:26 PM

SB

“ So sorry for your loss, I worked at the Elections with Jerry he was always so nice to work with.



Shirley Bickel - March 30, 2025 at 09:11 AM

CF

“ Channing patsy and family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Jerry L. Hartzler.



Channing patsy and family - March 29, 2025 at 11:53 PM

SB

“ Stephenia Barkman lit a candle in memory of Jerry L. Hartzler



Stephenia Barkman - March 29, 2025 at 11:48 PM

DC

“ Debi & Dan Craft lit a candle in memory of Jerry L. Hartzler



Debi & Dan Craft - March 29, 2025 at 07:17 PM

MP

“ Melinda Pratt lit a candle in memory of Jerry L. Hartzler



Melinda Pratt - March 29, 2025 at 04:08 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Jerry L. Hartzler.* ”



March 28, 2025 at 08:49 PM