



Jerald R. Zitka

May 23, 1949 - March 20, 2023

Jerald (Jerry) Richard Zitka, 73 years old of Allenton, Michigan, passed away on March 20, 2023, due to complications with cancer.

He was born in Petoskey, Michigan on May 23, 1949 to his late parents Richard George Zitka and Iris Ethel (Donahue) Zitka.

Survived by wife, Lillian (Sudnik) Zitka , sons; Darin Zitka of Allenton, Michigan, Brad (Lonna) Newby of Shepherd, Texas, Ronald Terry of Grosse Point Park, Michigan, daughter Ashley Terry of Warren, Michigan and sister, Iris Zech of Vero Beach, Florida. He also leaves behind granddaughters; Jessica Zitka &

Heather Carmichael, grandsons; Nicholas Taylor, Mark Cohrs, Jaden Bialokur & Alexander Doebler and great granddaughters; Riley and Emma Taylor.

Jerry grew up in Alba, Michigan and moved with his parents to Harrison Twp. Michigan in the early 60's. He attended Lance Cruse High School until the 12th grade. He worked some construction jobs early in his adult life, but was a professional truck driver for the remainder of his working career. For several years he did over the road hauling of equipment. In the 80's he co-owned a trucking company with his Dad, Richard (RJ Trucking), hauling steel around Michigan and in Detroit. He retired from Magra trucking in 2012, where he hauled car parts from Three Rivers, Michigan back into Detroit. After retirement, he and his wife, Lil, did some traveling with their travel trailer they had purchased, hauling it from their home in Michigan to Umatilla, Florida,

where they liked to get away from the cold. Jerry was an experienced craftsman and remodeled several houses, doing all the electrical, carpentry, plumbing and various kinds of wood working projects. Some of his hobbies after retiring, included cutting the grass on his property in Allenton, playing card games with family and friends and the occasional country drive to go spot deer. Jerry enjoyed spending time with his family and hosted several family reunions, so everyone could get together, eat and tell stories about each other.

A celebration of life memorial will be held at a later date.

Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home - New Haven.

Tribute Wall

JD

“ Jerry and family were close neighbors to us in Alba. Always looked forward to him and his dad coming north hunting. Very nice guy.
Sorry for your loss
Jackie Dickeson

Jackie Dickeson - March 22, 2023 at 07:11 AM

LB

“ We're sorry to here about Jerry passing away, my memory with Jerry was remodeling their bathroom to replacing the moldings and doors in their old house. RIP love Joe &Lynn Bono also Wyatt taylor



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