



Gerald Glenn Shane

February 15, 1943 - May 24, 2026

Gerald Glenn “Jerry” Shane, 83, of Evansville, was granted eternal peace in the early morning of May 24, 2026. He was a beloved and cherished husband, father, Papaw, brother, and friend. He will be deeply missed and always remembered.

Gerald was born the oldest child to the late Glenn and Betty (Rheinlander) Shane on February 15, 1943 in Evansville. In addition to his parents, Jerry was preceded in death by siblings, Diane Willis, Sally Jane Shane, and Michael Shane.

Jerry served his country in Vietnam as an Army Ranger and later in the Army National Guard. During his service, Jerry received two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star with V (valor) device. When he returned to civilian life, he worked as a postman for the United States Postal Service until his retirement.

Jerry enjoyed fishing, making lures, and spending time outdoors. However, his greatest love and enjoyment came from spending time with his wife of almost 58 years, Rita (Mathis) Shane, their five children and spouses, nineteen grandchildren, and his canine companion, Buddy. He loved the time that he spent with his family at holidays and their frequent visits.

Surviving Gerald are his wife, Rita; children, Glenn (Michelle) Shane, Bridget

(James) Pfaffmann, Kyle (Stephanie) Shane, Rebekah (Adam) Nisley, and Victoria (Bryan) Ruder; grandchildren, Ashlynn Shane, Abigayle Shane, Catherine Shane, Glenn Shane, Drew Pfaffmann, Dylan Pfaffmann, Dawson Rose Pfaffmann, Delilah Pfaffmann, Kayla Shane, Isaiah Nisley, Eliana Nisley, Aleilah Nisley, Thomas Nisley, Silas Nisley, Marie Nisley, Lionel Ruder, Astoria Ruder, Odella Ruder, and Rosalina Ruder; his dog Buddy; as well as numerous brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Jerry was very devoted to his family and spent years remodeling their home and making furniture for it. He made it a welcoming, comfortable place where all of his family felt at home. Prior to his passing, Jerry was able to express how much he adored his wife and the life that they created together.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Rev. Lowell Will officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, where the Vanderburgh County Retired Veterans Memorial Club will conduct military rites.

Friends may visit with the family from 10:00 AM until service time on Wednesday at St. Boniface Catholic Church, 418 N. Wabash Ave, Evansville, IN 47712.

Jerry's family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the wonderful teams at Majestic Care Newburgh and St. Croix Hospice for the exemplary care and compassion that they provided to Jerry and the family during his final days.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Boniface Parish, 1600 Glendale Ave, Evansville, IN 47712.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church
418 Wabash Ave
Evansville, IN 47701

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Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 27. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Boniface Parish
418 N Wabash Ave of Flags
Evansville, IN 47712-5291
(812) 423-1721

Tribute Wall

EG

“ *Deepest sympathy to dear friend Rita Ann family*

evie guetling - May 26 at 12:15 PM

RJ

“ *Richard and Gilda Johnson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gerald Glenn Shane.*



Richard and Gilda Johnson - May 26 at 09:02 AM

RJ

“ *Richard and Gilda Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Glenn Shane.*

Richard and Gilda Johnson - May 26 at 09:02 AM

JH

“ *John and Helen purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gerald Glenn Shane.*



John and Helen - May 26 at 08:54 AM

LH

“ Love, Chris, Kristen, Tessa & Reed Head purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Gerald Glenn Shane.



Love, Chris, Kristen, Tessa & Reed Head - May 25 at 11:01 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Glenn Shane.



May 25 at 10:16 PM

DT

“ Rita there are no words to express this loss of your families hero! You were always mine. Thank the lord He was able to express his gratitude for the life as a family was created. Your friend. Debbie Titzer

Debbie Titzer - May 25 at 07:27 PM