



Gerald Lee Birgy Jr.

January 15, 1965 - April 2, 2026

Gerald Lee Birgy Jr., 61, of Fife Lake, passed away on April 2, 2026, at Munson Medical Center surrounded by his wife and children who stayed at his bedside for days. He was born on January 15, 1965, in Traverse City to the late Gerald Sr. and Lillian (Tomes) Birgy. Jerry was an avid outdoorsman and sportsman who especially enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting, and his many trips to Canada. He was also a loyal fan of the Detroit Lions and Detroit Tigers, supporting them through every season, no matter the outcome. Above all, he was a devoted family man who loved deeply and took great pride in his role as a father. He was incredibly proud of his children and cherished the time spent with his family. Jerry believed in doing things the right way, particularly in how he treated others. He was selfless by nature, always willing to give his time and lend a hand to anyone in need. A dedicated and hardworking man, Jerry spent more than 40 years in the oilfield industry, a testament to his strong work ethic and commitment. He is survived by his loving wife of over 35 years, Tammy; his children, Gerald III (Emma) Birgy, Joshua (Devan) Martin, and Emily (Stephan) Cousino; his grandchildren, Malachi, Silas, and Davina; his siblings, Tom (Elaine) Birgy, Vicky (Karl) Prough-Wittbold, David (Candy) Birgy, and Lori (Scott) Gruse-Lowes; many special nieces and nephews; his mother-in-law, Pamela Clifford; and his sister-in-law, Jennifer Thompson. He was preceded in death by his parents; his fathers-in-law, Dan Thompson and Jack Clifford; and his brother-in-law, Larry Prough. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Kalkaska Funeral Home,

with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. A luncheon will take place immediately after the service at South Boardman American Legion. Burial will take place at Clark Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Post #463, P.O. Box 1, South Boardman, MI 49680, Attn: In Memory Of Jerry Birgy. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Springfield Township Cemetery (Clark Cemetery)

10995 Coster Rd.
Fife Lake, MI 49633

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S. Cedar
Kalkaska, MI 49646
(231) 258-3346

Tribute Wall

AS

“ Dear Tammy and family,
We are so sorry for your loss. He was much too young. We are lifting you up in prayer. Sincerely, Trevor and Angela Stone

Angela Stone - April 10 at 05:15 PM

MB

“ Mike and Gloria Ball purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gerald Lee Birgy Jr..



Mike and Gloria Ball - April 10 at 11:29 AM

PB

“ Paul & Sherry Buckler purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Gerald Lee Birgy Jr..



Paul & Sherry Buckler - April 10 at 07:52 AM

CM

“ Carol Mitchell purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Gerald Lee Birgy Jr..



Carol Mitchell - April 09 at 05:41 PM

CM

“ Carol Mitchell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Lee Birgy Jr..

Carol Mitchell - April 09 at 05:41 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Gerald Lee Birgy Jr..



April 09 at 03:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald Lee Birgy Jr..

April 09 at 03:04 PM

GC

“ Gordon and Kim Chappell purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gerald Lee Birgy Jr..



Gordon and Kim Chappell - April 09 at 12:39 PM

MI

“ To all of Jerry's family, our heart goes out as friends and co-workers of Jerry's, anyone who knew him loved his sense of humor and positive personality, and his vast knowledge of the oil and gas service industry, we all miss you Jerry and wish your family peace and comfort, from your family at Mid-State Oil Tools.

Mid State Oil Tools Inc - April 09 at 09:34 AM

SM

“ Rest in Comfort and Peace Jerry. We will cherish our memories of you forever.
Shelley and Perry McKenzie



Shelley McKenzie - April 07 at 09:13 PM

AD

“ Our hearts are broken hearing about Jerry's passing. He was such a wonderful person. A good son, husband, father and neighbor. A true friend to those who knew him. He will be missed by all. I use to give him grief about a dented locker even when I knew he didn't do it -just to keep him on his toes. He certainly paid me back when he had Tammy tell me an off colored joke at the beginning of class. I can still see the smile on his face when I told her she shouldn't tell me those in class. "But Mr Deotte, Jerry told me to do it". The memories that stick with you. let our fond memories of Jerry give us comfort during these difficult times
Rest in peace my friend

al and gayle deotte - April 07 at 08:01 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Lee Birgy Jr..*



April 07 at 06:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald Lee Birgy Jr..

April 07 at 06:28 PM



“ *Lobb Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Gerald Lee Birgy Jr..*



Lobb Family - April 07 at 05:47 PM



“ *Lobb Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Lee Birgy Jr..*

Lobb Family - April 07 at 05:47 PM



“ *Deb & Gordon Gullekson lit a candle in memory of Gerald Birgy*



Deb & Gordon Gullekson - April 07 at 08:54 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gerald Lee Birgy Jr..*



April 07 at 02:49 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Gerald Lee Birgy Jr..*



April 06 at 05:14 PM

KH

“ Jerry was a loyal, & true friend that I’m proud to have had the privilege to know. Tammy & Jerry were our friends, and as friends do would go out and as they say “party”...and it was not uncommon for Jerry, & myself to get into Our “John Wayne” impersonations...Jerry was the best John Wayne impersonator I know; as far as myself goes “not so much” but it would absolutely crack us up talking like the “Duke”! Jerry my friend; rest well, you will be missed greatly by all who loved you, & knew you...God has gained another angel in Heaven. ❤️🙏❤️

Kathy Halcin - April 06 at 04:49 PM

TT

“ Tim Tuck purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gerald Lee Birgy Jr..



Tim Tuck - April 06 at 03:08 PM

TT

“ Tim Tuck planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Lee Birgy Jr..

Tim Tuck - April 06 at 03:08 PM

DD

“ I know as a teacher you should never show favorites, but that was hard with Jerry. I have great stories about Jerry, both from the classroom and many from the woodshop. To say he was a character was speaking mildly. He lit up the room, made every moment only brighter. I loved the guy, he will be missed. I'm sorry that I will still be in Florida for his service, I only wish Tammy and family the best with sincere condolences. Rest in peace " Jungle Cat"... His personal nickname from woodshop....

Dick Davis - April 06 at 02:33 PM

MF

Your shop teacher was right, you were one of a kind, & I truly was blessed to have known Jerry. I pray Jerry's family finds comfort from our Lord & Savior.

Mike Irish & family - April 09 at 05:34 PM