



Gerald E. "Jerry" Rigsby

November 14, 1934 - March 28, 2020

Gerald E. Rigsby (Jerry) was born in Anderson, Indiana, on November 14, 1934, and passed away peacefully on March 28, 2020.

He graduated from Dunkirk High School in Dunkirk, IN in 1952 and the University of Notre Dame in 1956. At Notre Dame he was in the Marching Band, the Concert Band and the Varsity Band. He worked at Delco Remy Division of General Motors from June, 1956 until retirement in September, 1992. He was the Chief Engineer for Ignition Systems, Motors, Generators, Switches, Sensors and Controls. He authored the chapter on "Automotive Electrical Systems" in the 1966 edition of the McGraw-Hill Standard Handbook for Electrical Engineers as well as SAE papers on Automotive Ignition Systems. He was also awarded a US Patent for Time Delay Automotive Headlight systems,

He is survived by his wife Jane Rolfe Rigsby, whom he married on June 9, 1956; sons, Thomas (Robin) of Dublin, OH, Joseph (Sandy) of West Bloomfield, MI and John (Carla) of Pendleton and daughters, Mary (Neal) Kirby of Anderson and Ann (Michael) Oddi of The Villages, FL.

He is also survived by his grandchildren Katie Rigsby, William Rigsby, Patrick (Kelley) Rigsby, AJ Rigsby, Andrew (Molly) Getchell, Alex (Kristin) Getchell, Thomas Oddi, Kate Oddi, Jessica (Jason) Craft, Carla (Scott) Van Kampen, Michelle (Garth) Sabo, Matthew (Amanda) Rigsby and Christopher (Carrie) Rigsby. He is also survived by his step-grandchildren, Christopher Kirby, Brian Kirby, Kendall (Nick) Whipple, and TJ Holloway.

He is also survived by twelve great-grandchildren, Luke Getchell, Hannah Getchell, Madelyn Getchell, Elliot Oddi, Olivia Oddi, Brady Craft, Charles Craft, Connor Van Kampen, Levi Van Kampen, Rose Sabo, Sadie Sabo and Ralph Rigsby,

Also, he is survived by his sister-in-law Mary L. Rigsby of Plainfield, IL and his brother-in-law and sister-in-law Tom and Sally Rafferty Rolfe of Bradenton, FL. He was preceded in death by his parents Ralph E. (Buck) and Julia Marie Dearing Rigsby and his brother, David Patrick Rigsby. A private family memorial service will be held on Monday, March 30th, and a Celebration of Life Mass and gathering will be held at a future date. Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary's Church in Anderson. Robert D. Loose Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

TK

“ Jerry was a well respected engineer and manager by the manufacturing organizations that he supported. I had the opportunity to work with him and always found him to be an excellent and positive person to add calm to any problem being addressed. I appreciate having had the opportunity to know him as a friend and to benefit from working with him.
My condolences to his family as I know he will be missed.

Tom Klusmeyer

Thomas Klusmeyer - April 03, 2020 at 08:31 AM

DC

“ Jerry was my boss, my mentor, and my very good friend. I am truly heartbroken, but we all know that Jerry is at peace with Our Lord.

Dan Crishon - April 02, 2020 at 01:57 PM

CD

“ Dear Ann,
We are so sorry to hear of your father's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Charlie & Dorothy - March 30, 2020 at 01:51 PM

DV

“ Diane Vest purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Gerald E. "Jerry" Rigsby.



Diane Vest - March 30, 2020 at 10:07 AM

WM

“ Dear Jane and family--We are thinking of you at this very sad and trying time.
I am so sorry Jerry has passed away. He will be missed
Friends and Love always, Wanda Mitchell

Wanda Mitchell - March 30, 2020 at 09:40 AM



“ Hard to express words for this wonderful man. He will always be our friend, our family and apart of many, many priceless memories.
Missing my "Bro"
Jane and family you are all in our hearts and prayers. Sorry just does not say it at all.

Anne-Marie Nataro - March 29, 2020 at 01:21 PM

LL

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. it was a pleasure to work for him and with him. To Jane and his family I offer my deepest sympathy. Larry Leaf

Larry Leaf - March 29, 2020 at 10:12 AM

ML

MY DEAR JANE I WAS SO SADDENED TO LEARN OF JERRY PASSING, HE WAS A TRUE GENTLEMAN AND I AM SURE A WONDERFUL HUSBAND . MY THOUGHTS AND PTAYERS ARE WITH YOU. WHEN RVER I GET BACK HOME FROM ARIZONA I WILL DEFINITRLY GIVE YOUA CALL. TEST IN PEACE JERRY.
SINCERELY, MARTHA LOU LAUGHLIN

MARTHA LOU LAUGHLIN - April 01, 2020 at 08:24 PM

RK

Dear Jane & Family -

We were so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. He was a fine man and a great mentor to Roger. Roger really enjoyed his time working for Jerry. Our prayers are with you all at this difficult time.

Roger & Beverly Kellams

Roger & Beverly Kellams - April 03, 2020 at 09:24 AM