



## Jerrold C. Whitchurch

October 27, 1930 - July 13, 2017

Jerrold Charles Whitchurch, 86, of Centralia passed away on July 13, 2017 at St. Mary's Hospital in Centralia.

Jerrold was born on October 27, 1930 in Centralia to Harry Robert Whitchurch and Lula Ann (King) Whitchurch. He married Patricia (Pat) Mollet on October 19, 1969 at her parents' home in rural Greenville, IL.

Jerrold is survived by his devoted wife of 47 years, Pat; two sons, Mike Whitchurch and wife, Janet, of Mt. Zion, and Patrick Whitchurch and wife, Melissa, of Sleepy Hollow; one daughter, Polly Whitchurch, of Maryland Heights, MO; five grandchildren, Sarah, Anna, Arthur, Elysa, and Colin Whitchurch, all of Sleepy Hollow; one sister, Shirley Prewitt, of Benton; sister- and brother-in-law Doris and Carl Jacobs of Decatur; brother- and sister-in-law Marshall and Carla Mollet of Greenville; brother-in-law Gerald Jenner of Alhambra; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Joan (Whitchurch) Hester; one brother, David Whitchurch; three brothers-in-law, Wilfred (Cotton) Hester, Bob Martin, and Bill Prewitt; and one sister-in-law, Raydell (Jones) Whitchurch.

When he was 6 years old, Jerrold contracted the polio virus. The virus devastated the muscles in his legs, and doctors thought he would never walk again. He proved the experts wrong, though, and spent most of the rest of his life helping on, and eventually operating, his family farm. He raised Guernsey dairy cows and grew corn, soybeans, and other crops. He spent winters providing tax preparation services to customers in the area. He was a

graduate of Zion Hill Grade School and Centralia Township High School. Jerrold was a strong supporter of youth activities. He faithfully attended his children's academic and athletic events, made sure they got to all their practices, and assisted with 4-H projects. He also served on the Marion County 4-H Youth Council. He was an avid fan and season ticketholder of the Centralia Orphans and Annies basketball teams. He was a longtime member of Zion Hill Baptist Church. There, he was the Sunday School secretary for many years, and also served as a trustee.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, July 17 at 11:00 AM at Zion Hill Baptist Church in Centralia, with Rev. Floyd Pyle, Pastor Kyle Emery and Jimmie Fitzjerrell officiating. Interment will follow at the Zion Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Sunday, July 16 at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia and Monday, July 17 from 10:00 AM until the time of service. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Baptist Children's Home and Family Services in Carmi and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerrold C. Whitchurch*



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**Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services** - October 26, 2018 at 10:39 AM

JF

“ *God's blessing on your family. My prayers are with you.*

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**Jeanice Ferguson** - July 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Pat, I am so very sorry to hear of your husband's passing. You have my deepest sympathy. You are beloved. Your sister in Christ, Barb Wall, St. Mary's Hospital*

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**Barb Wall** - July 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ *I'm so sad to hear about Jerrold. He was a fine man who helped raise a wonderful family. I wish I could be home to express my condolences in person, but I am out of town. The Whilchurch family is in my prayers.*

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**Eileen Wilimzig** - July 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ GOD'S GRACIOUS BLESSINGS ON YOUR LOVED ONES. THINK OF YOU OFTEN, PAT. HUGS, JANE (SMUDRICK) PEACOCK

July 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Thanks for teaching me how to drive tractors and farm.

**Mark Whitchurch** - July 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Our prays and sympathy go out to Pat, Shirley, and the Whitchurch Family during this time of loss of our friend, Jerrold

**Rose & Bill Sutherland** - July 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Many prayers for the family especially Mrs. Whitchurch who was always standing beside Her husband. So very sorry for your loss. Shari Kellogg, RN from Dr. Reagan's office.

**Shari Kellogg** - July 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM