



## Jerry A. Messenger

June 30, 1964 - January 19, 2024

Jerry A. Messenger, age 59 of Forest, passed away on January 19, 2024 surrounded by family at Bridge Hospice Care Center, Findlay.

He was born on June 30, 1964 in Kenton to Wayne N. and Carol L. (McKinniss) Messenger. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Forest. Jerry married Julia A. Elwood on December 16, 1989 and she survives in rural Forest. He is also survived by his daughter Megan (Chuck) Byers, Forest, sister Angela (Jon) Wells, Mt. Blanchard, grandchildren Caley Byers, Avery Byers, Kellen Holland, Kaylynne Creamer, Madilyn Messenger, Maralyn Messenger, and Hadlee Byers, nieces and nephews Justin Wells (Logan), Allysha Beck (Dylan), Philip Messenger, and Hunter Messenger. Jerry is preceded in death by his father Wayne N. Messenger, grandparents Calvin and Nellie (Rapp) Messenger, and Darrell and Maude (Erwin) McKinniss, and brother Anthony "Tony" Messenger.

Jerry was a 1982 graduate of Riverdale High School. He worked for the Hardin County Engineer's Garage for 17 years, and was a Jackson Township Trustee. Jerry was a member and secretary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Kenton Lodge 2163, and member of Forest VFW 1182. He enjoyed fishing, NASCAR, OSU Football, Pittsburgh Steelers, and playing corn hole. Jerry also enjoyed camping especially at Marblehead Surf Campground where he loved spending time with his Lake Erie family.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday January 23, 2024 at 11:00am at Clark Shields Funeral Home with Pastor Ken Gray officiating. Burial will follow at Hueston Cemetery, Forest. A visitation will be held Monday January 22, 2024 from 2:00 – 8:00pm at Clark Shields Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers or memorial gifts please donate to Not By Choice of Kenton, Oncology Fund at Wyandot Memorial Hospital, Bridge Home Health and Hospice, or to the charity of the donor's choice, in care of Clark Shields Funeral Home 301 S. Patterson St. Forest, OH 45843. This would be Jerry's request to give back to those places that gave to him. To extend a condolence or share a memory visit [www.shieldsfh.com](http://www.shieldsfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hueston Cemetery

Forest, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **22**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Clark-Shields Funeral Home  
301 S.Patterson St.  
Forest, OH 45843  
(419) 273-2631  
bringmanclarkshields@gmail.com  
<https://www.bringmanclark.com/>

## Funeral

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bringman - Clark & Co Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerry A. Messenger*



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**Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes** - January 22, 2024 at 10:16 AM



“ *61 files added to the album Life Tributes*

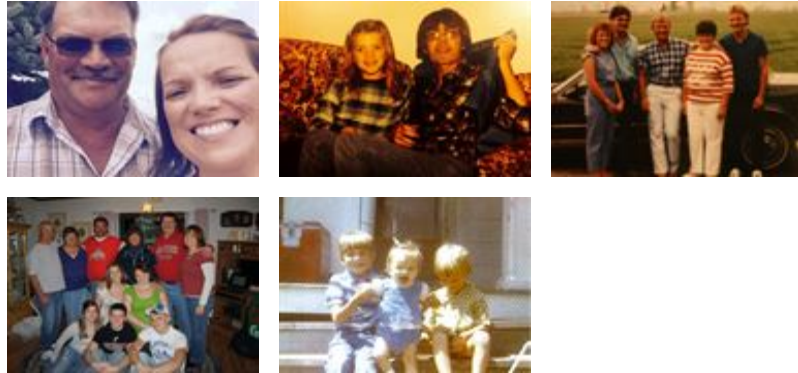


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**Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes** - January 24, 2024 at 10:49 AM



“ 16 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Bringman Clark & Shields Funeral Homes** - January 22, 2024 at 10:10 AM

CC

“ CAROL, JULIE AND FAMILY, I AM SO VERY SORRY TO HEAR OF JERRY'S PASSING. I KNOW HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY EVERYONE AT THE EAGLES AND ALL OF HIS OTHER FRIENDS AND FAMILY. HE WAS SUCH A GREAT MAN, IT'S JUST HARD TO BELIEVE THAT HE'S GONE. AT LEAST NOW, HE ISN'T SUFFERING OR IN PAIN ANYMORE. GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF HIM SINCE HE'S IN HEAVEN NOW.

**CAROL CRISP** - January 21, 2024 at 07:23 PM

LS

“ *LT & Cynde Stewart lit a candle in memory of Jerry A. Messenger*



**LT & Cynde Stewart** - January 21, 2024 at 04:12 PM

CS

“ *Cynde Stewart lit a candle in memory of Jerry A. Messenger*



Cynde Stewart - January 21, 2024 at 03:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry A. Messenger.*



January 21, 2024 at 03:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry A. Messenger.*



January 20, 2024 at 09:44 PM

TH

“ *The Family of Pauline Hamilton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry A. Messenger.*

The Family of Pauline Hamilton - January 20, 2024 at 09:44 PM

JW

“ Hugs and prayers ☐ many many great memories at the lake! Will be greatly missed.

Jim and Cathy Wood - January 20, 2024 at 12:03 PM

AW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. The Waring Family (Surf Campground Lot 2)

Amy Waring - January 20, 2024 at 08:03 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerry A. Messenger.



January 19, 2024 at 11:34 PM

ML

“ Sorry for your loss! Prayers to the family and RIP. Love, Cousin Becky Stansbery Lundquist and Mike Lundquist.

Michael Lundquist - January 19, 2024 at 09:58 PM

TC

“ Jerry was a good man. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you.

Tim Curtin - January 19, 2024 at 05:06 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jerry A. Messenger.*



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January 19, 2024 at 04:50 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.he was a wonderful man. Ray and Nancy Marshall*

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**Nancy Marshall** - January 19, 2024 at 03:50 PM