



Roger E. Gearhart

September 5, 1937 - August 19, 2022

Roger E. Gearhart, 84, of Akron, Indiana passed at 8:30 pm, Friday, Aug. 19, 2022 at LifeCare Center of Rochester, Indiana.

Roger was born on Sept. 5, 1937 in Ijamsville, Ind. to the late Frank and Edna (McPeak) Gearhart. He married on Dec. 8, 1957 in Akron, Ind. to Janet Thompson, she survives.

Roger was a 1956 graduate of Akron High School. Roger and his wife Janet were 1 of 6 couples that married from their class. During Roger's senior year, he played on the 1956 Sectional Champion basketball team. He worked for Kroger's for many years, starting when he was in the seventh grade. Roger was an entrepreneur. He and his brother Dick became business partners in Winamac. He then owned and operated Gearhart Supermarket in Royal Center. Roger then worked as a negotiator for National Farmers Organization, working with grocers all around the area.

He, and his family, then moved to Iowa. While in Iowa, he bought a gas station. He opened 5 Pick-Up and Go convenience stores around the state. Tragically he lost his son Brent in 1980. They then moved back to Akron. Roger worked in real estate in the area. He began working on developing Brentwood. He built the carwash and oil change business on Brentwood Drive. All while flipping houses in town.

He had attended the Akron Church of God for many years. Roger was a Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite as well as a longtime Akron Lion. He worked to honor our local veterans. He was instrumental in the construction of the War Memorial. Roger loved Akron. He served his community on the Akron Town Board for 16 years. He was very proud of his family. He took pride in being a Gearhart. Roger enjoyed Indiana University Basketball, but he loved the Chicago Cubs. He was an avid golfer and never knew a stranger. He was a loving grandfather.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Janet Gearhart of Akron; grandchildren Justin and wife Laura Gearhart of Coin, Iowa, Kristal and husband Isaiah Mylin of Zionsville, and Eric Gearhart of Akron; great grandchildren Michael, Owen, Ellie, Deacon, Grady, Jonathan, Micaiah, Noah, and Arabella; sisters Dorothy Alger, Ruth Miller, and Joan Harris; and a brother Larry Gearhart.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents, sons Brent Allen Gearhart and Kris Eric Gearhart, brothers Ray, Leo, Harold, Leonard, Floyd, Max, Donald, Bill, Dick Gearhart, sisters Opal Gearhart and Sharon Meenen, and twin infant sisters Edith and Ethel.

Celebrating a life well lived and will always be loved, there will be a memorial service at 12:00 noon, Friday, Aug. 26, 2022 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana with Pastor Kathy Nelson officiating.

His remembrance place will be in the Akron Cemetery, Akron, Indiana.

Memorial visitation will take place from 10 am to 12 noon, Friday, Aug. 26, 2022 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in Roger's memory to Gideons

International or Kindred Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Akron Cemetery

S 1075 E
Akron, IN 46910

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG **26**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Roger E. Gearhart



Hartzler Funeral Services - August 20, 2022 at 09:05 PM

DG

Such sweet memories.

Diane Gearhart - August 20, 2022 at 11:06 PM

DG

My uncle Roger was one of my favorite uncles. I will never forget when I took dad to see him at his house he would always tell dad he loved him... He told me a few times too... Till we see each other again... I love you uncle Roger. ❤️

Diane Gearhart - August 20, 2022 at 11:09 PM

MD

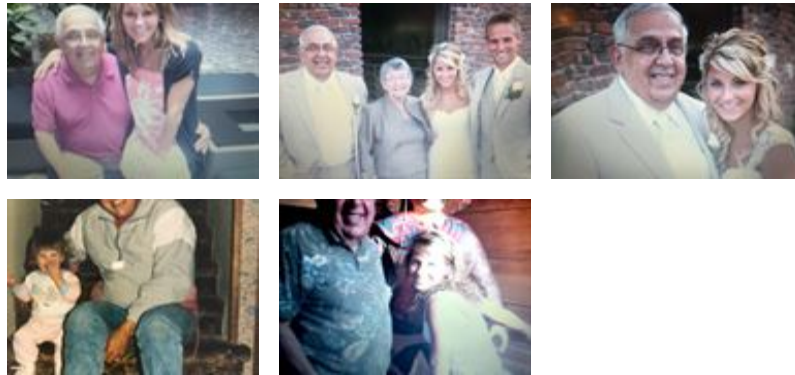
“ Mickie, Doug, Lana and Dana purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Roger E. Gearhart.



Mickie, Doug, Lana and Dana - August 24, 2022 at 02:42 PM



“ 26 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hartzler Funeral Services - August 23, 2022 at 05:48 PM

DI

Great pictures and loving memories

Diane - August 24, 2022 at 03:59 PM

BT

“ *This dear man and his wife came into our life when my husband, Frank (Ed) Tufts and I moved to Akron and he was a teacher and coach at Akron High S.. We met them the first Sunday at First Church of God....never dreaming that we would become life-long dear friends. Through the years our families have spent many vacations together and traveled all over the U.S. So many happy times!! Ed and Roger enjoyed their friendship--laughs, laughs, laughs!! and Janet and I are like sisters and still enjoy being together when we can. Roger's sense of humor kept us laughing, but we've also shared tears when life has sent us some curves. I am so thankful for their friendship and the precious memories we share.....Betty Tufts*

Betty Tufts - August 22, 2022 at 10:18 PM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss, You are in our thoughts and prayers.



Jim and Shirley Bickel - August 21, 2022 at 02:26 PM

RB

“ Janet, sorry to hear of your loss. You and the family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Rose M. Berger - August 21, 2022 at 12:08 PM

DG

“ Diane Gearhart lit a candle in memory of Roger E. Gearhart



Diane Gearhart - August 20, 2022 at 11:11 PM

RJ

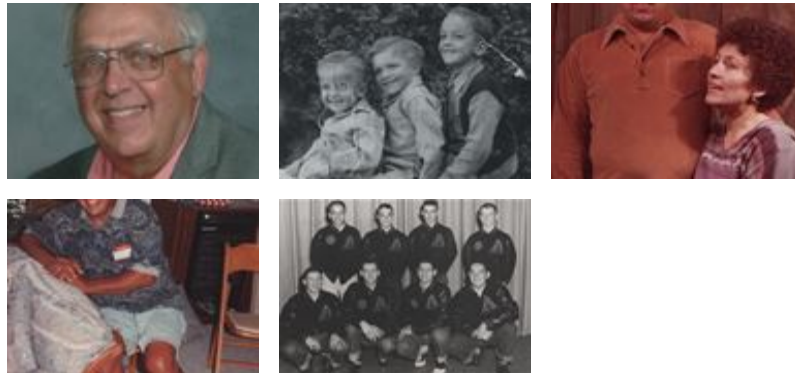
“ Ron And Pat Holloway Jones lit a candle in memory of Roger E. Gearhart



Ron and Pat Holloway Jones - August 20, 2022 at 10:05 PM



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Hartzler Funeral Services - August 20, 2022 at 09:04 PM

SG

“ Janet, I am so sorry about your loss. My deepest sympathy.



Shirley Gray - August 20, 2022 at 04:24 PM

LR

From all the Silver Creek Church family, you have our sympathy and praise for a wonderful man who God placed among us. We appreciated all he done for all of us!

Larry and Nancy Rhoades - August 21, 2022 at 07:08 PM

TP

An old friend, now in better hands. Sorry for your loss, Janet

Thomas G Phillips - August 23, 2022 at 08:52 AM