



Jerry Dale Akins

August 10, 1953 - December 31, 2022

Jerry Dale Akins, age 69 years, a resident of rural Vienna, passed away Saturday afternoon, December 31, 2022, at 12 Noon at his home.

Jerry was born August 10, 1953 in Marston, Missouri. He was the 4th of 8 children born to Dewey Jewel Akins and Mary Lillian (Sexton) Akins.

On November 30, 1974, Jerry was united in marriage to Cathy Poole in Vienna. She survives.

Jerry is also survived by: his sons – Jason (his wife Pam) Akins of Indiana and Josh (his wife Jessie) Akins of Vienna; 3 grandchildren – Amity Knichole Akins, Logan J.D. Akins and Alaina Raye Akins; his siblings – Dewey (his wife Jan) Akins of Decatur, Lynn Akins of Sikeston, Missouri, Marlene (her husband Rick) Daubach of Belleville, and twin sisters - Annette and Jeanette Akins both of Sikeston, Missouri; a cousin who Jerry thought of as a brother – Ronnie (his wife Cindy) Akins of New Madrid, Missouri; as well as nieces, nephews, other cousins and relatives and a host of friends.

In addition to his parents, Jerry was preceded in death by – a sister – Mary Ellen Poynor and a brother – Mark "Sput" Stephen Akins.

Jerry was a 1973 graduate of Vienna High School. Jerry had a love of the land

and was an avid outdoorsman. He raised cattle on his farm and was a skilled brick mason. Jerry also worked at the former E.E.I (Electric Energy, Inc.) facility at Joppa. He hired on as a laborer but had a desire to learn to weld. He volunteered his time and spent lunch hours practicing until he was able to successfully pass his certification as a welder. Jerry is remembered for his strong work ethic and sense of determination and for his saying, “work is a man’s best friend.” At the age of 51, Jerry undertook a project to build a log cabin. He spent countless hours tearing down old barns and skillfully and methodically building this cabin during a 3 year construction project.

In his youth, Jerry enjoyed squirrel and deer hunting. In later years, though busy with work projects, he would find time to take Jason and Josh hunting.

A service honoring the life of Jerry Dale Akins will be conducted Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 12 Noon at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Dewey Jones will officiate.

Burial will be in the Cypress Cemetery.

Visitation will be conducted Tuesday, January 3, 2023, from 4 PM – 8 PM at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Lewy Body Dementia Association, 912 Killian Hill Road, SW, Lilburn, Georgia 30047 or online at www.lbda.org

Cemetery Details

Cypress Cemetery

5847 State Route 37 South
Cypress, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry Dale Akins*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *I went to school with Jerry. He was a fun loving friend. Sorry for your loss Cathy. Your family will be in my prayers .*
Joy Bundren

Joy Bundren - January 04, 2023 at 10:42 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*
Steve & Jeannie Housewright



Steve & Jeannie Housewright - January 04, 2023 at 06:38 PM



“ *My condolences to you Cathy and family. I'm so very sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. He was a good friend and a very talented person. A man who was not afraid to look you in the eye and make you feel special. His memory will remain with that smile he shared and a firm handshake.*

Larry W. Mizell - January 04, 2023 at 05:52 PM

BB

“ *Bill&Nancy Belford lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins*



Bill&Nancy Belford - January 04, 2023 at 12:24 PM

BB

“ *Bob & Sherry Belcher lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins*



Bob & Sherry Belcher - January 03, 2023 at 08:34 PM



“ *Carol Bryant lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins*



Carol Bryant - January 03, 2023 at 04:31 PM



Kathy and Family sending Heartfelt condolences and prayers for you all

Carol Bryant - January 03, 2023 at 04:36 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jerry Dale Akins.*



January 03, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Linda And Jeff Mathis lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins*



Linda and Jeff Mathis - January 03, 2023 at 01:18 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Dale Akins.*



January 03, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *Mike Crews lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins*



Mike Crews - January 03, 2023 at 12:05 AM

FB

“ So sorry to hear this. My thoughts and prayers to JD's family. Such a pleasure to work with him for years at EEI. Wonderful and pleasant personality and a work ethic beyond belief. May God bless, keep and comfort all of his family. -- Frank Brown

Frank A Brown - January 02, 2023 at 09:49 PM

CF

“ C Joan Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins



c Joan Faulkner - January 02, 2023 at 08:53 PM

JH

“ Jed Hand lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins



Jed hand - January 02, 2023 at 07:17 PM

DH

“ Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins



Dennis and Pat Harner - January 02, 2023 at 04:52 PM



“ *Kaye Harris lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins*



kaye harris - January 02, 2023 at 04:32 PM



“ *Rick Lewis lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins*



Rick Lewis - January 02, 2023 at 03:52 PM



Sorry to see this. Worked with J D over 20 years at EEI .Always a treat to be with, made you laugh till your sides hurt. Gonna miss you friend. RIP

Rick Lewis - January 02, 2023 at 03:56 PM



“ *I went to high school with Jerry. He was alot of fun to be around. Hadn't seem him for years as I relocated from area. So sorry for your loss Cathy and family.*



Debbie Stewart - January 02, 2023 at 02:50 PM



Debbie Reinhardt Stewart

Debbie Stewart - January 02, 2023 at 02:51 PM

KA

“ *Kathy(Black)Holt lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins*



Kathy(Black)Holt - January 02, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Dale Akins.*



January 02, 2023 at 12:28 PM

KB

“ *Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins*



Karen Brumley - January 02, 2023 at 10:45 AM

JS

“ *John Slack lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins*



John Slack - January 02, 2023 at 09:24 AM

JH

“ Justin & Tricia Hartline lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins



Justin & Tricia Hartline - January 02, 2023 at 09:15 AM

TR

“ Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins



Teresa Richerson - January 02, 2023 at 07:57 AM

GY

“ George Vicky Yates lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins



George Vicky Yates - January 02, 2023 at 07:49 AM

JC

“ This makes me so sad. I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Jerry. Jerry has known me his entire life. Jerry was one fine man and such a kind person. Our heartfelt condolences and prayers.



John Cherry - January 02, 2023 at 02:36 AM

BR

“ Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins



Bobby Rentfro - January 02, 2023 at 02:00 AM

GW

“ Greg Walker lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins



Greg Walker - January 02, 2023 at 01:19 AM

MH

“ Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins



Mary Lou Hynes - January 01, 2023 at 09:24 PM

WJ

“ Wayne And Kathy Jennings lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins



Wayne and Kathy Jennings - January 01, 2023 at 09:23 PM

TH

“ So sorry for your loss. I worked several years with JD at EEI. He was a good man!



Tim Hard - January 01, 2023 at 09:18 PM

KB

“ Kenny And Diane Baker lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins



Kenny and Diane Baker - January 01, 2023 at 09:03 PM

FF

“ From the Mowery and Dewitt families purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Jerry Dale Akins.



From the Mowery and Dewitt families - January 01, 2023 at 08:09 PM

VE

“ Vicki Eastwood lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins



Vicki Eastwood - January 01, 2023 at 07:59 PM

DR

“ *Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins*



Diane Rainbolt - January 01, 2023 at 07:21 PM

EA

“ *Ed And Diane Annable lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins*



Ed and Diane Annable - January 01, 2023 at 06:31 PM

MN

“ *Maggie Newman lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins*



Maggie Newman - January 01, 2023 at 05:28 PM

AR

“ *Alan And Carol Racey lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins*



Alan and Carol Racey - January 01, 2023 at 05:14 PM

TP

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family* ”



Tara Powell-Pitts - January 01, 2023 at 05:12 PM

SJ

“ *Steve & Darla Jones lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dale Akins* ”



Steve & Darla Jones - January 01, 2023 at 05:04 PM