



Gerald "Jerry" Eugene Swisher

May 20, 1936 - December 6, 2025

Gerald "Jerry" Eugene Swisher, 89, of Arlington, Indiana, passed away December 6, 2025. He was born May 20, 1936, in Sioux City, Iowa, to the late Walter Swisher and Irene (McCarthy) Swisher. Jerry proudly served in the United States Army's 82nd Airborne unit, followed by achieving a bachelor's degree from Indiana University and a master's degree in business from Butler University. He was a teacher and principal for more than 30 years, before retiring in 1996 from Warren Township School System. Jerry's leadership served students at Brookview Elementary, Lakeside Elementary and Grassy Creek Elementary where he was honored as Teacher of the Year for the school's 5th Grade class. Along with being an award-winning educator, Gerald filled his time as an antique Dealer and managed a horse farm.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 4, 2026 at 2:30 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street with visitation from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service.

Jerry is survived by his daughters, Valerie Biddle (Randy), and Julie Wendt (David); sons, Russell Swisher (Juli) and Benjamin Swisher (Krista); brother Tom Swisher (Erma); sisters, Barbara Kasperzak (Bud) and Diane Swisher; grandchildren, Anna (Jacob), Rachel, Kate (Sam), Isaac, Riley and Andy; nephew, Barry Swisher; close friend, Jim Craw; and three great-grandchildren. Jerry is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Susan Gayle (Kretsch) Swisher; and brother, Don Swisher.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wheeler Mission, P.O. Box 3085, Indianapolis, IN 46206 and or Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Eugene Swisher.*



March 31 at 12:42 PM



“ *Barb, Paul, Karen and family. purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Eugene Swisher.*



Barb, Paul, Karen and family. - March 28 at 06:11 PM



“ *Barb, Paul, Karen and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald "Jerry" Eugene Swisher.*

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“ *Rosalyn Baker lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Eugene Swisher*



Rosalyn Baker - February 09 at 03:11 PM

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I was new to Grassy Creek in the 6th grade and had him as my teacher. And what a great teacher he was. He had such interaction with his kids!! Always had a smile. He was absolutely my most favorite teacher I ever had!!

Rosalyn Baker - February 09 at 03:14 PM

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“ I had the honor of working for him at Lakeside. We took many walk among the halls he'd say walk with me Brenda he was the most caring person loved his staff and wanted the best for his students. Such a special man.

Brenda Overfield - February 01 at 01:20 PM