



## Gerald Ahrens

June 25, 1966 - August 26, 2025

Gerald “Jerry” Ahrens, age 81, passed away on August 26, 2025. Born on September 8, 1943, he was raised in Saginaw, Michigan. On June 25, 1966, Jerry married the love of his life, Jane (Witker) Ahrens, in Pemberville, Ohio. Together, they built a life on the east side of Columbus before moving to Pataskala in June 2024.

Jerry was a devoted family man, beloved neighbor, and a friend to all who crossed his path. His warmth and easygoing nature made him someone who never met a stranger, always eager to strike up a conversation wherever he went. Known for his humor, kindness, and willingness to help others, Jerry was truly a jack of all trades. He was particularly handy around the house and had an unshakeable passion for fixing things.

In his leisure time, Jerry enjoyed metal detecting, gardening, canning and drying fruits - especially apples. He continued the family tradition taught to him by Grandma Zapf of making lebkuchen and springerle cookies every Christmas—treats that will live on in the memories of his loved ones.

Jerry is survived by his devoted wife of 59 years, Jane; his daughter, Joan (Tim) Connor; and his grandsons, Matt (Laina), Doug (Caitlyn), and Ben (Payton) Connor. He also leaves behind his cherished great-grandchildren, Ahren and Blaire Connor. Jerry is survived by his two brothers, Don Ahrens

and Alan (Pam) Ahrens, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family members who considered him a beloved and fun uncle.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Alma (Zapf) Ahrens; his sister, Carol Olivares, and other cherished loved ones.

Jerry's passing leaves a hole in the hearts of those who knew and loved him, but his legacy of kindness, laughter, and unconditional love will never be forgotten. The family will be having a Celebration of Life service at Faith Lutheran Church (730 Collingwood Avenue, Whitehall, Ohio 43213) on Saturday, September 6th at 10:00AM. Visitation will be an hour before the service. Family and friends are invited to a luncheon after the service at Hosanna Lutheran Church (7714 Hazelton-Etna Road, Pataskala, Ohio 43062).

In lieu of flowers, please celebrate Jerry's warm and friendly nature by reaching out to a stranger and spreading kindness to make the world a better place.

Day Funeral Service is honored to serve the family of Gerald Ahrens.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

Faith Lutheran Church  
730 Collingwood Ave  
Whitehall, OH 43213

# Tribute Wall



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

September 06, 2025 at 07:42 AM



“ Joseph P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Ahrens.

Joseph P. - September 05, 2025 at 07:56 AM



“ We send our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Gerald Ahrens. We feel privileged to have known the Ahrens Family for many years through Faith Lutheran Church. We will cherish the memories we have of Jerry.  
Sue and Larry Hertzog

Larry & Sue Hertzog - September 03, 2025 at 08:20 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Ahrens.



September 03, 2025 at 08:52 AM



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

September 03, 2025 at 08:52 AM

PP

“ Dear Jane,  
I am very sorry to hear of your Jerry’s passing. I haven’t known not known you and Jerry for a life time but it was friends from the time our grandchildren entwined our families. Both of you were delightful and your Jerry did not know a stranger and he entertained everyone he met. I am sure our Lord is smiling and laughing tight now as Jerry entertains him. - - Polly Ann Prather

Polly Ann Prather - September 01, 2025 at 09:54 PM

HL

“ Helen and Lee purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gerald Ahrens.



Helen and Lee - August 29, 2025 at 11:11 AM

HL

“ Helen and Lee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Ahrens.

Helen and Lee - August 29, 2025 at 11:11 AM

LE

“ Jerry always had a smile and a witty remark. He was one of the most caring and loving people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing.  
I have only known him and Jane for 7 years but I wish I could have had the pleasure of knowing them all of my life.  
His passing has left a large void in our world.

Lee - August 29, 2025 at 10:31 AM

JD

“ John and Carol and Grandma Diehl purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gerald Ahrens.



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**John and Carol and Grandma Diehl** - August 28, 2025 at 06:07 PM

JD

“ John and Carol and Grandma Diehl planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Ahrens.

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**John and Carol and Grandma Diehl** - August 28, 2025 at 06:07 PM