



## Jerry Pearish

February 5, 1946 - July 30, 2025

Jerry L. Pearish, a devoted man of faith and a pillar of his community, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at the Center for Hospice Raclin House, surrounded by the love of his family. He was 79 years old. Born on February 5, 1946, in LaPorte to the late Leo and Vera (Metcalf) Pearish, Jerry was a lifelong resident of the Koontz Lake area. On July 24, 1965, he married the love of his life, Sue (Seese), in Koontz Lake. Together they recently celebrated 60 years of marriage, a union filled with faith, service, laughter, and deep love.

Jerry was a retired purchasing agent from D.A. Dodd, where he worked diligently throughout his long and respected career. A man guided by faith and purpose, Jerry lived his life in service to others—through his church, community, and beyond.

He was a faithful member of the Koontz Lake Missionary Church, where he served in numerous roles including as a church board member, usher, and as the head of the ushers and greeters for 11 years. Previously, he was also an active member of River Park Tabernacle Church in South Bend, again serving on the church board.

Civically minded and community-focused, Jerry was a current member of the Koontz Lake Lions Club and a past member of the Koontz Lake Volunteer Fire Department. He gave of his time and talents through service on the Oregon-Davis School Board—twice—holding the offices of President, Vice-President, and Secretary. He also served as a Starke County Councilman and was a

founding member of the Oregon-Davis Summer Baseball League, helping shape the lives of local youth through sport. His community efforts extended to involvement with Starke County Crime Stoppers and more than 60 years of devoted service at Rannells Funeral Home.

Above all, Jerry was a family man who led by example—with kindness, humility, and unwavering integrity. He is survived by his beloved wife, Sue; two children, Jeff (Char) Pearish and Lori (Terry) Pucel; six grandchildren, Jonnathon (Haley Ford) Pucel, Adam (Brayton Mendenhall) Pearish, Amy (Cody) Shreve, Emily Pucel, Lauren (Quentin) McGaughey, and Allison (Daniel) Pletcher; fourteen great-grandchildren with one on the way; and one sister-in-law, Pat Pearish.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers Bob, Paul, Linder, Ralph, and Larry; sisters Virginia, Opal, Betty, and Janice; and one nephew, Ralph Pearish Jr.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. CDT at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel. A funeral service will take place at Noon CDT on Thursday, August 7 at Koontz Lake Missionary Church, with an additional hour of visitation beginning at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Grovertown Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Center for Hospice.

Jerry's life was one of quiet strength, enduring faith, and selfless dedication. He will be deeply missed by all who had the honor of knowing him. The Rannells Funeral Home is honored to have had Jerry as part of our family forever and are deeply honored to be entrusted with his care and arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Grovertown Cemetery

State Road 23  
Grovertown, IN 46531

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

AUG 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Koontz Lake Missionary Church  
8044 N State Road 23  
Walkerton, IN 46574

## Funeral Service

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AUG 7. 12:00 PM (CT)

Koontz Lake Missionary Church  
8044 N State Road 23  
Walkerton, IN 46574

## Burial

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AUG 7 (CT)

Grovertown Cemetery  
State Road 23  
Grovertown, IN 46531

# Tribute Wall

AR

“ Allen, Abby, & Oliver Renz purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jerry Pearish.



Allen, Abby, & Oliver Renz - August 06, 2025 at 01:07 PM

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“ Allen, Abby, & Oliver Renz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Pearish.

Allen, Abby, & Oliver Renz - August 06, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Pearish.



August 06, 2025 at 12:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerry Pearish.

August 06, 2025 at 12:32 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jerry Pearish.*



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August 05, 2025 at 06:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerry Pearish.

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August 05, 2025 at 06:16 PM



“ *Brian Seese and Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Jerry Pearish.*



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**Brian Seese and Family** - August 04, 2025 at 07:59 PM



“ *Although I moved away from Indiana and have not seen Uncle Jerry in years, he was one of my favorite uncles.. always the jokester and a laugh coming from his toes... I am so sorry to hear of his passing. Lori, Aunt Sue and family you will be in my thoughts and heart*

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**Donna Rae** - August 04, 2025 at 06:34 PM

DJ

“ Sue and family, So very sorry for the loss of Jerry. He was a pillar in the community. I remember when he was a little league coach. Such happy times so long ago. Don and Diane Johnson

Diane Johnson - August 04, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry Pearish.



August 04, 2025 at 09:29 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerry Pearish.

August 04, 2025 at 09:29 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jerry Pearish.



August 04, 2025 at 08:23 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerry Pearish.

August 04, 2025 at 08:23 AM

LB

“ I rode the bus with Jerry and some of his brothers. He was one of my childhood friends and always held a special place in my heart. My deepest sympathy to all of you, with prayers for comfort and strength.

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**Linda Benjamin** - August 03, 2025 at 10:41 PM

TS

“ Todd, Holly, Macy and Caleb Seese purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jerry Pearish.



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**Todd, Holly, Macy and Caleb Seese** - August 03, 2025 at 09:23 PM

JM

“ Pearish family sorry for your loss. I had some good memories when he was umpire at our softball games. He took some flack for sure. Good thing is he can rejoice with mom. Let the heavenly hackle begin.

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**Julie Miller** - August 03, 2025 at 05:32 PM

CO

“ Cody purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jerry Pearish.



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**Cody** - August 03, 2025 at 05:14 PM

MS

“ Jerry was one of the nicest person I'd ever met. He was like a second dad to me. My heart breaks for the family. Many prayers and lots of love to you all

Marti Sult-Holland - July 31, 2025 at 05:33 PM

RM

Jerry was like family to me! I grew up with him and his family around me!! I am so thankful he was! I will miss him so much. I am so glad I ran over to see him, when I had mt dad's funeral. He gave me a big hug and told me he loved me!! I am so very thankful I did that! He was such a Godly, wonderful man and will be greatly missed!

Rhonda Mcghee - July 31, 2025 at 05:52 PM

BA

Prayers to all Rip Jerry are deepest sympathy to Sue and-family blessings and prayers

Barb Abel - August 01, 2025 at 08:09 AM

BF

God bless the family , we have had some good times together. Jerry was like a brother to me love him . God bless sue and family

Beverly Fraine - August 01, 2025 at 02:23 PM

DP

Gods blessings to you sue and your family. Jerry will always be in my memory and the fun times we had together! love to all D

darrell pratt - August 03, 2025 at 10:38 AM

EK

Our thoughts are with Sue and family. Eric and Ailie Kofoid

Eric Kofoid - August 03, 2025 at 01:15 PM

DB

I'm sure you are missing Jerry. God comfort you and keep you in His Hands 🙏🙏. Dave Brenay

David Brenay - August 03, 2025 at 03:23 PM



*Jerry was such a sweet compassionate man. Loved Jesus and his family so much. May God comfort Sue and family thru this time.*

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**Marie Strycker** - August 03, 2025 at 05:07 PM

RK

*I'll always remember the warmth Jerry brought into every room. Whether it was through a quick-witted comment, a kind word or a simple smile. His sense of humor, calm strength, and the genuine care he showed to those around him left a lasting impression. I will carry his memory with me always.*

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**Raelene Kennedy-Jurkowski** - August 05, 2025 at 03:18 PM

KT

*Rest In Peace Jerry a/k/a "Red Dog" You were always a great guy to be around and I remember the crazy days at Commercial Honing.....Prayers to your family.....Ol' KT (Karl Taylor)*

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**Karl Taylor** - August 05, 2025 at 06:26 PM