



## Gerald L Henigsmith

June 19, 1938 - June 17, 2025

Gerald L. Henigsmith, a proud veteran of the United States Navy and longtime former resident of Walkerton, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Vincennes on Tuesday, June 17, 2025. He was 86 years old.

Born on June 19, 1938, in Chicago, Illinois, Gerald was the son of the late Lewis and Gladys (Clayburn) Henigsmith. Known to many as “Gerry,” he served his country honorably in the U.S. Navy before embarking on a fulfilling career with the Oregon-Davis School Corporation, where he dedicated many years of service to the school community.

On February 20, 1971, in Walkerton, he married the love of his life, Patricia (Dipert) Henigsmith. Their loving partnership endured until Patricia’s passing in 2019.

Gerry will be fondly remembered by his family and friends for his steady presence, strong values, and deep love for his country and community. He is survived by his two stepsons, Delbert “Lynn” Porter and Kenneth Porter; five step-grandchildren, Heather, Christopher, Brandon, Kassandra, and Andrew “Jake”; as well as several nieces, nephews, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his beloved wife Patricia; five sisters; and three brothers.

A gathering of family and friends will be held on Sunday, July 27, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. EDT at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel, with a Memorial Service to follow at 1:00 p.m. Burial will take place at a later date in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Gerry's life was one of dedication—to his nation, his work, and those he loved.  
He will be deeply missed.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Gathering of family and friends

JUL 27. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Rannells Funeral Home - Koontz Lake Chapel  
7984 N. State Road 23  
Walkerton, IN 46574  
(574) 586-2120  
rannellsfh@mchsi.com  
<https://www.rannellsfuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

JUL 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

FJ

“ From Sarah, Kate, Bethany, and Julie purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Gerald L Henigsmith.



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**From Sarah, Kate, Bethany, and Julie** - July 25, 2025 at 12:25 PM

TC

“ The Ceacle's purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gerald L Henigsmith.



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**The Ceacle's** - July 22, 2025 at 09:18 AM

TC

“ The Ceacle's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald L Henigsmith.

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**The Ceacle's** - July 22, 2025 at 09:18 AM

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“ Norma Pitts & Darrell Pitts lit a candle in memory of Gerald L Henigsmith



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**Norma Pitts & Darrell Pitts** - July 16, 2025 at 07:00 PM

BA

“ Rest in peace we spent many hours cleaning Oregon Davis school together sympathy to the family

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**Barb Abel** - June 18, 2025 at 03:24 PM

MA

*I worked with Jerry at O D school , he was such a big help to us cooks. Sorry I missed his funeral .*

*Mary Aquin*

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**Mary M Aquino** - July 27, 2025 at 07:39 PM