



# Gerald Lee Duerksen

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**G**erald "Jerry" Duerksen, 80 of Corydon, passed away unexpectedly of a heart attack on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 in Corydon, Iowa.

Gerald Lee Duerksen was born on September 30, 1941 to Albert and Lydia (Koehn) Duerksen in Bridgewater, South Dakota. He graduated from Bridgewater High School in 1959. Jerry went on to earn a B.S. in Chemical Engineering at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. He worked for many years in that field, retiring in 2018 after 19 years working for Voltmaster and East Penn.

He married Janice Joy Ludington in 1963. The couple had five children. Jerry loved God wholeheartedly. He led family devotions every night, often ending with the family singing the Lord's Prayer. Jerry enjoyed bicycling, painting, fishing, music, singing and photography. He climbed Mt. Hood, skied, and went on beach, canoe, hunting and fishing trips with family and friends.

Left to cherish Jerry's memory is his wife Janice Duerksen, his children Joel Duerksen (Elizabeth), Jill Fletcher (Brian), Jordan Duerksen, Jamie Duerksen (Kimberly), and Julie Lehman (Timothy), his 9 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, brother Jackie Duerksen (Sharlene), brother Larry Duerksen (Diana), sister LuAnn Vogel (Ron), brother Loren Duerksen (Marcia), and his dog Duke. He is preceded in death by his parents, sister Jeanne Duerksen, brother James Duerksen, sister JoAnn Tschetter, and infant sister Lois Duerksen.

The funeral service for Jerry will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at the Corydon United Methodist Church. Visitation will be one hour prior to service, from 1:00 - 2:00 PM. Interment will take place next week in Texas. Memorials may be given to the family and condolences can be shared at [www.thomasfh.com](http://www.thomasfh.com) or [www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome).



## Tribute Wall

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VM

**Verna Mickelson** posted:

It was a blessing from God to get a phone call from Jerry just hours before his passing. He was ready to be with Jesus ... and now he is! We'll miss our dear, Godly, multi-talented "brother," but have many happy memories of him. Mike and Verna Mickelson

November 5 at 7:00 PM

TS

**Tribute Store** posted:

Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

November 5 at 7:00 PM

SB

**Steven Bracewell** posted:

Jerry was a great friend and mentor at Voltmaster/East Penn where I worked with him for several years.

November 4 at 7:00 PM

JW

**Janelle Wolfe** posted:

In honor of his memory we will be donating to one of the causes he supported Wycliffe Associates ( Bible translators )

November 4 at 7:00 PM

JW

**Janelle Wolfe** posted:

I have many memories spending my summers with my sister Janice and brother in law Jerry and all of my nieces and nephews that were more like cousins. We went on many adventures. I clearly remember prayer time at the end of the day. Jerry was a true man of God and spiritual leader of his family. His presence in my life was greatly needed after losing my own father. I always remember he was loving and patient and I don't remember him ever raising his voice. I wasn't the easiest kid to have around I am sure. But I always felt welcome and loved. I am so thankful for those memories.

November 4 at 7:00 PM



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AH

**Audrey Hofer** posted:

As you grieve know that we are remembering your family in our thoughts and prayers - from the Abe Duerksen family

November 4 at 7:00 PM

JF

**Joel Duerksen And Family** posted:

We have no words to express the loss, his memory will live on in us, until we meet again in heaven.

November 4 at 7:00 PM

MA

**Mike And Pam** posted:

How we will miss Jerry! But we will get to see him in heaven!!!

November 4 at 7:00 PM

MS

**Michael Sperry** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you today. God bless and give you strength to face this day and in the days to come. Much love.

November 3 at 7:00 PM

TS

**Tribute Store** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We love you all.

November 3 at 7:00 PM

KM

**Kay Williams Middlebrook** posted:

So sorry for your loss

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JW

**Janelle Wareham Wolfe** posted:

Jordan Archer

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RH

**Robert Houser** posted:

Sorry for your loss

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DW

**Denise Werner** posted:

I didnt have a close relationship because of our age difference but I always admired him and thought he was a kind and loving man. I also know he was a very Godly man. My heart hurts for all of you.

November 3 at 7:00 PM

JF

**Jill Fletcher** posted:

I'm so thankful for my dad's godly life, sense of adventure and for his love for his family. My heart hurts. I am only comforted in knowing that as Christians we are not like others who have no hope. We will see each other in Heaven. What a day of rejoicing that will be!

November 3 at 7:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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