



Jerry R. Kelle

September 12, 1935 - February 6, 2024

Jerome Ramsey “Jerry” Kelle, 88, of Evansville, passed away on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at his home surrounded by family.

Jerry was born September 12, 1935 in Evansville to the late Thomas Eugene and Sophia T. (Ramsey) Kelle. He was a lifelong brick mason and worked at Emge Packing Company for many years prior to retiring in 1997. After his retirement from Emge, Jerry worked part-time at Performance Refinish and Supply. He was a member of Resurrection Catholic Church and served in the Army National Guard. Jerry was an avid gardener and shared his wonderful produce with family and friends. He loved his dog Cooper; enjoyed hunting, reading, watching Notre Dame football, and all things associated with nature. This included feeding the birds daily in all seasons and raising chickens.

Surviving Jerry are his wife of 66 years, Barbara (Duggins) Kelle; daughters, Kim (Jim) Farny, Sue (Jeff) Krieg, Jane (Fred Peaugh) Kelle and Mary Ann (Mark) Eickhoff; a son, Brian (Rachel Adler) Kelle and one sister, Patricia Rexing. Also surviving Jerry are grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Jerry was preceded in death by siblings, Mike Kelle, Katherine Ziliak, Mary Jo Wentzel, Ed Kelle and Thelma Mitchell.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at Resurrection Catholic Church, Rev. Jerry Pratt officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 3:00 until 7:00 PM on Friday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street, where there will be a memorial service conducted by the church at 6:00 PM. Friends may also visit with the family from 9:30 AM until service time on Saturday at Resurrection Church.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Deaconess Hospice for all of their kind and compassionate care.

Memorial contributions may be made to Resurrection Catholic Church or to Deaconess Hospice.

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

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN 47712
(812) 423-6471
info@pierrefuneralhome.com
<https://www.pierrefuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

AW

“ Alyssa W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry R. Kelle.

Alyssa W. - February 10, 2024 at 06:46 AM

OT

“ Our deepest condolences to the entire Kelle family. Thinking of you in your time of loss.

- The Team at Otter Creek

Otter Creek Team - February 09, 2024 at 09:10 PM

AF

“ Aracelis Morales @ Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jerry R. Kelle.



Aracelis Morales @ Family - February 09, 2024 at 09:29 AM

BF

“ Beth Farny purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jerry R. Kelle.



Beth Farny - February 09, 2024 at 08:05 AM

PB

“ *My deepest sympathies to Jerry's family. Jerry was well liked by my Father, Bob Elpers and he often spoke very highly of him..*

Pamela Elpers Betz - February 08, 2024 at 12:49 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - February 07, 2024 at 03:24 PM

SH

“ *Uncle Jerry I will miss you with so much love. I loved it when you called me “Sar-la” or sometimes “Sarahlee”. You were always a gentle giant and you grew the best tomatoes ever! Rest and go fishing with Matt, Julius, Ed, Josie, Al, Joanna and Tom. Lou and Sophie will bring the beer. Love you, Sarah ❤️*

sarah Hooper - February 07, 2024 at 11:02 AM

JB

“ *I'll never forget one of the first times I met Jerry when I started dating JoAnna. We were at AmVets for a family gathering. When I was standing next to him, in a calm normal voice, he said "Watch out, they're all crazy!" :-). Funny thing is he was right! What a good man!
Prayers to you all.*

Jeff Bowley - February 07, 2024 at 10:38 AM

JD

“ *To the Kelle family- We're so very sorry to hear of your loss and are keeping you all in our prayers.*

Sincerely, John & Jeanne Dewig

j dewig - February 07, 2024 at 09:31 AM