



Gerald "Jerry" Lee Mosbey

November 16, 1933 - June 3, 2020

Gerald "Jerry" Lee Mosbey, age 86, of Albia, passed away on Tuesday, June 3, 2020, at Homestead Assisted Living in Albia.

Jerry was born on November 16, 1933, on the family farm in Monroe County to William Edward and Ruth Bernice (Mertz) Mosbey. He attended country school and later the Albia High School, graduating with the Class of 1952.

Jerry married Ruth Arlene Nickelson on April 26, 1954, at the First Christian Parsonage in Albia. To this union, 2 daughters were born, Rhonda Rae and Brenda Lee. Jerry and Ruth shared nearly 61 years of marriage prior to Ruth's passing on March 13, 2015. Jerry was drafted in 1956 into the United States Army. He did his basic training in Colorado Springs and then was later stationed in Germany. He became the care taker for their lion mascot, first for Charlie 1 and later for Charlie II.

Jerry had many occupational experiences. He grew up delivering papers and special delivery mail. He worked at McClellan's in Albia stocking candy and later at Hess Drug. He then went to work at Maytag and lastly at Kness Manufacturing in Albia where he was a foreman and then plant manager before retiring after more than 40 years of working there.

Jerry was a very gentle, patient, kind, and organized man, who was also

extremely talented in many different areas. He could work on anything from cars to remodeling and building homes. He took a correspondence course in upholstery. He was an exceptional woodworker who made all kinds of furniture, dining room tables, hope chests, rocking chairs, and rocking horses, cars, and toys for his grandchildren. Jerry was always willing to help others, enjoyed volunteering at the Albia Museum and was a lifetime blood donor. He helped hang the Christmas lights on the Albia square with the Jaycees. He worked on the pit crew for Leo Durbala's stock race car. Jerry delighted in attending the extracurricular activities of his daughters, grandchildren, and eventually, great grandchildren. He enjoyed reading, attending the Old Thresher's Reunions in Mount Pleasant, and traveling to places such as Hawaii, Maine, Florida, and World Fairs in many different states. Above all else, Jerry enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Jerry is survived by his two daughters, Rhonda Rae (Kerry) Kness of Norwalk and Brenda (Jim) Wynn of Albia; six grandchildren, Brynn (Colin) Eveland, Jordan (Alyssa Brookhart) Kness, Greg (Sara) Wynn, Sarah (Sean) Hollonbeck, Carrie (Chad) Hollerud, and Kevin (Kailey) Wynn; ten great-grandchildren, Jace, Koltin, Daphne, Maximus, Kemper, Otis, Chip, Henley, Harper, and Elias; a sister, Bonnie Hunt; and a brother, Ben Mosbey. Jerry is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth; his parents; Edward and Ruth Mosbey; and a brother, Bill Mosbey.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Sunday, June 7, 2020, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Jerry's family present from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, June 8, 2020, at the First Christian Church in Albia, with Pastor Lynda Carlson officiating. Burial with military rites provided by the American Legion of Albia, Melrose and Lovilia

will follow services at Oak View Cemetery in Albia.

A memorial has been established to the Monroe County Historical Museum in Albia or the Welcome Home Soldier Monument in Albia.

Cemetery Details

Oak View Cemetery

602 2nd Ave.
Albia, IA 52531

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
Albia, IA 52531
(641) 932-3129
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Funeral Service

JUN 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

First Christian Church
203 Washington Ave East
Albia, IA 52531

Tribute Wall



“ Gerald "Jerry" Lee Mosbey

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ Gerald "Jerry" Lee Mosbey

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ Cathy & Leon Veldhuizen lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Lee Mosbey



Cathy & Leon Veldhuizen - June 11, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ When I think of your dad Rhonda and Brenda I think of a gentle soul 🍷. Sweet smile and kind...I still drive by their home and look for them on their front porch knowing they are no longer there to wave as I toot my horn

Kim Scieszinski - June 08, 2020 at 08:53 AM

CK

“ We both worked with Jerry for 15+ years. If you needed him to help with something he was always happy to do it and with a smile. He kept my glasses repaired with his "special glue". Conversations with him were always interesting. He had a way of getting right to the point but always with kindness. God bless you, Jerry. condolences to his family. Steve and Carolyn Knupp

Carolyn Knupp/Steve - June 07, 2020 at 03:44 PM

PT

“ Pam (Whitson) Teno lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Lee Mosbey



Pam (Whitson) Teno - June 07, 2020 at 11:15 AM

MC

“ Marty Crall lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Lee Mosbey



Marty Crall - June 06, 2020 at 02:45 PM

DW

“ Sonny (our dad) would always say that Jerry is the quiet, kindness person who gave so much to Albia that many don't realize...rest in peace Jerry and thank you for all you did....❤️ All of our Williams family thoughts and prayers go out to Brenda and Rhonda and the entire family..

Debbie Williams - June 06, 2020 at 12:14 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Lee Mosbey.*



June 05, 2020 at 08:20 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Lee Mosbey.*



June 05, 2020 at 09:28 AM



“ *Jerry was always such a quiet gentle man. He now returns to be with Ruth the love of his life. Prayers for Rhonda and Brenda and families. A much loved father who left a beautiful legacy.
Don and Mary Carr*

The Carrs - June 05, 2020 at 08:42 AM



“ *My first foreman. Learned a lot from him and was treated with respect. Rest in peace Jerry, you were a great man!!*

Jean Batten - June 04, 2020 at 09:16 PM



“ *Special Prayers for all of family. Margaret Mordan*

Margaret Mordan - June 04, 2020 at 02:52 PM

TS

“ *Very kind quiet man. He will be missed by many!! Deepest Sympathy to Rhonda, Brenda, Bonnie and Families !*



Terri Sinclair - June 03, 2020 at 09:56 PM

DR

“ *I loved every conversation I ever had with this sweet, funny, ever-so-kind man. You know how there are those people who just make your heart happy when you see them? Jerry was absolutely one of those people. I will miss him making me laugh with those little one line "zingers" that wouldn't even be funny if anyone else said them. Big hugs to You, Brenda and all of Jerry's family. You took such good care of him and he loved you all so much! ❤️*

Debi Reed - June 03, 2020 at 09:53 PM

JD

“ *Sincere Sympathy to the family of Gerald "Jerry" Mosbey. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Jerry & Diane Durian*

Jerry Durian - June 03, 2020 at 09:38 PM

DC

“ *Daniel Crall lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Lee Mosbey*



Daniel Crall - June 03, 2020 at 09:25 PM

MT

“ Always enjoyed Jerry's easy going mannerism. He will be missed.

Mick Theulen - June 03, 2020 at 09:19 PM

CG

“ Cheryl A Gray lit a candle in memory of
Gerald "Jerry" Lee Mosbey



Cheryl A Gray - June 03, 2020 at 08:49 PM

LW

Larry & I are so very sorry for your Loss Brenda & Rhonda. We were
friends for a very long time. He is now with Ruth and he will be ok now.

Larry & Phyllis Whitson - June 04, 2020 at 02:36 PM