



## Jerry Deaton

February 25, 1929 - July 9, 2023

Jerry Deaton of Holland, OH and Naples, FL passed away peacefully on July 9, 2023. Jerry was born on February 25, 1929 in Beattyville, KY to Elizabeth Creech and Cord Deaton. Jerry's high school graduating class was a total of 3 students. Following graduation, Jerry, his parents and siblings moved to Lebanon, OH. Jerry met and married Geraldine Baggett. They had two sons, James Cord and Joseph Preston Deaton. He served in the Army during the Korean War, his mother prayed that he would not have to go to Korea, he ended up spending his army years in Alaska. She always credited God for keeping Jerry safe. Jerry attended Coyne Electrical School in Chicago, IL. He returned to Maumee, OH, completed his apprenticeship program as an electrician in 1957 and started working for Laibe Electric. Laibe had a total of 3 employees. Jerry purchased the company from Ralph Laibe in 1961. He worked as an electrician during the day and took care of the billing and estimates at night. Jerry served the company as President and CEO. Jerry took the company from three to a hundred employees. Jerry's motto was you conduct your business with a handshake and your word. He was a very humble and hard worker. He was extremely generous with his family, friends, and people in need.

Jerry spent his summers boating on Lake Erie and the Maumee River. He was a member of Maumee River Yacht Club and Catawba Island Club. Jerry enjoyed boating trips with his family to Michigan and Canada.

Jerry first got his pilot's license in 1950 and due to working and raising a family he stopped flying. He then decided to pursue his flying ambitions again in the 1980's. Jerry earned his private pilot's license and instrument rating along with qualifying to fly a twin engine and taildragger. Jerry was happiest when he was hanging out at the airport with all the "flyboys". Some of his planes included North American AT-6, Fairchild PT23, Piper Dakota and a Piper Seminole.

Jerry enjoyed flying to the Bahamas with his great friends, the Lenardson's. The trip always included landing in Marsh Harbor and taking a ferry to Hopetown Harbor Lodge. Our modes of travel always included an Aubury boat and a golf cart.

Jerry looked forward to spending time with his sons teaching them how to drive a boat and pilot an airplane. As well as coaching them in the electrical business.

Jerry was quite a jokester and had a great sense of humor. He loved to play jokes on his friends.

Jerry attended Monclova Road Baptist Church where he was baptized on November 11, 2013.

He was a member of the following flying organizations: AOPA, EAA, Local EAA 582, and a lifelong member of the Yankee Museum. He also belonged to the local IBEW and served as a member of the apprenticeship program.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 39 years, Phyllis; sons, James Cord (Elaine) Deaton and Joseph Preston (Tammy) Deaton. grandchildren, Michael (Heather) and Lauren (David) Dzierwa, Zachary and Jacob Deaton; great

grandchildren, Evan and Abigail Dzierwa and Olivia and Grayson Deaton. Jerry also is survived by his sister, Anita Oeder, Lebanon, OH. He was preceded in death by his mother and father and a sister, Betty Amburgy and a younger brother, Darrell Deaton.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a donation be made in Jerry's honor to The Monclova Road Baptist Church, 7819 Monclova Road, Monclova, OH 43642 or Young Eagles, Local EAA Chapter 582, 28329 Lemoyne Road, Milbury, OH 43447.

Jerry's funeral service will be held 11:00am Friday, July 14, 2023 at Monclova Road Baptist Church 7819 Monclova Road, Monclova, Ohio 43542, where friends are invited to visit after 10:00am. Pastor Oscar Velazquez will be officiating the service. A graveside service will be held at Toledo Memorial Park, 6382 Monroe Street, Sylvania, OH.

# Cemetery Details

## Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe Street  
Sylvania, OH 43560

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Monclova Road Baptist Church  
7819 Monclova Road  
Monclova, OH 43542

## Service

JUL 14. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

GM

“ My condolences to Jerry’s family. I met Jerry in 1972 while working at Mick Electric Supply in Toledo. Laibe Electric was a major client for Mick for many years. Bob Michalak called on Laibe and was a great friend of Jerry. I was very impressed how Jerry ran a company competitively and ethically over many years. I could tell what kind of a man Jerry was by his sons, Jim and Joe. Like Jerry, both are men of great character.

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**Greg Mick** - September 25, 2023 at 10:29 PM

DK

“ Phyllis, Jim, Joe and family. I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Jerry. He was one of the best guys around, Ed and I thought the world of him. A lot of great memories were made. I am sure he and Ed are now having all kinds of conversations. My deepest sympathy. Fondly, Deb Kaltenbach

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**Deb Kaltenbach** - July 14, 2023 at 11:23 AM

PD

Thanks so much , Deb! He was a really good guy!

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**Phyllis Deaton** - July 15, 2023 at 01:51 PM

EK

“ Jimmy & Family I am so sorry for your loss.it’s been a very long time since I’ve seen you Dad but I have a lot of very pleasant memory’s of work with you , your Dad, my Dad ,Stan,Charlie& Gilbert some of the best times of our early lives . I wish you & your family well. Your Dad will be missed!  
Ed Knight

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**Ed Knight** - July 13, 2023 at 08:01 PM

DB

“ To Jerrys' sons and family I offer our deepest condolences from the Don Baumgartner family. My Father Don, just passed away last month on May 29, 2023 @ 96 yrs old. They both had those long life genes. I remember Jerry doing work for my father's business (Don's Drive-Ins) in the early 60's and they remained friends during their lifetimes through boating and aircraft. My Mother Donna, I believe was one of his first office employees working for Jerry and Hal(?) in the Garland Ave. office behind the 'former' Benington Associates building on Broadway. My sincerest sympathies to the Deaton family from Doug Baumgartner.

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**Doug Baumgartner** - July 13, 2023 at 03:01 PM

BR

“ Condolences to you Phyllis, praying for all. This is Bessie from Bob Evans ❤️🙏🙏

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**Bessie Ray** - July 13, 2023 at 02:54 PM

JR

“ I'm so sorry, Phyllis, to learn of Jerry's death. Please accept my deepest condolences. Most sincerely, Janet Rogolsky

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**Jsnet Rogolsky** - July 12, 2023 at 11:30 PM

PD

Thanks, Janet. Jerry is finally at peace.

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**Phyllis Deaton** - July 15, 2023 at 01:52 PM

DR

“ *Jerry was a true gentleman and a class act. He always had a smile for you whenever you saw him. He was one of a kind and will be greatly missed by all.*

Doug and Angie Rehtine - July 12, 2023 at 11:06 AM

PD

*Thanks so much Doug and Angie! He always enjoyed spending time with you guys and your daughter.*

Phyllis Deaton - July 15, 2023 at 01:53 PM

TW

“ *12 files added to the tribute wall*



Tammy Wagner - July 12, 2023 at 10:32 AM

RP

“ *Good pilot, good businessman and an even better human being! May he Rest In Peace!*

Rich Poll - July 12, 2023 at 07:40 AM

BG

“ *Back when Jim and I were getting our feet wet in the business world, we would meet with Jerry for coffee/breakfast quite often. I got to know Jerry very well and vice versa. Literally after years of these get togethers, I was told Jerry referred to me as his third son, to say the least, I was very proud of that referral.*

*Bill Gardner*

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**Bill Gardner** - July 11, 2023 at 08:22 PM