



Gerald Hayden

November 23, 1938 - April 27, 2009

Visitation for Gerald R. "Jerry" Hayden, 70, of Bourbonnais, will be from 10 a.m. Friday until the 11:30 a.m. services at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. The Rev. Dan Morris will officiate. Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Township. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or to the American Cancer Society. He died Monday (April 27, 2009) at his farm in Wisconsin. Mr. Hayden was owner and president of Bear Machine Tool & Die in Bradley from 1973 until retiring in 2006. He was also a dairy farmer and had worked at Roper Corporation, Kankakee Division for 18 years. He was born Nov. 23, 1938, in Metropolis, the son of Clinton and Corene Shappard Hayden. He served in the U.S. Army from 1962-1964 stationed in Stuttgart, Germany. He was a member of the First Church of God in Kankakee. During his retirement, he was an avid farmer and enjoyed visiting the sick and elderly. Surviving are his wife, the former Sudie E. Leiser, of Bourbonnais, whom he married Sept. 25, 1960, at St. Paul Episcopal Church; two sons, Dwayne Hayden of Cave Creek, Ariz., Douglas Hayden of Manteno; and several aunts and cousins. His parents are deceased.

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“ NULL##imported-begin##LARRY F. AND LINDA L. HILDEBRAND##imported-end##

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“ So very sorry for your loss D'Arcy Ballinger##imported-begin##D'Arcy Ballinger##imported-end##

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“ Sudie, Dwayne and Doug,

I was so sad to hear from Dwayne that Jerry had passed away. ½He was such a kind and caring guy and he always made me feel very welcomed. ½He was always interested in how things were with me and my family. ½I also know how proud he was of his boys! ½He was such a hard worker and it rubbed off on Dwayne and Doug. ½He was a great father, husband and friend and he'll be sorely missed.

Tim##imported-begin##Tim Kreissler##imported-end##

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“ Dear Sudie, i½Carol gave me the news about Jerry. My sympathy goes out to you. Joel i½###imported-begin##Joel Brault##imported-end##

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“ We are all so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. i½We had his farm insurance for many years. i½He was always so nice and friendly. i½We will miss seeing him.##imported-begin##Sandy Seifert##imported-end##

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“ We are so sorry to hear about Jerry. i½He enjoyed visiting all the neighbors near his farm. i½He was always so friendly. i½We will miss him in this area. i½Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.##imported-begin##Dale and Margie Gehrke##imported-end##

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“ Hi Sudie,

We were so surprised to read about Jerry. i½It was just the other day we saw him in Security Lumber. i½He was always so friendly. i½He certainly will be missed. i½You have our deepest sympathy. i½You and the boys will be in our thoughts and prayers. i½Sincerely, Maria & Ron##imported-begin##Ron & Maria Glasgow##imported-end##

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“ You all have our deepest sympathy during this time of your loss. I always enjoyed the time I got to spend visiting with Jerry never as often or as much as I would have liked but it always seemed like one of us were on our way to some place else when we'd meet. Jerry will always be remembered and missed in Wisconsin. ##imported-begin## Oliver i ½ Hardesty ##imported-end##

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“ NULL ##imported-begin## Ted and Darla Garner ##imported-end##

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“ Jerry will never be truly gone! He will live forever in the memories of countless peoples minds, who were fortunate enough to spend time with him. Jerry always gave his friends his joy by sharing countless stories and knowledge.

My regards to the Family and close friends. Charlie Struebing ##imported-begin## Charlie Struebing ##imported-end##

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“ Sudie,

We are saddened at the loss of Jerry, our friend and neighbor. i ½ Our thought's and prayers are with you. ##imported-begin## Stanley and Shirley Stam ##imported-end##

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“ So sorry for your loss. We pray the Lord will comfort you in these days and the days ahead. ##imported-begin##Mike Kent and Family##imported-end##

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“ With deepest sympathy to the family. ##imported-begin##John and Ruth (Coy)Timm##imported-end##

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“ NULL ##imported-begin##Robert Lamb##imported-end##

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“ I loved Jerry Hayden. He was my friend..and much more. He hired me to work on his houses in 1968. I learned much from him, but much more than remodeling. He was a mentor to me as well. He had a lust for life and an appreciation for all things good. He was patient and kind..a true gentle giant of a man. I will miss him greatly.

To Sudie and the boys: I cry with you.

Larry##imported-begin##Larry & Allison Chinski##imported-end##

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“ Jerry was a good man & a true friend. He will be missed by all who knew him. You have my deepest sympathy. ##imported-begin##Carl Tatro##imported-end##

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“ Dear Sudie, So sorry to hear of your loss of Jerry. Remembering the time we met Jerry and you at the Viers' home in Arizona. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

Pat and Jim Zaknich.##imported-begin##Jim & Pat Zaknich##imported-end##

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“ We'll always remember his friendly smile!##imported-begin##Russ and Marilyn Geisler##imported-end##

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“ I send my deepest sympathy to this family. I just had coffee with him last week I've known him just briefly but know he was a special person.##imported-begin##Bill Baker##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##John Shreffler##imported-end##

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“ Sudie, We were so sorry to hear about Jerry. Especially since John had just talked to him Saturday night. He was really a wonderful guy & will be greatly missed. If there's anything we can do, don't hesitate to call. Our thoughts & prayers are with you thru this. Wish we could be there with you.##imported-begin##John & Evelyn Hrusovszky##imported-end##

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“ *Sudie---I can't believe that Jerry is gone. I feel so bad for you. De L. and I have talked about coming to see you this fall. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Glad your boys are with you and that Wanda is also with you. Our sympathy and love. De L. and Jane*###imported-begin###*Jane Viers*###imported-end##

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“ *Sudie and family,*
 You have our deepest sympathy. Our thoughts are with you. Bob and Polly###imported-begin###*Bob & Polly Zetterman*###imported-end##

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“ *Sudie and Family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time and always. "Jerry the Gentle Giant" as he was known to our family will be sadly missed by everyone.*
Jodi Berdan & Family
Norma and Bosco Gabel
Brian Gabel & Family###imported-begin###*Jodi Berdan*###imported-end##

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