

Gerald 'Jerry' Herbert Wilzbacher, D.D.S.

September 17, 1936 - February 3, 2021

Gerald 'Jerry' Herbert Wilzbacher, D.D.S., 84, passed away February 3, 2021. He was born September 17, 1936 in Haubstadt, IN, to the late Florian and Leoma Wilzbacher. Gerald was a 1954 graduate of Haubstadt High School. He received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Evansville. In 1961, Gerald received his Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree from the IU School of Dentistry. He spent 2 years serving his country in the U.S. Army Corps as Chief of the Preventative Dentistry Clinic at Fort Belvoir, VA. In 1963, he began his private dental practice on the Eastside of Indianapolis at 16th and Downey Streets, which he operated for over 35 years.

Gerald was a member of Little Flower Catholic Church, the American Dental Association and the Sertoma Club. He had a passion for dentistry, gardening playing Euchre, horseracing and traveling. The vegetables he grew won numerous blue ribbons at the Indiana State Fair, which gave him much pride and joy. He loved attending high school sports games around the state of Indiana, especially football and basketball.

Visitation will be Monday, February 8, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service at 2:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St. For those unable to attend a live streaming of the service can be viewed by clicking on this link:

<https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/89124552>

Gerald is survived by his loving wife, Janet Wilzbacher; daughters, Teri Lane

(Phil), Susie Wuestefeld (Don) and Debby Wilzbacher; grandchildren, Connor Lane, Davis Lane, Audrey Lane, A.J. Popovic, Lainey Nichols (Aaron) and Lizzie Popovic; and siblings, Arliene Steckler (Joseph), Irma Rexing (Norman), Robert Wilzbacher and Rita Morris. He was preceded in death by his first wife and the mother of his daughters, Barbara Sexson Wilzbacher; four brothers, John, Joe, Eugene and Austin Wilzbacher.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the IU School of Dentistry Alumni Scholarship Fund c/o the IU Foundation or to Scecina Memorial High School.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park

9350 E Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

FEB 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

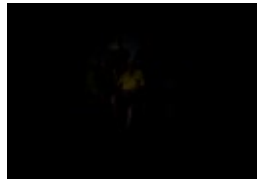


“ I did not get the pleasure of meeting Gerald, I do know his wife Janet and wish for her the support she needs at this time.

Robin Stahl - February 10, 2021 at 11:14 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - February 08, 2021 at 12:34 PM

TS

“ Thinking of your entire family today. May your beautiful memories hold you through this difficult time. Love, Aaron and Tammy Stout and family



Tamara Stout - February 08, 2021 at 09:11 AM

DM

“ Sure going to miss our get togethers and euchre games and our friendship. You gave it a good fight but God has you in His hands and He will let you have a well deserved pain free rest.

Dee miller - February 08, 2021 at 07:52 AM

PA

“ Thoughts are with all of you during this hard time. It is never easy to let go. I wish we could be there with you. I know you have lots of memories, good times, and laughs and they will help you through the hard times. He will always be with you.



I have been thinking about the fun we had when all of us would get together. Uncle Doc as some of us called him always liked to have a good time. It was always fun going to Uncle Doc's even if it was for a dental appointment! I remember the masses that were held in the backyard, and especially loading up the blue Volks Wagen with as many people as possible to go get ice cream! 😊 Uncle Doc always enjoyed having house full of family and friends.

Thanks for the memories Uncle Doc!

Patti (Morris) and Gary Fraker

Patti - February 07, 2021 at 12:58 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Gerald 'Jerry' Herbert Wilzbacher, D.D.S..



February 06, 2021 at 03:40 PM

LC

“ *Lorie Coan lit a candle in memory of Gerald 'Jerry' Herbert Wilzbacher, D.D.S.*



Lorie Coan - February 06, 2021 at 12:05 PM

LC

“ *In 1974 I accepted a job as a dental assistant with Dr. Wilzbacher. My first full time job out of assisting school. What I didn't know then was that I was also being accepted into his family and would be starting on a journey under his guidance that would become my life long career. At that time in my life, I needed someone to take me under his wing and give me the confidence to move forward. I got to know him and his girls and had my heart warmed when he would frequently introduce me as his "oldest daughter". He directed me to move forward from dental assistant to dental hygienist-- and I shared those growing pains with Teri as we ended up graduating from IUSD together. She also became my life-long friend. Through her, Dr. W and I kept in contact - always showing up for each other as he would say, "to marry 'em and bury 'em" as life progressed on through the years.*

He will always be the one I credit for any professional success I ever may have achieved as he was the first one who actively and consistently showed his belief in me. What a mentor he was! I will always be grateful!. To Teri, Susie and Debbie and to Janet, my sincere condolences. I share in your grief but know some day soon, we'll all rejoice together. Sending you all much love... Lorie and Gary Coan

Lorie Coan - February 06, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Gerald 'Jerry' Herbert Wilzbacher, D.D.S..



February 06, 2021 at 11:12 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Gerald 'Jerry' Herbert Wilzbacher, D.D.S..



February 05, 2021 at 05:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Gerald 'Jerry' Herbert Wilzbacher, D.D.S..



February 05, 2021 at 09:49 AM



“ *Wuestefeld, Chaffee, Mathioudakis & Geier* purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Gerald 'Jerry' Herbert Wilzbacher, D.D.S..



Wuestefeld, Chaffee, Mathioudakis & Geier - February 05, 2021 at 09:47 AM

JB

“ *Judy Beard lit a candle in memory of Gerald 'Jerry' Herbert Wilzbacher, D.D.S.*



Judy Beard - February 04, 2021 at 08:52 PM

JB

So sorry for your loss. Prayers and thoughts to his family especially his wife, Hanet.

Judy Beard - February 05, 2021 at 06:55 AM

BD

Debbie my old friend, I am so sorry for your loss. Sending thoughts and prayers of comfort to you and your family

Brian Dew - February 05, 2021 at 01:05 PM

GE

I am sorry to hear of Jerry's death. He was a joy to be around. I know how much he will be missed. Janet has done such a wonderful job in taking care of him in the past few years when his health was declining. God bless both of you.

George Elmes

George Elmes - February 06, 2021 at 07:10 AM

MC

Debbie. I haven't seen U for years. I'm sorry to hear your dad has passed away. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family as you celebrate his life. Martin Cisco

martin cisco - February 07, 2021 at 11:36 AM