



Jerry Gesell

January 31, 1951 - October 9, 2024

Jerry Gesell, 73, of Middleburg, Florida, formerly of Farina, passed away Wednesday, October 9, 2024 in Kell, Illinois.

He was born in Vandalia, Illinois on January 31, 1951, the son of Lawrence and Dorothy (Bollhorst) Gesell.

On August 15, 1970, in Farina, Illinois, he married Catherine Gross and she survives in Florida.

In addition to his wife Cathy of 54 years, he is survived by two sons, Jerry Gesell, Jr. (wife Mary) and Timothy Gesell (wife Jennifer), both of Middleburg, Florida; a sister, Judy Mahon (husband Jack) of Salem; a brother, John Gesell (wife Christy) of Farina; grandchildren, Erin Gesell and Jacob Gesell both of Middleburg, Florida and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Dorothy Gesell and a granddaughter, Britany Gibbons.

Jerry served in the National Guard. He became ordained as a minister in 1979 at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Salem and served for 22 years as a missionary in various places including Panama, India, Haiti and the United States Indian Reservations. He was a former pastor at Farina United Church

Of Christ and was currently a member at the New River Baptist Church in Brooker, Florida. He was very proud of his family. He cherished the time he spent with them.

A Celebration of Life Service for Jerry will be held on Sunday, October 13, 2024 at 4:00pm at the Farina United Church Of Christ in Farina, Illinois. Memorial Donations may be made to the New River Baptist Church Panama Missions Fund and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home and Cremation Services at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Jerry's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Funeral Home Facebook page.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 13. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Farina Friedens UCC
309 N Walnut St
Farina, IL 62838
(618) 245-2275

Tribute Wall

RM

“ Jerry was our pastor at Jones Rd Bapt Church.
We enjoyed being part of his “flock”. He was a great guy and we loved him & his family. Our sympathy 🌸. Joyce Chapman and Ruth

Ruth Mullins - October 16, 2024 at 02:36 PM

WA

“ I served alongside of Bro Jerry as pianist at Jones Rd. We appreciated his sound preaching and leadership. He always had a story and had an infectious laugh. Our prayers for the family. Gary and Wanda Taylor

WandaTaylor - October 16, 2024 at 08:07 AM

GW

“ We are so sorry to learn of this news. My late husband and I enjoyed very much the time Jerry was our Pastor at Jones Rd.
Sincerely, Gwin Webster

Gwin Webster - October 16, 2024 at 08:01 AM

TS

“ We are so sorry to here this. We were blessed to be in his flock at Jones Rd Baptist church. Brother Jerry always said he was just visiting here. His home was in heaven. Sending our love and prayers to you.

Tammy and Terry Sikes - October 14, 2024 at 04:18 PM

WB

“ Jerry was a faithful man who while pastoring at Jones road, stood for truth, biblical principle even with opposition back in the 90s. Jerry had vision and was very community focused. I loved going to lunch or visiting Him because there was always a story, Laughing and the Joy of the Lord. His wife Catherine stayed faithful as a wonderful pastors wife. Brother I will see you again. Thank you for staying faithful :) Wayne and Jodi Brown

Wayne Brown - October 14, 2024 at 07:55 AM

LS

“ Leon Stock purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jerry Gesell.



Leon Stock - October 11, 2024 at 03:06 PM

JB

“ John Barnes purchased the Simply Elegant Spat hiphyllum for the family of Jerry Gesell.



John Barnes - October 10, 2024 at 08:19 PM

EF

“ So sorry for your loss. With deepest sympathies.

Eric Feigl - October 10, 2024 at 07:04 PM