



## Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart

January 31, 1964 - May 22, 2018

Martin J. "Marty" Gearhart, 54, of Akron, Indiana passed at 6:28 pm, Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at his residence.

He was born on Jan 31, 1964 in Rochester, Indiana to Max J. and Mary Jane (Phillipy) Gearhart.

Marty has worked for the Town of Akron for 33 years and served as Superintendent for nearly 32 of those years.

He was a 1982 graduate of Tippecanoe Valley High School. He was an active member of the Henry Township Volunteer Fire Dept. for 36 years. He is currently in his 6th year serving as Fire Chief and in his second stint as Chief. Marty was known to take pride in the town of Akron. He could be seen for years early in the morning moving snow and cleaning streets for safe passage. His knowledge of the town's people and infrastructure is irreplaceable.

Marty has been the Akron 4th of July Parade Grand Marshal twice for his dedication to the community. In July of 2017 the sledding hill at Cutshall Park in Akron was named in honor of him, Marty Mountain. The State of Indiana recognized Marty's investment in Akron by honoring him as Manager of the Year Award in 2015.

Marty spent 43 years on Town Lake. He enjoyed fishing and having many family gatherings where all were welcome. He also had a passion for construction. He was always building and improving his property.

Survivors and place of residence:

Sons - Aaron and wife Sierra Gearhart – Akron, Ind.

Cameron Gearhart – Akron, Ind.

Sisters - Shelly Bahney - Mentone, Ind.

Melea Gearhart - Akron, Ind.

Brother - Michael and wife Terry Gearhart - Akron, Ind.

Nieces – Shannon and A'shel

Nephews – Justin, Josh, Travis, Troy, Matt, and Clay

Companion – Shannon Smith – Akron, Ind.

Preceded in Death By:

Parents - Max and Mary Jane Gearhart

Time and Date of Services: 10:00 am, Saturday, May 26, 2018

Place of Services: Akron Community Center 815 Rural St, Akron, Indiana

Place of Burial: Akron Cemetery Akron, Indiana

Visitation Hours: 2 pm to 7 pm, Friday, May 25, 2018 at Akron Community Center 815 Rural St, Akron, Indiana with Fireman's Memorial Service to be conducted by the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association at 7:00 pm.

Arrangements are Entrusted to: Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana

Memorial Contributions to: Henry Township Volunteer Fire Dept. or to the Town of Akron Parks Dept.

# Cemetery Details

## Akron Cemetery

S 1075 E  
Akron, IN 46910

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **25**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Akron Community Center  
815 Rural St  
Akron, IN 46910

## Funeral Service

MAY **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Akron Community Center  
815 Rural St  
Akron, IN 46910

# Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart



Hartzler Funeral Services - May 24, 2018 at 06:25 PM

RT

“ Rozella And Tana Tinkey lit a candle in memory of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart



Rozella and Tana Tinkey - May 27, 2018 at 02:31 PM

RB

“ Rose Berger lit a candle in memory of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart



Rose Berger - May 26, 2018 at 04:10 PM

RB

*I'm sorry to hear of the loss of Marty. He was always very helpful whenever there was a problem at my rental house. I appreciated his help and advice. He truly was a giving and serving man to the community. Prayers for the family.*

Rose Berger - May 26, 2018 at 04:21 PM

IH

“Marty was certainly a great person, and very devoted to family and community. He will be missed so much, but his giving and "doing" spirit will long be remembered, and his example will serve as a light for the future generations. May God comfort and sustain all of you in the days ahead. Ilene Howard.



Ilene Howard - May 26, 2018 at 09:01 AM

PA

“Marty has been a tremendous blessing to this community and all who have been privileged to know him. I will be keeping his family and friends in my prayers during this tender time.

Pastor David Arnold - May 25, 2018 at 09:26 PM

JN

“Marty was one in a million. Every time you saw him he would wave and had a smile on his face. If there was one person who lived and breathed his job it was Marty. He was an all-around amazing person and he is greatly missed. Our prayers go out to all of his family and friends.

John, Penny, & Mackenzie Niccum - May 25, 2018 at 01:51 PM



“Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart.



May 25, 2018 at 10:08 AM



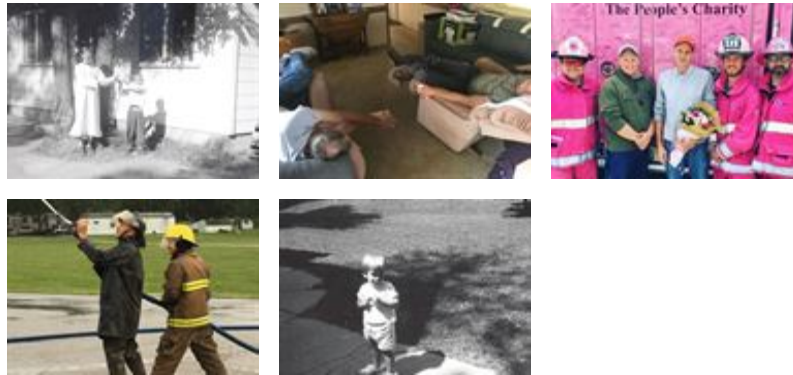
“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart.



May 25, 2018 at 09:59 AM



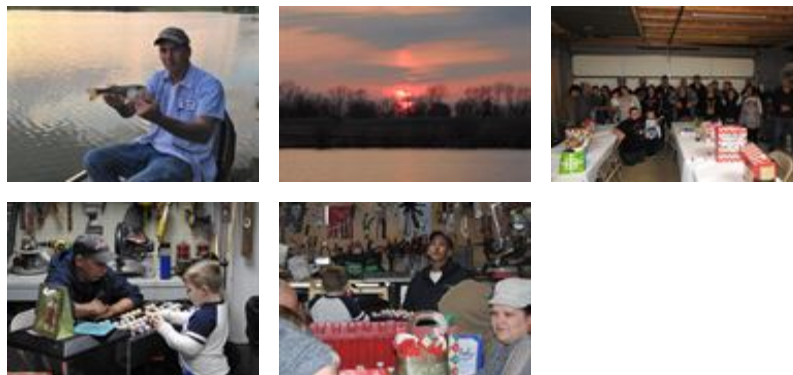
“ 16 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hartzler Funeral Services - May 24, 2018 at 10:27 PM



“ 138 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hartzler Funeral Services - May 24, 2018 at 05:21 PM

BM

“ *Bobbi, Pat, Heather, Jen, Mikayla, Micah purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart.*



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**Bobbi, Pat, Heather, Jen, Mikayla, Micah** - May 24, 2018 at 02:02 PM

MH

“ *Michelle Holloway lit a candle in memory of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart*



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**Michelle Holloway** - May 24, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart.*



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May 24, 2018 at 10:52 AM

RD

“ I had to replace my refrigerator a day before I was having a big Thanksgiving dinner. My husband was too ill to install it, Marty came to my rescue, as he did at 8:00 A.M. at the mini mart if I didn't have coffee made when he came in for his break. Marty was the most compassionate, loving person I knew. He is already so missed. My heart bleeds for his sons .My prayers for his family. Rest in heaven Marty.



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**Reba Derryberry** - May 24, 2018 at 07:40 AM

  
Darlene  
Criswell

“ You will be missed.



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**Darlene Criswell** - May 24, 2018 at 07:34 AM

TO

“ Teresa Ogle lit a candle in memory of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart



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**Teresa Ogle** - May 24, 2018 at 07:32 AM

CH

“ Cheryl Howard lit a candle in memory of  
Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart



Cheryl Howard - May 23, 2018 at 11:16 PM

CN

“ Chris & Kristy Nelson lit a candle in memory  
of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart



Chris & Kristy Nelson - May 23, 2018 at 10:56 PM

MW

“ Mike And Roberta Williams lit a candle in  
memory of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart



Mike and Roberta Williams - May 23, 2018 at 10:05 PM

BF

“ Bernice And Family lit a candle in memory of  
Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart



Bernice and family - May 23, 2018 at 07:47 PM

JL

“ Jay And Leewanna Lewis lit a candle in memory of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart



Jay and Leewanna Lewis - May 23, 2018 at 05:58 PM

RC

“ Rob & Susan Criswell lit a candle in memory of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart



Rob & Susan Criswell - May 23, 2018 at 05:57 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart.



May 23, 2018 at 04:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart.



May 23, 2018 at 03:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart.



May 23, 2018 at 02:59 PM



“ We will miss you Marty,What a kind guy you have always been.I know the whole of Akron loved you.RIP my friend.



Jim and Shirley Bickel - May 23, 2018 at 02:03 PM



“ Pat & Ron Jones lit a candle in memory of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart



Pat & Ron Jones - May 23, 2018 at 12:17 PM



“ Town will not be the same without you Marty, rest in heaven. You are already missed.



Kristi Jones - May 23, 2018 at 10:37 AM

GB

“ *RIP ol friend thanks for the memories.*



**Garry & Bobbi Barnes** - May 23, 2018 at 10:18 AM

MS

“ *We will miss you Marty, prayers for the family*



**mary saner** - May 23, 2018 at 09:47 AM

LU

“ *LuAnn lit a candle in memory of Martin  
"Marty" J. Gearhart*



**LuAnn** - May 23, 2018 at 09:33 AM

 Sandra  
Klein

“ *Thoughts and prayers go out to the Gearhart  
family and friends.*



**Sandra Klein** - May 23, 2018 at 09:11 AM

SG

“ *Marty was always like one of our family, he grew up with our boys, I will miss him so much. He was always there when I needed him. Love you Marty, RIP. Prayers for the family.* ”



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**Shirley Gray** - May 23, 2018 at 09:01 AM

JC

“ *Jim & Virginia Conliff lit a candle in memory of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart* ”



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**Jim & Virginia Conliff** - May 23, 2018 at 08:55 AM

RD

“ *Robet Dove lit a candle in memory of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart* ”



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**Robet Dove** - May 23, 2018 at 08:36 AM

CM

“ *Such a great guy. My hometown "hero". We were all blessed to know him. May god give comfort to all who remain. Rest in peace Marty.* ”

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**Chuck and Jeannie Matheny** - May 23, 2018 at 08:12 AM

CM

“ Chuck And Jeannie Matheny lit a candle in memory of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart



Chuck and Jeannie Matheny - May 23, 2018 at 08:10 AM

JC

“ Jane Conley lit a candle in memory of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart



Jane Conley - May 23, 2018 at 07:47 AM

PR

“ Marty was such a kind quiet soul. Hardest worker I know and loved the little town of Akron with all his heart . My thoughts , prayers and love go out to the Gearhart family and Shanon and all you who loved him.  
He will be missed. You did well good and faithful child of God . RIP my friend .

Pamela Romine - May 23, 2018 at 07:24 AM

TJ

“ Praying for the entire Gearhart family. Marty was one of a kind. 💔



Terri Johnson - May 23, 2018 at 06:34 AM

DS

“ Prayers for the family...he will be missed in our little town!



Diane Sheetz - May 23, 2018 at 06:27 AM

JH

“ Marty was one special person, such a hard worker and would do anything for you. The town board of Jack Miller, Dick Drudge and Jerry Hudson hired Marty on as the town superintendent and was the best decision for the town. He will be truly missed, Akron won't seem the same without Marty. Our thoughts and prayers goes out his sons n all the family n also Shannon.

Joyce Hudson - May 23, 2018 at 06:25 AM

MF

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Marty Family - May 23, 2018 at 06:20 AM

DC

“ Debi Craft lit a candle in memory of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart

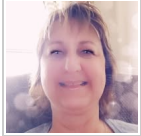


Debi Craft - May 23, 2018 at 06:03 AM

DZ

“ He was the best friend and an awesome neighbor for the past 15 years. He was always available and easy to talk to. We love him very much and will miss him tremendously.  
Always in our hearts

Donna and Bob Zawacki - May 22, 2018 at 10:53 PM



“ There are four cousins that graduated the same year, Marty. Tim. Dana and myself. Now there are only two. Marty was a great guy. Very caring. Would help anybody out and kept Akron looking good. He will be missed! RIP Marty, till we meet again.



Diane Gearhart - May 22, 2018 at 10:21 PM

BE

“ Becky lit a candle in memory of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart



Becky - May 22, 2018 at 10:05 PM

Jessica Bentley

“ #BESTUNCLETOWALKTHISCRAZYWORLD4SURE!! RIP XOXOXOXO

Jessica Bentley - May 22, 2018 at 09:50 PM

 Laura  
Watson

“ *Marty was a regular at the gas station. He was a very nice person to talk to and he was very pleasant to be a round. Marty will be missed. May marty rest in peace. And prayers go out to his family*

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**Laura Watson** - May 22, 2018 at 09:36 PM

 Laura  
Watson

“ *Laura Watson lit a candle in memory of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart*



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**Laura Watson** - May 22, 2018 at 09:34 PM



“ *Shelly Fry lit a candle in memory of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart*



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**Shelly Fry** - May 22, 2018 at 09:20 PM

JH

*Our flag will lowered some in honor of what Marty meant to us, gonna miss him*

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**Joyce Hudson** - May 23, 2018 at 06:56 AM

JW

“ *Judy Walgamuth lit a candle in memory of Martin "Marty" J. Gearhart*



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**Judy Walgamuth** - May 22, 2018 at 08:59 PM

 Shelly  
Bickel  
Robertson

“ *one of my favorite memories of Marty was when he buried my car in my driveway and I couldn't get it out to drive up to the minimart to open it up that morning and was late, when he got there he gave me a hard time for being late, we laughed about my car and from that day forward as long as I worked at the minimart he always cleaned my driveway so that I could make it to work to make the coffee*

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**Shelly Bickel Robertson** - May 22, 2018 at 08:15 PM

PM

“ *During the four years of my term as clerk-treasurer, Martin J (that is what I always called him !) was the office "go-to" guy whenever there was a need in the town of Akron.  
My heart aches ! Blessings and prayers to his family. Pat Mitterling*

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**Patricia Mitterling** - May 22, 2018 at 07:38 PM