



Jerel "Jay" L. Rinehart

April 1, 1950 - August 23, 2025

Jerel "Jay" L. Rinehart, 75, of Huntington, passed away at 3:32 am Saturday, August 23, 2025 at his residence.

Jay was born on April 1, 1950 in Huntington, IN, the son of Cleon Rinehart and Edna (Reed) Rinehart. He graduated from Huntington High School with the Class of 1968 and married Karen M. Kusmierski Kay on September 18, 2004 in Huntington, IN. He retired as a Sales Rep/Account Specialist from Kimball Midwest after 23 years of service. Jay was a proud Veteran of the United States Army serving during the Vietnam War from November 8, 1968 to November 5, 1971 as a MASH Medic where he obtained the rank of Specialist 5. He was a member of St. Peters First Community Church, was Past President of the Huntington Lions Club and a member of the Carlisle Crossing HOA. He had a life long love for cars, including scale models, since being a child. Jay also enjoyed landscaping design and jazz music. He never met an animal he didn't like and enjoyed all of the animals he raised over the years, especially his cat Sheena and dog Samantha.

Survivors include his loving Wife, Karen M. Rinehart of Huntington, IN; Son, Jeremy L. (Leah) Rinehart of Ft. Wayne, IN; Daughter, Anna (Jason) Rich of Claypool, IN; Two Step-Sons, Nicholas (Amanda) McNew of Lansing, MI, Brandon McNew of Huxley, IA; Three Step-Daughters, Michelle (Bo) Leslie of Tampa, FL, Jana Krueger of Charlotte, NC; Jill (Mike Ward) Krueger of

Huntington, IN; Seven Grandchildren, Brennan Rinehart and Amelia Rinehart, both of Ft. Wayne, IN, Aerial Carrillo of Roann, IN, Ava (Braxton Davis) Rich, Porter, Cassie, and Tessa Rich, all of Claypool, IN; Six Step-Grandchildren, Zachary and Caroline McNew of Lansing, MI, Melissa and Troy McNew of IA, Elise and Ayla Leslie of Tampa, FL. He was preceded in death by his Father, Cleon Rinehart, Mother, Edna Marie Rinehart, and Sister, Octa Regina Rinehart.

Visitation will be from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Saturday, August 30, 2025 at St. Peter's First Community Church, 206 Etna Avenue, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will be held at 5:00 pm Saturday, August 30, 2025 at St. Peter's First Community Church with Pastor Brooks Fetters officiating. Burial will be in St. Peter's First Cemetery in Huntington.

Preferred memorials may be made in memory of Jay to the St. Peters First Community Church or Tunnel to Towers Foundation, in care of Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Jerel "Jay" L. Rinehart.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

St. Peter's First Community Church
206 Etna Ave
Huntington, IN 46750-3227
(260) 356-7728

Service

AUG 30. 5:00 PM (ET)

St. Peter's First Community Church
206 Etna Ave.
Huntington, IN

Burial

AUG 30 (ET)

St. Peter's First Cemetery
1700 W. Park DR.
Huntington, IN 46750

Tribute Wall



“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this video tribute in memory of Jay Rinehart.



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - August 29, 2025 at 02:15 PM

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beautiful life

Cyndi Crews - August 29, 2025 at 07:09 PM

JE

Sorry for your loss of Jay.ive known you both for along time. I just saw this today Sept.4th. He was a great guy and will be missed by many.prayers for your family.

Julie Essig - September 04, 2025 at 04:27 PM

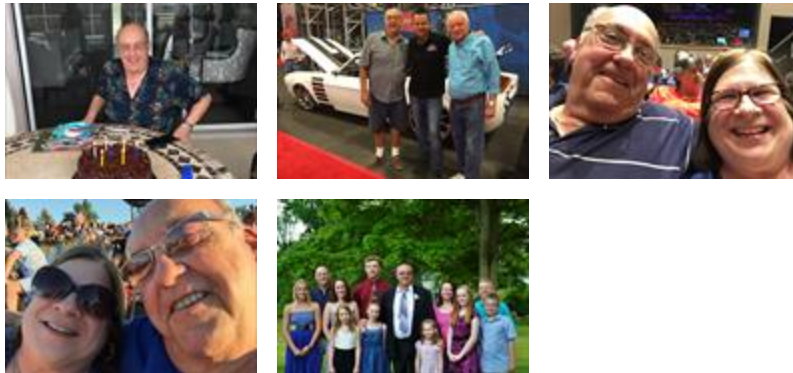
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When I am missing you, I watch this video cherishing all the moments we had together. I love you Jay Rinehart!

Karen Rinehart - January 28 at 11:56 PM

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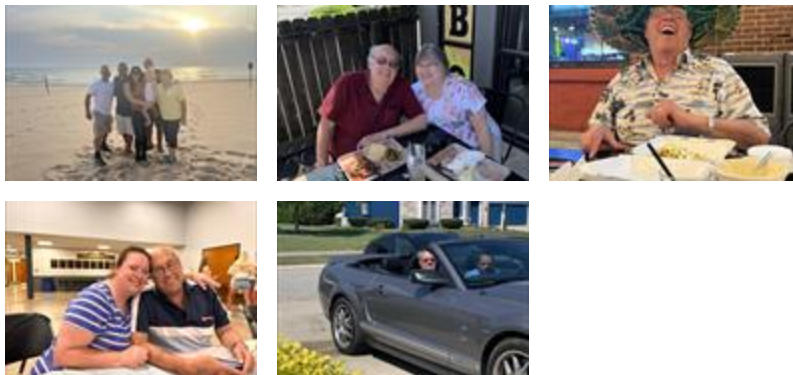
“ 18 files added to the album Memories Album



Karen Rinehart - January 12 at 03:50 PM

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“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Karen Rinehart - September 12, 2025 at 12:37 PM

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“ To Jay's family and friends our thoughts and prayers are with you
Terry and Sue



Terry E Scher - September 05, 2025 at 03:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerel "Jay" L. Rinehart.

September 01, 2025 at 04:41 PM



“ Rest in peace Jay!

Gene Quilter - August 29, 2025 at 08:57 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerel "Jay" L. Rinehart.

August 28, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jerel "Jay" L. Rinehart.



August 28, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket* was purchased for the family of Jerel "Jay" L. Rinehart.



August 28, 2025 at 12:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerel "Jay" L. Rinehart.

August 28, 2025 at 12:35 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Jerel "Jay" L. Rinehart.



August 28, 2025 at 12:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerel "Jay" L. Rinehart.

August 28, 2025 at 12:26 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerel "Jay" L. Rinehart.



August 27, 2025 at 10:37 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerel "Jay" L. Rinehart.

August 26, 2025 at 05:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerel "Jay" L. Rinehart.

August 26, 2025 at 11:21 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jerel "Jay" L. Rinehart.



August 26, 2025 at 11:21 AM



“ Jay I am so glad that I knew you. You were one to make me laugh and had a kind heart. The world lost some light when you passed, but the heavens shine brighter. prayers for your family and friends. you will be missed.

Cyndi Crews - August 26, 2025 at 10:08 AM