



# Jerry Lynn Bubenyak

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## **Jerry Lynn Bubenyak**

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**J**erry Lynn Bubenyak, age 71, of Centerville, passed away Sunday, December 27, 2020 at his home.

Jerry was born on June 4, 1949 in Centerville, Iowa, the son of Edward John and Ferne Beatrice (Whitmer) Bubenyak. He graduated from Centerville High School with the Class of 1967. Jerry furthered his education at Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa, majoring in Automotive Repair. On June 14, 1969, Jerry was united in marriage to Lois Marie Coltrain in Centerville, Iowa. To this union, two children were born, Jay and Melissa.

Following college, Jerry began working at Centerville Body Shop as a mechanic. He worked there for several years before beginning his career at Union Carbide in the machine maintenance department. Later in Jerry's career, he transitioned to plant maintenance. He retired from Union Carbide (Viskase/Bemis/Amcors) in the summer of 2016, to do the things he and Lois loved to do.

Jerry enjoyed being outdoors, including camping, traveling, fishing, etc. He also loved working on cars and constructing things, including building Lois Beauty Salon. Jerry was a very active person in the community, and was presented as Centerville Citizen of the Year in 2012. One of his main passions was Boy Scouts. He was the Scout Master in Centerville for nearly 40 years. Furthermore, he received the Silver Beaver Award for his distinguished service to young people: the highest award that a council can give to a volunteer leader for service to the youth. Most importantly, he cherished his family, including his children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many more.

Left to honor Jerry's memory are his children, Jay (Sonya Birkicht) Bubenyak of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Melissa (Jonathon) Willey of Centerville; four grandchildren, Cameron Bubenyak, Griffin Bubenyak, Franklynn Willey, and Carolyn Willey; a brother-in-law, Gary Moore of North Liberty, Iowa; as well as



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several other family members, including nieces, nephews, in-laws, and cousins.

Jerry was preceded in death by his wife, Lois Bubenyak; his parents, Edward and Ferne Bubenyak; an infant son; and a sister, Karen Moore.

Private Graveside services will be held. A Public Celebration of Life service will be announced at a later date. Memorials have been established to EveryStep Hospice or to the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 33 of Centerville, and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, C/O Bubenyak family, 1900 South 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at [www.langefh.com](http://www.langefh.com).

Private Services



# Tribute Wall

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 1:23 PM



**Thomas Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 1:55 PM



**Tom And Mary Sue Zaputil** posted:

Jay and Melissa, Please accept our deepest sympathies at the death of your dad, Jerry. I came to know him through Boy Scouts. (Tom was a Webelo leader in Mystic years ago.) We supported the local Scouts such as buying Christmas wreaths which I always picked up at the Bubenjak home. Jerry and I visited many times about Tom and my three grandsons who achieved Eagle Scout status (in 2015, 2016 and 2017) living in Cedar Rapids and Urbandale. Jerry was so proud of that feat that he sent congratulations to them. His faithfulness and devotion to Scouting were exemplary. God rest your soul, Jerry.

January 2 at 7:00 PM



**Richy J Cairns** lit a candle in honor of Jerry.

Lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lynn Bubenjak



December 31 at 7:00 PM



**Anna Stoner** posted:

Melissa - I am so sorry to hear about your dad. He is at peace and no longer struggling with his earthly body. I enjoyed my talks so much with him! I'm sorry I never got to say goodbye (

December 30 at 7:00 PM



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FB

**Florene Brown** posted:

So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. He was a wonderful person and such a great roll model for a lot of Boy Scouts. He was the Scout Leader for all 3 of my sons and they learned so many good things from him in scouting that they will never forget. My sympathy to Melissa and Jay and their families. From a friend Florene Brown.

December 28 at 7:00 PM

JS

**Jphn And Margery Sandy** lit a candle in honor of Jerry.

Lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lynn Bubenyak



December 28 at 7:00 PM

DL

**Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson** posted:

Dear Melissa & Jay, Just wanted to let you know how deeply saddened we are to hear about your loss. We know that this leaves a deep hole in your lives that can never be filled, but we pray that your wonderful memories and loving family will help ease the pain.

December 27 at 7:00 PM

JB

**Jack Briggs** posted:

Jerry was a person who made friends with everyone he came into contact with. I enjoyed are talks when I would stop by with some sweets. We would talk about the old days and how things were. He will be missed by many.

December 27 at 7:00 PM



## Media

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