



## George Edward Runkel

January 28, 1941 - January 6, 2022

George Edward Runkel, 80, of Huntington, passed away at 8:30 pm Thursday, January 6, 2022, at his home in rural Huntington County surrounded by loved ones.

George was born at home in rural Adams County on January 28, 1941, the son of Harold Runkel and Dottie (Morgan) Runkel. He graduated from Hartford Center High School where he lettered in cross country, baseball, and basketball. He married Patricia Jane Murphy on February 22, 1963, in Jay County. She preceded him in death on June 8, 2018. George worked at Active Products for 22 years, where he learned skilled trades in Tool & Die. He finished his work career with General Motors, retiring after 17 years of service.

He was a hobby farmer, raising horses, hogs, and 4-H lambs. George was an avid sportsman, hunting whitetails, mule deer and elk. He was also a fisherman who enjoyed fishing out at the farm with his family. He learned the art of flintknapping and enjoyed making arrowheads and knives for family and friends. He was a member of the Banquo Christian Church, the Moose, the Eagles, the Mississinewa 1812, and the Tri State Steam Engine Association. George was a snowbird who enjoyed spending winters in Florida. He also enjoyed metal detecting and won many trophies as a member of PIC. He loved golf cart rides out on the farm with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his daughter, Jackie (Mitch) Hobbs of Huntington, IN; son, Patrick (Melanie) Runkel of Bluffton, IN; grandchildren, Kandi (Josh) Hale-Roseberry, Kristie (Eric) McEntyre, Josh Donald, Tom (Makayla Davis) Hobbs, Chayton Foster, Dakota Foster, Levi Runkel, and Jacob Runkel; great grandchildren, Braden McEntyre, Lilly McEntyre, Skylar Donald, Alexis Donald, Dottie Hobbs, Kinlee Hobbs, Rosemary Hobbs, Daphne Hobbs, Xander Davis, Zayn Davis, Leah Hale, Jackson Roseberry, and Conner Roseberry; three sisters, Joann Bolke of Gas City, IN, Gloria Anderson of Roanoke, IN, and Maxine Ferras of Geneva, IN; three brothers, Richard Runkel of Marion, IN, David Runkel of Wabash, IN, and Bobby Runkel of Ft. Wayne, IN; brother-in-law, Randy (Diane) Murphy of Portland, IN; two sister-in-laws, Barb (Jerry) Kipfer of Muncie, IN, and Sue Murphy of Berne, IN. He is preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Jane Runkel, daughter, Kimberly K. Runkel, granddaughter, Samantha Mikeyla Foster, father, Harold E. Runkel, mother, Dottie Runkel, brother, Sonny Runkel, brother, Jim Runkel, sister, Wilma Stevens, sister, Norma Graf, sister, Beulah Murphy, brother-in-law, Wendell Murphy, and brother-in-law, Tom Murphy.

A Celebration of life will be held at a later date this summer.

Preferred memorials may be made in memory of George to Jackie Hobbs in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com).

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of George Edward Runkel

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Sending sympathy & prayers to all George's family. We had a lot of fun times together, special memories. From Mike & Diann Carroll* ”

Mike & Diann Carroll - January 20, 2022 at 06:52 PM

CD

“ *To the family, You have our deepest sympathy on your loss. We will keep you all in our prayers. Ed & Celia (Moser) Dunmoyer* ”

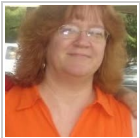
Celia Dunmoyer - January 20, 2022 at 03:52 PM

TS

“ *Sorry for your loss Jackie.* ”  
Terry



Terry E Scher - January 16, 2022 at 09:25 PM



“ *We are so deeply saddened by the passing of George. He was a good man with a great sense of humor and an even greater love for his family. We enjoyed seeing him at 1812 reenactments. He always had something funny or interesting to talk about. We were blessed to have known him.* ”

April Goings - January 16, 2022 at 06:27 AM

SK

“ *Many memories of George at ballgames and 4-H...hugs and prayers for the family. Steve and Judy King* ”

Steve and Judy King - January 12, 2022 at 10:39 PM

LS

“ My husband and I both worked with George. We remember him fondly. Loved to visit up at 1812 with him. Prayers for him and the family. Lynn & Gilbert Schmerber.

Lynn & Gilbert Schmerber - January 12, 2022 at 04:14 PM

DS

“ I worked with George for several years. He and his wife went to some of the union conventions or functions I went to. Also remember he and wife also were involved with the War of 1812 re-enactment. We are thinking of the family with our deepest sympathy.

don & sara spahr - January 12, 2022 at 03:26 PM

JL

“ Jackie And Mitch and family. Just wanted you know how sorry I am. George was always a delightful man. Always smiling and had a story to tell. Enjoyed talking with him seeing his great carvings out of wood. He had a kindness to him that was contiguous. He will be missed. Prayers and comfort to you all 🙏 Glen and Julie Lahr

Julie lahr - January 11, 2022 at 07:20 PM

CA

George was a good friend. Rendezvous with him and his wife. Work at GM with him also. RIP

cathy - January 12, 2022 at 05:08 PM

KA

Georgia was concerned about the fires in my area so he called. We had many phone conversations after that. I will miss them.

Karen - January 15, 2022 at 02:19 PM

Julie  
Mckinzie

“ *Julie Mckinzie lit a candle in memory of  
George Edward Runkel*



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**Julie Mckinzie** - January 11, 2022 at 11:44 AM