



Gerald Wayne "Jerry" Claypoole

June 2, 1944 - August 20, 2020

RICHMOND, Ind. – Gerald Wayne “Jerry” Claypoole, age 76, of Richmond, Indiana, died Thursday, August 20, 2020, at his home.

Gerald was born on June 2, 1944, in Mays Lick, Kentucky, to Stanley Glen and Elma Yancy Robb Claypoole. He was one of 10 children and worked on the family farm. Gerald joined the U.S. Army in 1965 and later worked at Magee Bakery in Maysville, Kentucky. With every paycheck, he bought a gift for his mother, with whom he was very close. Gerald married Vicky Wallace in 1972, and they had their only son, Jerry William, in 1973. Following this, they moved to Richmond, and Gerald began working as a welder, alongside his brother, Everett, at Western-Cullen-Hayes, Inc. for 37 years. He joined Hiram Lodge #417 in Centerville, Indiana, on July 19, 1984. Gerald was a “pool shark” from an early age and loved to play with his friends at the Richmond Senior Community Center. He also loved hunting for bargains at yard sales. Gerald’s best times were spent hunting and fishing with Jerry and later with his granddaughters. He adored his granddaughters, and they adored him. Gerald never missed a game or event where they were concerned. He never knew a stranger and touched so many lives. Gerald was a family man and brought joy to all who knew him with his infectious smile.

Survivors include his beloved son, Jerry Claypoole and his wife, Jennifer, of Centerville; granddaughters, Olivia and Ella Claypoole of Centerville; brother, Everett Claypoole; sisters, Velma Bellamy, Mary Davis, and Carol Galbraith; nieces; nephews; cousins; former wife, Vicky Turner, who he had reconnected with recently; stepchildren and step-grandchildren from a previous marriage; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Glen and Raymond Claypoole; and sisters, Carolyn Eitel, Betty Donatelli, and Donna “Sue” Manning.

Visitation for Gerald Wayne “Jerry” Claypoole will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond, with a Masonic Service at 6:45 p.m. Military honors will be provided by the Wayne County

Honor Guard. Graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at Mays Lick Cemetery, Old U.S. Highway 68, in Kentucky. Please plan to wear your own mask when entering the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, c/o Memorial Giving, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Centerville Youth League, 100 Temple Drive, Centerville, IN 47330.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery

Mays Lick Cemeter
Old U.S. Highway 68
Mays Lick, KY, 41055

Events

AUG 25 Visitation 05:00PM - 07:00PM

Doan & Mills Funeral Home
790 National Rd W, Richmond, IN, US, 47374

AUG 26 Graveside Service 01:00PM - 02:00PM

Mays Lick Cemeter
Old U.S. Highway 68, Mays Lick, KY, US, 41055

Comments



“ I grew up on Randolph! So sorry for your family's loss!! He was a good man!!

Lara Boomershine - August 25 at 06:15 PM



“ Jerry was our neighbor on Randolph Street years ago. I will never forget how we would all get together and have great times. You couldn't ask for a better person. He was a good friend to my family and always had kind words. I am so sorry for your loss my heart goes out to the family. Vickie Fisher

Vickie Fisher - August 23 at 10:24 AM



“ He was such a nice guy. He loved talking about his granddaughters... We had many conversations that I will miss. Prayers for his family!

marian sanger - August 22 at 01:05 PM



“ A very sweet man who always had a smile, hug, and kind words for everyone. He so loved his granddaughters and it was mutual. He will be missed by everyone who ever had the pleasure of meeting him.

Tric and Franz Heepe - August 21 at 09:45 PM



“ True friends are hard to find and when you lose one it's a sadness that will never go a way hope we meet again Gary & sheri Lay

Gary Lay - August 21 at 07:54 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Jerry was a good man and friend. Harold & Shirley Raver

Harold Raver - August 21 at 04:46 PM



“ Jerry and family,
My heart breaks for you and your family. I was so sorry to see this.
I went through this when at Marvel Industries for my father. To date that was the
hardest thing I have ever had to do. Keep his great memories close to your heart and
he will always be there. May God hold you in his arms. My thoughts and heartfelt
prayers are with you and your family.

Evelyn Moore
co-worker from - Marvel days.

Evelyn Moore - August 21 at 02:03 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Bob Clark and the Staff of Doan & Mills - August 21 at 12:52 PM



“ We lived next door to Vickie and Jerry for many years. Jerry was a good man and would
help anyone if he could. Sorry for your loss.

kathy jordan - August 21 at 08:25 PM