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Gerald "Jerry" L. Wright, 85, of Frazeytsburg, Ohio died Saturday morning, February 17, 2024 at Primrose Retirement Community in Zanesville, Ohio.

Born March 14, 1938 in Nellie, Ohio, he was a son of the late Walter J. and Margaret E. (Smith) Wright. Jerry was a 1957 graduate of Frazeytsburg High School where he excelled in sports. He was an all-county athlete in four different sports, track and field, basketball, football, and baseball.

Jerry retired from Owens Corning Tech Center and continued his love of sports by avidly cheering for The Ohio State Buckeyes, playing golf, refereeing basketball games, and playing tennis and softball into his late fifties. He enjoyed collecting coins and driving his 1934 Ford pickup. Jerry secretly loved the animals in his life, especially his horse, Fury and babysitting his grand puppies.

He was happiest watching and supporting his four grandchildren in their various sports endeavors and was especially proud that they all graduated from prestigious colleges. Jerry loved his family tremendously and took every opportunity to tell others how much he loved them and how proud he was to be the "Best Grandpa".

Surviving is his daughter, JoAnne Hill and her husband, Keith of Dresden, Ohio; a son, Barry Wright and his wife, Fran of Buckeye Lake, Ohio; four grandchildren, Kris Hill of Dresden, Ohio, Kimberly Hill, of Coshocton, Ohio, Alex (Nate) Duhl of El Paso Texas, and Austin (Michelle) Wright of Millersport, Ohio; siblings, Butch (Linda) Wright of Millersburg, Shirley Coots of Frazeytsburg, Cathy (Dale) Cleaveland of Alexandria, Nida Hood of Frazeytsburg, Susie Cassie of Lima, and Katie (Fred) Ikehorn of Newark and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by the love of his life, Alice R. Wright whom he married July 19, 1956 and who died March 6, 2019 and siblings, Dave Wright, Bill Wright and Don Lawrence.



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Per Jerry's wishes, a loving cremation will take place. A celebration of life to be held at a later date.



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KW

Ken Walczak posted:

Very sad to hear of Jerry's passing. Worked with Jerry at OC where you could tell he enjoyed his job. Visiting him in Perryton after he retired, it was clear how important his family, especially his grandchildren, were to him.

February 23 at 8:06 AM

WA

Wendy Ashby posted:

Kris, I'm sorry you have to grieve. Your grandpa was special person in your life. Keep your memories alive. Sympathies to you and your family.

February 21 at 3:24 AM

MW

Mike & Rhonda Wright posted:

Uncle Jerry will be missed. Several times I call him Dad. He would just say, wrong Dad. From behind and sides they looked the same. Big hugs to my cousins and their families. We lost a great one.

February 20 at 8:04 AM

RP

Ron Priest posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Jerry. He was a good guy and he will be missed by anybody who met him. My prayers are with all of you

February 20 at 6:05 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gerald "Jerry" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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