



Gerald W. Abrams

September 24, 1936 - February 18, 2020

Gerald W. Abrams, age 83, a resident of rural Vienna, passed away Tuesday evening, February 18, 2020, at 3:10 PM at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center at Mercy Health in Paducah, Kentucky.

Gerald was born September 24, 1936 in Carlisle, Indiana. He was the eldest of three children born to Paul and Mary (Vest) Abrams.

On January 23, 1960, Gerald was united in marriage to Nancy Jo West at the United Methodist Church in Carlisle, Indiana. She survives.

Gerald is also survived by: his sons – Perry (Kimberly) Abrams of Hawthorne Woods, Illinois and Todd (Cindy) Abrams of Henderson, Kentucky; 3 grandchildren – Drew (Michelle McDowell) Abrams of Evansville, Indiana, Chelsea (Eric) Bergland of Grayslake, Illinois, and Dustin Abrams serving in the U.S. Army and stationed in Denver, Colorado; a great granddaughter – Erika Bergland; as well as nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

In addition to his parents, Gerald was preceded in death by: a sister – Elizabeth Miller and a brother and sister-in-law – Harold Deice (Beverly) Abrams.

Gerald was a graduate of Carlisle, Indiana High School. He served honorably in the U.S. Army and was a paratrooper.

Gerald had been employed in the maintenance department of Electric Energy, Inc. (E.E.I.) at Joppa and had worked as a welder in the metal processing field. However, Gerald's passion was farming and he enjoyed raising Charolais cattle.

Gerald was a member of the Massac County Saddle Club and enjoyed horseback riding. He was also an avid boater, camper and a talented slalom water skier.

Gerald was a faithful and devoted Christian and an active member of the New Hope Baptist Church where he had taught the teenage class in the Sunday school department. He had also been an active member of the Gideon International.

A Graveside service honoring the life of Gerald W. Abrams will be conducted Friday morning, February 21, 2020, at 11 AM at New Hope Cemetery, 6804 New Columbia Road, Belknap, Illinois. Pastor Frank Forthman will officiate.

Military graveside honors will be accorded by the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post # 5222 of Vienna.

There will be no public visitation. Those attending the service are asked to gather at the cemetery at 10:45 AM Friday.

Memorials may be made to the New Hope Baptist Church, c/o Lindell Croft, 7015 Old Metropolis Road, Vienna, Illinois 62995 or to the New Hope Cemetery, c/o Bobby Travis, 5734 Black Hill Road, Belknap, Illinois 62908.

Cemetery Details

New Hope Cemetery

6804 New Columbia Road
Belknap, IL

Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

New Hope Cemetery
6804 New Columbia Road
Belknap, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald W. Abrams*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Rest In Peace My Friend.*

Jed Hand - February 26, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ *Jed Hand lit a candle in memory of Gerald W. Abrams*



Jed Hand - February 26, 2020 at 11:13 AM



“ *Nancy I am so very sorry for your loss of Gerald. Have been thinking of you these past several days. Thank you always for your kindness when I would see you at Dr. A's.*

Myra Wood Bennett - February 21, 2020 at 09:12 PM



“ *I'm sorry Nancy & your family for your loss.*



Sondra Goins - February 21, 2020 at 08:59 PM



“ I remember a foot race we did against each other he look like he was out of shape wearing cowboy boots and blue jeans ,I was in shorts and running shoes and half his age in track thinking I was going smoke this old man. Dad said go and He blew away ,like I was standing still. (I had total respect for him after that)

Tim Abrams - February 21, 2020 at 01:15 AM



“ Sorry Aunt Nancy,Perry and Todd of Uncle Gerald passing he was alway decent and respectable a true Christian Hero the best side of the Abrams family He will be truly missed. Condolences Tim Abrams

Tim Abrams - February 21, 2020 at 01:01 AM



“ Aunt Aileen and I are so sorry to hear of Gerald's passing. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Aileen West and Donna Allen

Donna Allen - February 21, 2020 at 12:07 AM



“ Nancy----so sorry for your loss. We will keep you and your family in our prayers. David Oliver

William D Oliver - February 20, 2020 at 09:16 PM

SD

“ Nancy,
I just learned of Gerald's passing. Gary and I send our love to you and your sons and their families during this difficult time. Praying that you will find comfort in your faith and the love that surrounds you..
Much love,
Sue and Gary Dillard

Sue Dillard - February 20, 2020 at 08:22 PM

KS

“ *He was such a good neighbor to my parents, Loss and Maudie Snider. I remember, well, the day their house burnt; he was there and so helpful.*
Prayers for the family at this difficult time.

Karen Snider Schierbaum

Karen Schierbaum - February 20, 2020 at 01:48 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gerald W. Abrams.*



February 20, 2020 at 01:41 PM

AM

“ Nancy and family ... thinking of you and saying prayers of comfort. ~Alice Bradley Myers



Alice Myers - February 20, 2020 at 01:17 PM

DO

“ Nancy & boys
My condolences for you, we will miss him for now. I have precious memories of Gerald, he has been a friend and mentor for a long time. I'll never forget how he took me under his wing and encouraged me when we were in Jamaica, even before that him and Paul and Laverne gave me special training to get ready to go (it was special to me). We will miss him, but in light of eternity, we'll be with him soon, never to part, praising our Father the King forever.

Love
Danny O'Neal

Danny O'Neal - February 20, 2020 at 09:51 AM

LC

“ Dianna are saddened at the loss of our friend Gerald. Praying for Nancy and their family.

Larry Choate - February 20, 2020 at 09:43 AM

DL

“ *Dianna And Ned Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Gerald W. Abrams*



Dianna and Ned Lawrence - February 20, 2020 at 07:07 AM

EH

“ *Ernie Henshaw lit a candle in memory of Gerald W. Abrams*



Ernie Henshaw - February 19, 2020 at 11:00 PM

TM

“ *Terri MacDonald lit a candle in memory of Gerald W. Abrams*



Terri MacDonald - February 19, 2020 at 10:39 PM

TR

“ *Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Gerald W. Abrams*



Teresa Richerson - February 19, 2020 at 07:09 PM

JS

“ *John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerald W. Abrams*



John Slack - February 19, 2020 at 03:06 PM

AB

“ *Anita Bullock lit a candle in memory of Gerald W. Abrams*



Anita Bullock - February 19, 2020 at 10:20 AM

GY

“ *George And Vicky Yates lit a candle in memory of Gerald W. Abrams*



George and Vicky Yates - February 19, 2020 at 08:06 AM

DH

“ *Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of Gerald W. Abrams*



Dennis and Pat Harner - February 19, 2020 at 07:43 AM

BR

“ Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of
Gerald W. Abrams



Bobby Rentfro - February 19, 2020 at 05:24 AM

BH

“ Brenda Huckleberry lit a candle in memory of
Gerald W. Abrams



Brenda Huckleberry - February 18, 2020 at 11:03 PM

KB

“ Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of
Gerald W. Abrams



Karen Brumley - February 18, 2020 at 09:54 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of
Gerald W. Abrams



Dorothy Bacon - February 18, 2020 at 09:40 PM

LM

“ *Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in
memory of Gerald W. Abrams*



Larry and Carolyn McGill - February 18, 2020 at 09:14 PM