



Mr. Gerald Gerry Gratton

June 9, 1944 - June 13, 2014

Gerald (Gerry) Gratton, 70, of New Haven, passed away at his home, on Friday, June 13, 2014 after a brief illness. He was born on June 9, 1944 in Peoria, Illinois. Son of John and Stella Gratton. Both preceded him in death, along with his brother, Robert. Gerry relocated to this area in 1971 after graduating from Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, IN. He founded and pastored Emmanuel Baptist Church in Paulding, Ohio from 1971-1978 before retiring from Lincoln Financial Group in 2009 with 24 years of service as a Business Analyst. However, he never retired from being a faithful servant to the Lord and was an active member of North Park Community Church. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Sandra "Sue" (Harpster); son W. Steven Jones of Ft. Wayne, and daughter, Angela Marie (Jones) and Tom Henry of Granger, Indiana; along with his best four-legged friend, Charlie. He has five grandchildren, Chelsea and Lindsey Jones of Butler, Indiana and Christian, Riley, and Rowen Henry of Granger, Indiana; sister, Marcia (Roger) Washburn of Peoria, Illinois and brothers-in-law, Richard and Robert (Cathi) Harpster, as well as, sister-in-law Patricia (Tom) Elkington. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Viewing will be at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 St. Rd. 930 E., New Haven, Indiana on June 15, 2014, from 2-4 and 6-8 and one hour prior to service at the church. A celebration of life will be held at North Park Community Church at 7160 Flutter Rd., Fort Wayne, Indiana at 10:00a.m. with Pastors Scott Qualls and Pete Kobe officiating. Interment will follow the service at the I.O.O.F Cemetery, New Haven. In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials are to be made out to North Park Community Church and will be designated for missionaries Tom Graef (Romania) and David Drullinger, (South Africa). Memorials may also be made to Loving Shepherd Ministries (Loving-Shepherd.org/donate) who provide Homes of Hope for children in Haiti and Ethiopia. To share online condolences go to www.harperfuneralhome.com

Comments



“ Sue we were deeply saddened by the news of Gerry's death. Our hearts go out to you and the family. We know Gerry as one of the kindest and most caring individuals on the planet. There are good people in this world who come and go in our lives and then there are others who come and leave a special imprint on our hearts -- this is exactly who Gerry is. We are much better people for knowing Gerry. We wanted to let you know that you and the family will be in our daily thoughts and prayers. We will not be back in town until next week and will miss the wake. We wanted you to know that we will be there in spirit. May God hold you in the palm of His hand and help you through your grief.

Julie and Steve Bird

Steve & Julie Bird - August 20, 2014 at 10:40 AM



“ Dear Sue, I was so shocked to hear the news of the sudden illness and now passing of your loved one. I will pray for comfort and strength as you put him to rest. I am sorry to have never met him as he sounds like such a great and loving man. You are all in my thoughts and prayers!

Connie Bidlack Baldwin - August 20, 2014 at 10:40 AM



“ Our prayers go out to Sue and family. Words can't describe the shock of hearing about Gerry's passing. Gerry was such an important person in my life at Lincoln, that I will never forget him. He was a friend, a big-brother, a mentor and pastoral support and guidance.

Prayers for peace to his family. Sherry & Bruce Scheuerer

Sherry & Bruce (Petrik) Scheuerer - August 20, 2014 at 10:40 AM



“ Sue, I was sadden to hear of Gerry's passing, but I know he is in a much better place with our Lord. He was a comfort to me in a difficult time of my life, and I will never forget his kindness.

Tony Crowell - August 20, 2014 at 10:40 AM



“ Saddened to hear of his passing. I gave many memories of him from my childhood.

Christopher John Horner - July 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM