



## Gerald L. Swank

January 4, 1923 - September 12, 2009

Gerald L. Swank, age 86, formerly of Huntington, died at 2:45 a.m. Saturday (September 12, 2009) at Covington Commons in Ft. Wayne where he was residing.

Gerald was born January 4, 1923, in Clear Creek Township, Huntington County, to Amber and Ruth (Eberhart) Swank. He graduated from Clear Creek High School in 1941. Gerald married Willodean Pottenger on October 31, 1948, in North Manchester.

Gerald was a lifelong farmer in Clear Creek Township and a member of the United Methodist Church of South Whitley. He was a board member and past President of the following, the Farmer Elevator in South Whitley, the Huntington County 4-H Board, the Huntington Mutual Company, and the Huntington County School Board. He also served as a Clear Creek Precinct Committeeman.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years – Willodean (Pottenger) Swank; one son – Donald E. Swank of Huntington; and one brother – Theron Swank of Kansas City, Missouri. His parents precede him in death.

Visitation will be from 2 - 4 & 6 - 8 p.m. Thursday (September 17, 2009) at Bailey-Love Mortuary. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1:00 p.m.

Friday (September 18, 2009) at the United Methodist Church of South Whitley, 6685 W. State Road 14, South Whitley, with Reverend Rob Barton officiating. A private family burial will be in the Clear Creek Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Huntington County 4-H or the American Heart Association in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750.

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP **18**. 1:00 PM (ET)

United Methodist Church of South Whitley  
6685 W State Road 14  
South Whitley, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald L. Swank



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**Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary** - September 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Love to you, Don! A beautiful tribute to your dad and all he meant in your life.##imported-begin##Karen Gast##imported-end##

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September 21, 2009 at 12:29 PM



“ I've lost a great brother. I am very fortunate to have had him and his love and leadership all my life. I grieve that I have not been able to be there with him, Willodean and Don. I want to thank everyone for your love and care of him, and I celebrate his life with you today. Theron.##imported-begin##Theron E. Swank##imported-end##

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September 18, 2009 at 10:25 AM



“ Dear Willy and Donnie,  
I am sorry to learn of Gerald's passing. I will always remember him as the scorekeeper for Clear Creek basketball and for his coaching 3rd base for the baseball team at CCHS. I, also, remember him , and you, as our neighbors when we lived close-by. A lot of good things I remember Gerald for. I am sorry we did not make it to the funeral home to express our condolences. I have a better remembrance in my mind of the wonderful man. We send you our thoughts. Max and Jackie##imported-begin##Max & Jackie Warner##imported-end##

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September 18, 2009 at 09:15 AM



“ Willodean and Don,

As you both know, they do not make any better men than Gerald was. He was a gentleman through and through, and Clear Creek Township has lost one of its most outstanding citizens over the course of many, many years. I spent a lot of time with Gerald, either in person or by listening to my Dad replay his many memories of the two of them together, especially of those times during their mutual hey day when they played basketball together with both the Clear Creek Bulldogs and the Markle Boosters. What great times the two of them had together that resulted in a life time of fond memories for the both of them. Gerald will be sorely missed by all who knew him, including me. You have my deepest sympathy along with that of my Mother and Genie.##imported-begin##Kenton Howenstine##imported-end##

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September 17, 2009 at 08:52 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Gerald's death. Since Irene's passing, I had not had news of your family. I have such good memories of how you and Gerald so warmly welcomed me into the extended Pottenger family in the 1960's. I always thought of you as one of my own Aunts! My thoughts and sympathy go out to you and Don...  
Sincerely, Lois##imported-begin##Lois Ulrey Beery  
Jones##imported-end##

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September 17, 2009 at 01:56 PM



“ Willodean: I was so sorry to read of Gerald's passing. I am living in Wyoming so didn't get to the viewing or funeral. I have been thinking of the two of you - one of the great couples from my youth.##imported-begin##Kay Leonhardt Hoch##imported-end##

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September 17, 2009 at 11:15 AM



“ My sincere condolences to my friend Don and his Mother on the loss of his Father, Gerald L. Swank. May love and memories and friendship make this difficult time a little easier. Warm Regards,  
Kyle##imported-begin##Kyle T. Smith##imported-end##

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September 16, 2009 at 10:08 PM



“ Willodean  
My sincere sympathy to you and your family. Remember our times at 4th now 3rd district meeting. Miss the people we use to see. Again my sympathy to you.  
Marcella Fuller DeKalb County##imported-begin##Marcella Fuller##imported-end##

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September 16, 2009 at 07:01 PM



“ Thinking about memories of Gerald and my dad and mom (Rita and Roger). I also remember accompanying mom to Kansas City to an insurance convention in the '80's. What fun! He was a great guy....our family always thought a lot of him.##imported-begin##Bonnie Shideler-Trout##imported-end##

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September 15, 2009 at 11:01 AM



“ Gerald was a fine man and a true community leader. Huntington County is a better place because Gerald spent his life there.##imported-begin##Gerald Sailors##imported-end##

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September 14, 2009 at 03:45 PM