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Jerry Dee Barringer, Age 83 of Polk City, FL and formally from Fremont, Mi, and Carmel, IN, passed peacefully on August 3, 2022, surrounded by family. Jerry was a proud “Preachers Kid” who grew up in the church, learning, praying and growing up beside his mother and father, especially, who greatly influenced Jerry’s devotion to Christ. Whatever he took from the church: community, prayers and support, he gave back two-fold. He was highly involved in the church and served on many boards and committees. While living in Florida, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Lakeland where he was a member of the adult choir. The church played a huge role in shaping Jerrys hopeful outlook on life and the relationships that enriched that life.

After graduating from high school, Jerry became a proud Purdue Boilermaker, graduating in 1961. He continued carrying on many of the Boilermaker traditions, tailgating for football games and maintaining the Purdue/IU rivalry with friends decades after graduating. He was even more proud to eventually share those same traditions with his two children, Nancy and Tony, who attended Purdue themselves. Purdue gave him many things, but nothing more important than his wife, Kathryn Day, who stood firmly by his side for over 50

years until her passing in 2012.

While you can use loyalty to describe Jerry in many facets of his life, it is incredibly notable in his career. Jerry worked for Gerber Products Company for over 30 years. His hard work gave him new opportunities and often moved him and his family to new places. Jerry had a knack for maintaining many close friends and holding onto them forever, despite the moves. His friends recount fond memories spent boating on the lake, camping with the RV and cycling. Jerry's sense of adventure never ceasing.

Jerry's constant itch to travel even took him overseas on multiple mission trips to Cuba, Bulgaria and Jamaica to help those in other countries. In his local community, Jerry and his therapy dog, Sam, regularly visited hospitals, nursing homes and kids choir bringing joy and positivity to anyone who crossed their paths. He graciously supported any cause close to those he loved never missing an opportunity to donate, volunteer or otherwise contribute. In the giving spirit, Jerry was a Master Mason, maintaining memberships in Fremont, MI and Salem, IN. He was also a Lifetime Scottish Rite member and Shriner, he was proud of his memberships, friendships and commitments to all groups and organizations where he participated.

In 1994, Jerry officially took the title of "grandpa", a role that was arguably one of his favorites to play and it suited him perfectly! He adored his four grandchildren and was front and center at every graduation, dance recital, track meet, school fundraising event and birthday that he could, hence the move to Polk City, FL in 1999 to be closer to the grandkids.

Jerry is survived by his daughter, Nancy Barringer Juin (Jean Michel), his son, Anthony Dee Barringer, his granddaughters', Annabelle Juin, Annelyse Juin and AnneMarie Juin, his grandson, Cullen Barringer, his sister, Mary Lois Kopkey, his nieces, Jackie Kopkey Hadley (Jeff), Vickie Kopkey Manikowski

(Rex), and Susan Day Demeter (David), his nephews, Max Day and Randie Kopkey (Chris), fiancée Sharon Millard and his beloved and loyal four-legged friend, Sam.

A memorial service will be Monday, November 7 at 1:00 pm at First United Methodist Church, 72 Lake Morton Drive, Lakeland, FL 33801.

Jerry will be buried with his wife, Kathryn in Salem, IN. A family, masonic graveside service will take place in Spring 2023

Friends may share memories and condolences at www.gentry-morrison.com

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alliance of Therapy Dogs.
www.therapydogs.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
72 Lake Morton Drive
Lakeland, FL 33801

Tribute Wall

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“ To the family and friends of our dear friend Jerry, we, his M.A.M.A MISSION TEAM family, will surely miss him; especially, on all our future mission adventures. Jerry was such an integral part of everything we do that the absence of his presence will be felt all around by all involved - the team, the staff, the girls and boys at the homes we often visit on our mission to Jamaica.

Jerry was family to us all. He would quietly sit and observe the actions of the young adults in the homes we visited and could always identify those with special gifts or needs. He had such a gift of Love, Wisdom and Charity and as a result was instrumental in furthering the studies of several students at The Father's Home of Safety in Montego Bay and Granville Home of Safety in Trelawny. We will honor him by naming one of our scholarship THE JERRY DEE BARRINGER SCHOLARSHIP.

On behalf of your protégés, a heartfelt thank you. You surely will be missed. Rest In Peace our friend until we meet again.

M.A.M.A(MUCH ASPIRED MUCH ACHIEVED) MISSION TEAM!

MAMA SCHOLARSHIP MISSION TEAM - November 06, 2022 at 08:24 PM

“ The Juin Family,

Dear Nancy and family, I am so blessed to be a part of your family over the past 20 years.

Yesterday, I was trying to find a folder to put some letters in, and I picked up a folder and opened it, the first thing on top was a note sent to me by Jerry on December 7th 2013 and it read, "Rose, Thanks for the great work you do and especially the influence you have had on my Granddaughters". I don't believe in coincidences, it was all God. And of course he gave us a donation. He had a big heart and he gave generously. He was thanking me then, for taking his granddaughters on mission with us, but he did not know at the time, that God had a plan for him to venture out on mission with us just like all three of his Granddaughters did.

The girls at Granville all called his "Uncle Jerry," he loved being a part of the mission. I will share one story that will forever stay with me.

We were doing arts and crafts with the girls one day. He was in charge of making sure that the 4 girls in his group received the correct amount of beads and did not get into a fight. (smile) I was sitting with my back to him and his group with my girls. Then I kept hearing Jerry saying to one of the little ones "what did you say?" On the fourth time he asked her, I turned to them to see what was going on. Obviously, this little 9 years was speaking in her very Jamaican Patois asking him a question and he could not figure out what she was saying. So I then asked her to repeat her question to Jerry. I looked at Jerry and said, she wants to know why you are so white and she is so dark. He looked at me and I looked at him knowing that he had no idea what to say to this little girl. So God gave me the answer. I took Jerry's hand, took her hand, and then placed my hand next to theirs. 3 different color skin tone. I said to the little girl, so, we all have different skin color, correct? And of course she giggled and said yes!! Then I said to her, if I get a knife and cut each one of us, what color will you see? She looked at me like I was the

crazy one. The answer was quite obvious. She busted out a big laugh and said red!

Then I said, you see, God made us all different color on the outside but we all bleed red. Jerry looked at me, smiled that gentle smile and said, "Rose, I could not have said it any better, thank you." Jerry and I shared one very special thing. We both love Jesus and that is why I know that I will see him again.

Rest in Peace my friend. We will miss you on mission.



Rose Williams - November 06, 2022 at 07:57 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Dee Barringer.*



November 04, 2022 at 11:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerry Dee Barringer.*



November 03, 2022 at 10:54 AM

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“ (sister) Mary Lois, Jackie & Jeff, Vickie & Rex, Randie & Chris purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jerry Dee Barringer.



(sister) Mary Lois, Jackie & Jeff, Vickie & Rex, Randie & Chris - October 19, 2022 at 03:32 PM

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“ Loved my Uncle Jerry. Lots of memories all the way back to my childhood. Loved to go to Fremont and ski. He was always ready to have some fun. God Bless him and the entire family.

Randie Kopkey - October 14, 2022 at 08:48 AM

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“ Thanks be to God for Jerry's presence in my life during the last half century.

Jack Butterick - October 14, 2022 at 08:08 AM