



Jerry C. Wiley

January 6, 1938 - January 3, 2014

Jerry C. Wiley, age 75, of Huntington, died at 6:08 p.m. Friday (January 3, 2014) at his home.

Family will receive friends from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Thursday (January 9, 2014) at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday (January 10, 2014) at Bailey-Love Mortuary with one hour of visitation prior to the service. Pastor Jeff Carrell will be officiating, with military rites performed by the VFW Post #2689.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Huntington Hospice and The Awakening Community Church, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN.

Jerry was born January 6, 1938 in Huntington, the son of I. H. and Mary (Alexander) Wiley. He graduated from Lancaster High School in 1956. He served in the United States Marine Corps for three years following his high school graduation. He married Alice Gooley on November 18, 1962 in Huntington. He retired from General Electric after 30 years of service. He was also employed by Huntington County Community School Corporation on the summer mowing crew for several years following retirement. He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Huntington and Indiana Bassmasters. He loved bowling, fishing, and he was an avid sports fan. He loved his family very

much, and his four granddaughters were the light of his life. He was a kind and gentle man who would do anything for anyone.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 51 years, Alice Wiley of Huntington; his daughter - Laura (Mark) Olivero of Fort Wayne; his son - Todd (Colette) Wiley of Huntington; four granddaughters - Tara Olivero and Erica Olivero, both of Fort Wayne, and Carissa Wiley and Micayla Wiley, both of Huntington; three sisters - Marilyn (Ken) Pientka of Middleton, Wisconsin, Nancy Wiley of Fort Wayne, and Carol Zurcher of Huntington; and his sister-in-law - Janet Wiley of Huntington. His parents, his brother - James Wiley, and his brother-in-law - Norman Zurcher, precede him in death.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
(260) 356-1710
wecare@baileylove.com
<https://www.baileylove.com>

Visitation

JAN 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

JAN 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerry C. Wiley



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - January 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Nelda (Chambers) Yavorsky lit a candle in memory of Jerry C. Wiley



Nelda (Chambers) Yavorsky - January 15, 2014 at 07:17 AM



Alice and Family:

My deepest sympathy is with you and your family. We had great times when I was living in Huntington in the past years. We all have great fun when we were members of the Delta Theta Tau and was in involved with activities together.

Jerry was a caring person and will be missed by all.

*Nelda (Chambers) Yavorsky
Inverness, Florida*

Nelda (Chambers) Yavorsky - January 15, 2014 at 07:24 AM

MJ

“ CAROL, NANCY AND MARILYN, so sorry for your lose JERRY was in my class at LANCASTER . your family and mine had a lot of good times when were young. Sympathy to his family allso. Mary Grace (Rogers) johnson

mary g. johnson - January 10, 2014 at 12:27 AM

CB

“ Alice Ann and family, Jerry will be missed. He was a great guy and John and I enjoy being around him so much,

Carol and John Bauer - January 09, 2014 at 08:47 PM

JW

“ Jim And Dotty Williams lit a candle in memory of Jerry C. Wiley



Jim and Dotty Williams - January 09, 2014 at 09:48 AM

VM

“ Nancy,
Please accept our sympathy at the loss of your brother.
Val and Sadie McIntire

Val McIntire - January 09, 2014 at 06:38 AM

“ One morning during the early days of first grade I heard the teacher call out the name, "Todd Wiley." I looked over to see a boy who was working hard to push a crayon through the paper without tearing it, paying no attention to the teacher at all. I had been told to look for him by my dad, who car-pooled to GE with Jerry Wiley at that time. It was September of 1971. I asked Todd if he wanted to be buddies, and he said yes. We remained best friends until we both followed his father's example and joined the military in 1983. Those twelve years were often tumultuous ones in my life, for a variety of reasons, upon which I cannot, in good conscience, lay blame at anyone's feet except perhaps fate. Two homes were safe for me at any time: my Grandma Vohs and the Wileys. Mom rightly trusted both places, and allowed me to spend as much time as possible in each home. Jerry would take me and Todd fishing, hunting, or simply to hang out at John Paul's Bait Shop for a Mountain Dew. He told us stories involving my Uncles Don Bollan and John Morriss, as well as my dad, Jerry sr., and family friend Rex Weaver. I loved all those stories. In our teens he told us ornery jokes that cracked us up as we headed out to a river or a bunny field, and made us laugh harder than any joke told by our peers might do. One rough year of divorce in our family, Jerry gave me ten bucks to buy a Christmas present for my mom. He'd take us boys out to breakfast and let us order coffee. He was a man's man, and we wanted to be men's men someday, so we adored him. I never heard him say a negative word about another person. I don't know if he was that way all the time, but at least he didn't air dirty laundry around impressionable kids. But my fondest memory of Jerry centers around what was perhaps the greatest tragedy to ever befall our close-knit extended family. I believe it was four days after Christmas of 1977, when Don Bollan's oldest son, David, died suddenly and completely unexpectedly on the family's living room floor, victim of a ruptured blood vessel. My mom and her brothers, and all of their children, were absolutely lost. Jerry and Alice let me come and stay with them for about a week after the funeral. I was only twelve---I didn't know how to deal with anything. I was just doing a good job of showing strong for my mom and playing the clown for my cousins and others around the

situation. Then one night I had a terrifying nightmare and walked shakily downstairs at the Wiley house on Tipton. Jerry was still up, watching some late night talk show, probably dealing with his own pain over a close friend's tragic loss. I furtively slipped into the living room and curled into a recliner, and he took one look at my face and asked if I was all right. At that moment everything rushed in. I sobbed so hard. Now, Jerry wasn't the touchy-feely type back then, and he didn't try to hug me or anything. He just sat close by, calmly assuring me that things like this happen in life, but so do a lot of other great things to make up for the sadness. He kept asking if I understood what he was saying, and since I really did, I just continued to tearfully nod and listen to more wisdom from a man I respected, The talk really helped. Then he made sure I made it back up to Todd's room and got to sleep. He probably told my mom about it, or Alice. And I needed both of them too. In sum. at a time when I needed a good man in my life, Jerry was there. He was there for others too. So many people in Huntington knew and loved Jerry Wiley. Who knows how many simple, secret. good deeds he did without anyone knowing it. He was an important part in forming the man I became, and I try to pay it forward in all kinds of ways. My life was made so much better by knowing Jerry, and every mutual friend we have feels the same. Must have been a life well-lived. Thank you, Jerry. See you on the other side----get the fishing poles ready.

PS: Still expecting a euchre rematch.....

Jerry Vohs - January 09, 2014 at 01:39 AM

CB

“ *Cathy Bonewitz lit a candle in memory of Jerry C. Wiley*



Cathy Bonewitz - January 08, 2014 at 12:10 PM

JF

“ Sorry for the lost of Jerry, I have served him coffee for many years. He will be missed.

June Frederick



June Frederick - January 07, 2014 at 09:45 PM

VS

“ You have my deepest sympathy. We always had such fun bowling.

Vicki Shea - January 07, 2014 at 06:53 PM

TC

“ While we did not know Mr. Wiley personally, we mourn the loss of such a fine man.

Tony, Kim, Tyler and Ethan, friends to Mark, Laura, Tara and Erica.

The Churchwards - January 07, 2014 at 01:20 PM

CZ

“ Carol Zurcher lit a candle in memory of Jerry C. Wiley



Carol Zurcher - January 05, 2014 at 03:18 PM



Carolyn
Bollan-
Morris

“ *John & I both thought the world of Jerry, he was a wonderful friend. He will be be greatly missed.* ”



Carolyn Bollan-Morris - January 04, 2014 at 05:22 PM



NW

“ *Nancy Wiley lit a candle in memory of Jerry C. Wiley* ”



Nancy Wiley - January 04, 2014 at 03:59 PM



Marilyn
Pientka

“ *Marilyn Pientka lit a candle in memory of Jerry C. Wiley* ”



Marilyn Pientka - January 04, 2014 at 03:57 PM



CM

“ *Claudia & Harry Machall lit a candle in memory of Jerry C. Wiley* ”



Claudia & Harry Machall - January 04, 2014 at 02:21 PM



You are in my prayers. Sorry for your loss! Carolyn Land

Carolyn Land - January 05, 2014 at 06:48 AM