



## Jerry A. Orr

December 24, 1956 - September 14, 2023

Jerry rode into the Heavenly Gates on his motorcycle September 14, 2023.

Jerry was born in Grand Rapids, MI on a cold winter night December 24, 1956, to Jack & Jane Orr.

(He always reminded us that he got cheated on birthday gifts because he was born Christmas eve.)

Jerry played the saxophone in the band and graduated with his sister Jenny from Elk Rapids High in 1976. He loved to fish and hunt with his brother Jim —oh the tales they could tell. They enjoyed bowling competitions in Vegas and were always trying to score the big “300” game. Jerry loved spending time with his sons, Jeramiah & Mitchell, motorcycling & snowmobiling on the trails of pure Michigan. He loved his mama’s cooking and would drop anything to help her. He was loved and adored by sisters Jenny, Jo, and Julia. Jerry could fix almost anything and was always quick to lend a hand, make you laugh, share a story, and live life to the fullest with his adventurous and fun-loving spirit. Jerry & Mitchell continued the legacy of winning the annual horseshoe tournament like his dad (Jack Orr-Deceased). He enjoyed many great adventures with his girlfriend Stacy King who made him feel so happy and loved.

Jerry retired from Elk Rapids School District after serving 20 years as a bus driver & mechanic.

He became the proud owner of Camp M’Orr campgrounds in Kalkaska in

2012.

In the Summertime he drove Semi-Trucks for the Great Lakes Packing Company.

He is survived by: Mother: Jane Orr, Sons: Jeramiah (Tabitha) Orr, Mitchell (Lisa) Orr, Brother: James (Linda) Orr, Sisters: Jenny Lou Feller, JoAnne (Warren) Root, Julia (Joe) Davenport and many adoring nieces, nephews and extended family members who brought so much joy to his life and whom he loved dearly.

Please continue to pray for his girlfriend Stacy who was also injured in the accident.

Jerry was born with a naturally sweet, kind, and generous soul. He had a heart of gold and a big smile for everyone, always. He will remain in our hearts where his earthly presence will be forever missed.

Please join us in sharing memories of Jerry's Life

Date: Saturday, September 23, 2023

Place: Railroad Square

256 S. Cedar Street Kalkaska Mi 49646

Time: 1:00pm-6:00pm

You may bring a dish or snack to share.

Visit and share a memory on Jerry's page at [www.kalkaskafuneralhome.com](http://www.kalkaskafuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration

SEP **23**. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Railroad Square  
301 S. Cedar St.  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

# Tribute Wall

SH

“ Jerry used to be one of my bus drivers and was my grandpas friend anytime they saw each other when I got off the bus they always chatted for a sec and it made me smile. It hurts going past the spot where he passed and I'll never have a bus driver like him. We all miss you Jerry.

Shae - December 26, 2025 at 05:39 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry A. Orr.



September 22, 2023 at 01:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerry A. Orr.

September 22, 2023 at 01:54 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry A. Orr.



September 22, 2023 at 12:04 PM

BW

“ *Brian and Patti Wagner purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Jerry A. Orr.*



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**Brian and Patti Wagner** - September 22, 2023 at 08:36 AM

JP

“ *Orr Family,*

*So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing I haven't seen him since 2013, when we bowled against each other at Luck Jacks. An accomplished bowler, and an all around good guy.*

*Please find strength during this difficult time in your memories of Jerry.*

*Rest In Peace Jerry.*

*Jimmy Patrick  
Bath, MI*

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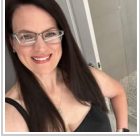
**Jimmy Patrick** - September 21, 2023 at 03:53 PM

RM

“ *My prayers are with all of you as you go through this time of mourning and time of peace knowing he is now with our Lord*

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**Renee' M** - September 21, 2023 at 07:32 AM



“ I can't put into words how much he meant to me. He was my uncle and was a positive influence. Full of joy and happiness. Always has jokes and a laugh that was contagious. Use to always have a toothpick to chew on. He was my first experience leaving Michigan. First ride in a semi and had conversations the entire time about real life things even though I was only around 8. I always admired his bikes and knew him as the safety guy when it came to bike safety and checking a vehicle entirely before leaving (pre check semi routine and always wearing a helmet). He used to always give me candy each time I stopped to visit. I don't think I ever visited my grandpa or the lake without stopping by. He helped me when my brake line broke. Just overall a nice guy. Even if time passed I could spot him anywhere (in line at a random buffet) and we would catch up. Near or far he holds a special place on my heart. He meant a lot to many people. He was my family and always will be. Forever and always Uncle Jerry.

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**Katherine Scott** - September 21, 2023 at 12:18 AM



“ For the few times our paths crossed... A really good guy! Ride on... Rest in Peace!



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**T.Maly** - September 20, 2023 at 11:21 PM

CS

“ I spent 2 wonderful years with Jerry... he always had a smile. He was thoughtful of others, did a lot for me, we had so much fun together, lots of adventures trips on the motorcycle, bowling, horseshoes, Karaoke, spent lots of time in the UP. Eh!!! Jerry impacted so many lives and kids loved him on the school bus. He was caring and very Handsome. He will be missed by All and always in my heart!!! R.I.Paradise JAO!!! I'll always cherish all the wonderful memories we had together!!! Gone too soon and never forgotten!!!

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**Carol Sobry** - September 20, 2023 at 09:38 PM

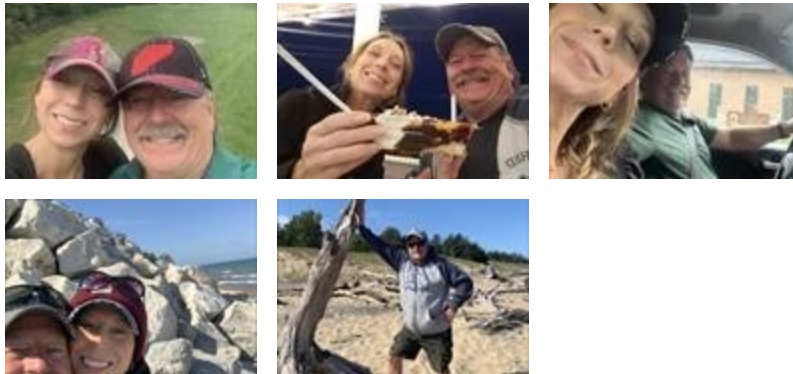
WA

“ Jerry Orr was a Monument of a Man, a Son, a Father, a Brother, an Uncle and a Friend. Truly one of Best person I have ever known. My heart goes out to the entire Orr Family .. Northern Michigan will never be the same ... Rest In Peace JAO .. Wags..

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**Wags** - September 20, 2023 at 10:08 AM

ST

“ 23 files added to the tribute wall



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**stacy** - September 19, 2023 at 11:34 PM

CA

*Stacy, my heart breaks for you. He talked about you a lot and I was excited to meet you. Please contact me 💕 I hope you have a fast recovery*

Chelsea Aikens - September 20, 2023 at 02:56 PM

CA

“ *Chelsea Aikens lit a candle in memory of Jerry Orr*



Chelsea Aikens - September 19, 2023 at 04:35 PM

CA

“ *Uncle Jerry was beyond my favorite uncle. He had a smile that lit up every room he entered and he was always so bubbly. He was the one I would go to when I was feeling down and he always knew how to lift my spirits. He was the one when I was young we would sing karaoke together or dance crazily together while others were singing. He will definitely be missed. Fly high Uncle Jerry.*



Chelsea Aikens - September 19, 2023 at 04:34 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jerry A. Orr.



September 19, 2023 at 02:49 PM



“ He was a good husband to me for a short time, best friend, and always the best father to the boys we had . we both rode motorcycles and watched out for each other. Jerry was truly a GOOD guy. Be very missed by all Lives You have TOUCHED. Enjoy your ride my friend!!



**Jessica Sawitski** - September 19, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry A. Orr.



September 19, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Jerry A. Orr.



September 19, 2023 at 09:44 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerry A. Orr.

September 19, 2023 at 09:44 AM



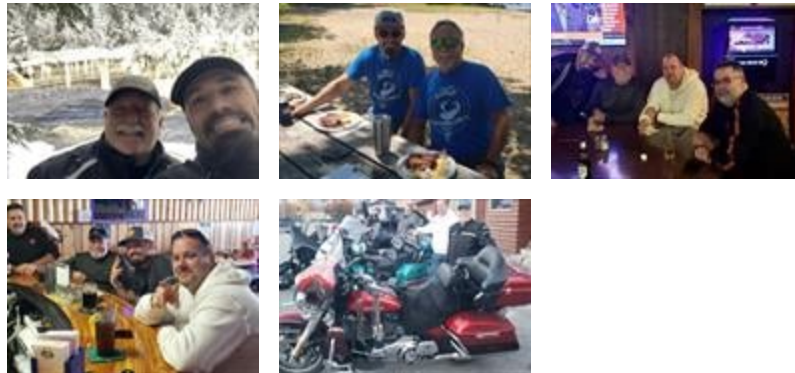
“ Mark Riedel lit a candle in memory of Jerry Orr



Mark Riedel - September 19, 2023 at 09:21 AM



“ Some of my recent good times with my father. Motorcycling, snowmobiling, and bored bachelor horseshoe tournament



mittchell - September 19, 2023 at 08:39 AM



“ Belynda R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry A. Orr.

Belynda R. - September 18, 2023 at 05:46 PM

JS

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT JERRY. HE WAS SO GOOD TO ME AND MY SNOW PLOW MAN. HE SURE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM.

JANET SEVERANCE - September 18, 2023 at 05:23 PM

BW

“ Brian Patti Wagner lit a candle in memory of Jerry Orr



Brian and Patti Wagner - September 18, 2023 at 02:46 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jerry A. Orr.



September 18, 2023 at 10:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerry A. Orr.

September 18, 2023 at 10:22 AM

JD

“ *Julia Davenport lit a candle in memory of Jerry Orr*



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**Julia Orr Davenport** - September 17, 2023 at 10:51 AM

JD

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Julia Orr Davenport** - September 17, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ *Christine Findley Bishop lit a candle in memory of Jerry Orr*



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**Christine Findley Bishop** - September 15, 2023 at 08:11 PM