



Straley Grant

January 23, 2009

Grant J. "Jerry" Straley Grant Jerome "Jerry" Straley, 74, of Deshler, Ohio died Friday, January 23, 2009 at his residence. At age 10, his career in law enforcement had already begun...when he upgraded his bicycle with a flashlight taped to the handlebar, for a headlight, a bell for the siren, cardboard inserts in the wheel spokes for effect, and wearing his own version of a police uniform, plastic badge and his toy holster strapped tightly. He patrolled the sidewalks of downtown Belmore, Ohio, issuing tickets, and hunted down "bad guys"! That fervor never left him, as he loved listening to the local police chatter, via the scanner until Friday when the call went out, "Officer down!" Get ready dear Lord - Here he comes ready to patrol a new neighborhood, we call "Heaven"! He was born April 19, 1934 in Emporia, Kansas to the late Harold and Thelma (Weirich) Straley. On February 29, 1980 he married Becky Breece and she survives. Grant was a graduate of Deshler High School and received a Associates Degree in Accounting from Defiance College. He also completed State of Ohio Peace Officers Training. Grant was the former chief of Police for the villages of Deshler and Leipsic. He was also a former chief deputy with the Putnam County Sheriff's Department. Along with his wife, Becky they were former owners of All-American Limousine and The Warehouse Antique Mall, Grand Rapids, Ohio; and Straley's General Store/Bridal Shop, Holgate, Ohio. He also enjoyed working as a ringman for numerous auction companies in northwest Ohio and an avid auction attendee. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and member of Sycamore Lodge #520 F &

A.M., Deshler; member of the Elks Lodge, Lima, Ohio; the Ohio Peace Officers Association and the State of Ohio Chiefs of Police Association. Grant is also survived by two sons, Jim (Amy) Straley, Ottawa, Ohio; Mark Straley, Leipsic; 7 grandchildren; brother, Dan (Joyce) Straley, Deshler and sister, Mayver (Robert "Wimp") Hogrefe, Deshler. He was preceded in death by a son, Harold Straley and sister, Patricia Kneller. His memorial service, a celebration of life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday at the Rodenberger Funeral Home, Deshler with Fr. Joseph Vamos officiating and Pastor Eddie Clark officiating. A luncheon and fellowship will follow at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Hall, Deshler. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. prior to the services at the funeral home. The family suggests memorials be given to American Diabetes Association or to the family memorial. Online condolences can be made at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Becky, You are in my thoughts and prayers. Bless You*”

February 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Becky, words cannot express what I feel for you at this sad time. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. If you ever want to talk please let me know, or drop me a line. take care, Nancy Close*”

January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our condolences to you Becky in the passing of Grant. I always enjoyed his company and his witt. He was always a Gentlemen and never a cross word about anyone. A true mason ,and devoted husband. I have many fond memories of Grant.... and always will.We will lift you up in prayer.*”

January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. May God give you strength. His son, GREG*”

January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Beck: We are saddened by Jerry's passing. We have lots of fun and good memories. Take care of yourself. ##imported-begin##Bev And Bob Weaver##imported-end##

January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ As a teenager growing up in Leipsic it was quite unique that the police chief was our friend. I will always remember how Jerry treated all of us as adults and helped us on our journeys of life. God bless the family. ##imported-begin##Gary Balbaugh##imported-end##

January 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Becky, You are in my thoughts and prayers, I've walked this walk. Thinking of you. God BelssJudee ##imported-begin##Judee##imported-end##

January 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM