



Gerken F. Dwight

May 20, 2013

Dwight F. Gerken, 70, of Hamler, Ohio died peacefully on Monday, May 20, 2013 at his residence. He was born April 28, 1943, in Marion Township, Ohio to the late Reinhold & Norma (Harms) Gerken. On May 9, 1964, he married Carol (Smith) Gerken at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Napoleon Township. Dwight was a lifelong dairy and grain farmer. He was a member of the Angus Association and National Farmers Organization. He always looked forward to helping his children and grandchildren with their 4-H cattle at the fair. He liked model trains and loved tending to his Angus cattle. He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church, Hamler. He served in the US Army from 1966-1968 and was a member of the Hamler American Legion Post. He is survived by his wife, Carol; stepmother, Margaret Gerken of Hamler; children, Steven (Adeline) Gerken of Deshler, Cynthia (Jed) Butler of Spring, Texas, and Leeann (Todd) Bockelman of Napoleon; grandchildren, Adam & Brooke Gerken, Aiden & Avery Gerken, Lydia & August Butler, Larkin Giesige, Brady, Lauder, and Brock Bockelman. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 23 at Hope Lutheran Church, Hamler, Ohio. Interment will follow at Hope - St. Stephen's Lutheran Cemetery, where military honors will be accorded by the Hamler American Legion. Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. The family suggests memorials to Hope Lutheran Church, Hamler or Cherry Street Mission, Toledo. Online condolences may be made at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Carol, I met you many years ago. So sorry to hear of Dwight's passing. He and I had a lot of fun together bucking bales, not so much fun, and I played bass in the band that Dwight played sax. Other good times with Dwight and Bob Jones. My sincere condolences.##imported-begin##Bob Zierolf##imported-end##

May 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Carol & Family, Please accept our sympathy on your loss. Our thoughts & prayers are with you all. We will miss Dwight when you & your family are visiting in Texas.##imported-begin##Charles & June Benton##imported-end##

May 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Cindy, I know this is a difficult time. I share in your sorrow and loss of your father. He is with God and will be blessed with the removal of his pain. My thoughts and prayers are with you Cindy. May God's loving arms embrace you and your family during this time. With love and sympathy, Jennifer##imported-begin##Jennifer Ferguson##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We'll remember and be thankful for the good times we've enjoyed together with you and Dwight.##imported-begin##Jr. & Sandy Honemann##imported-end##

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“ Thinking of you all at this sad time...May his memories bring you smiles and happiness. Tracy and Rob Householder##imported-begin##Tracy Householder##imported-end##

May 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ My sympathy to you & family.My prayers are for you and family.Take care.##imported-begin##Judy Schroeder##imported-end##

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“ Carol&Family we have thought of you often over the years so sorry for your loss. Dave&Carolyn(Lane)Bost##imported-begin##Dave & Carolyn (lane)bost##imported-end##

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“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss&€\our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. With much love and hugs, Kaylee, Becky and Tim##imported-begin##Tim Begin##imported-end##

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“ ##imported-begin##Sue Chaney##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry to hear about your dad. I am praying for you and your family. Margaret Whitaker##imported-begin##Margaret Whitaker##imported-end##

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“ Carol so sorry to here of your loss. I never met Dwight face to face but got to see him through you. I have not met many ladies that truly loved their husband the way that you do. You always had a smile on your face when you talked about him. May our God comfort you and your family as you go through this time.##imported-begin##Michael Deck##imported-end##

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“ My heart goes out to you and your family. I wish I could attend the services, thinking of you...Karen##imported-begin##Karen Wood##imported-end##

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“ Cindy,My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.##imported-begin##Patricia Gregory##imported-end##

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“ Cindy,I am so very sorry for your loss. Praying for you.##imported-begin##Laurie Arnold##imported-end##

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“ *Wanted to send our sympathy for your loss. Not sure if we will make it to funeral home but wanted to let you know you are all in our prayers. God be with you.##imported-begin##Kathy & Steve Lieb##imported-end##*

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“ *Hi Carol & children, We are feeling your loss from the bottom of our hearts! AS you know, we loved Dwight & will miss that big happy laugh of his!!! We are trying to get our flights changed because we were coming in for the 3 Grandchildren's graduations on Thursday. So hopefully we can get a flight a day earlier. We want to be there for you! Much LOVE & prayers, Ron & Toni Gerken##imported-begin##Toni & Ron Gerken##imported-end##*

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