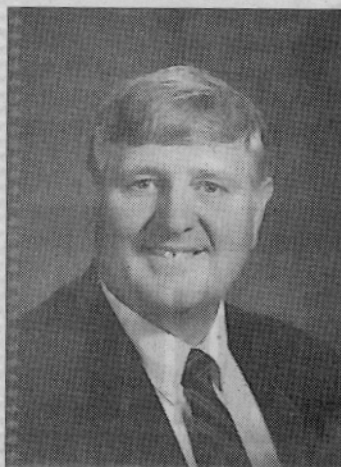


Obituaries



Jerry G. Ruark, 67

Jerry G. Ruark, 67, of Minford, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007, at Southern Ohio Medical Center in Portsmouth.

Jerry was born into a loving family and was the second son of the late Arnold Lee and Tillie Marie Miller Ruark. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his older sister, Dorothy Lawson.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Karen Haney Ruark, of Minford; his daughter, Kristin Ann Ruark, of Huntington, W.Va.; and his brother, Paul Richard (Inez) Ruark, of Wheelersburg. Other survivors include Paula (Barney) Ruark Sommer, of San Ramon, Calif., Kimberly (Bernard) Tilley, Kaylee Tilley, Tammy (Fred) Nelson, Amy and Michael Nelson. He also was survived by a brother-in-law, Carlos (Carol) Haney, and sister-in-law, Connie (Randy) Chamberlin, of Wheelersburg; nephews, Michael (Beth) Haney, of Portsmouth, Taylor and Will Haney, Adam Chamberlin, of Columbus, Dustin Chamberlin, of Richmond, Ky.; nieces, Nancy (Greg) Gruenwald, of Pinkerington, Katie and Amy Gruenwald, both of Richmond, Ky.

In July 1966, Jerry accepted a federal coordinator's position with Minford Local Schools. While at Minford, Jerry served as the primary

He also has a distinct honor of having been the author and coordinator of the first adult basic educational program for the State of Ohio Penal System and received a 25-year silver certificate for the ongoing success of the program in 1999. He was the first educator at SOCF.

Since his retirement from Minford, Jerry had been a grant writer for the Shawnee State University Tech Prep Program and succeeded in having eight grants he coordinated and wrote, approved for funding in Scioto, Ross, Lawrence and Pike counties. He was the developing director of Cornerstone Academy in Columbus, which was a metropolitan/urban community school for K-3 in 2000-03. Since that time, he has served as an adjunct professor in the English department at Shawnee State University and also worked as a counselor in the Student Success Center up until September 2006.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007, at New Boston First Church of God with Pastor Chuck Martin, Pastor Gary Wayne Heimbach and Pastor Acy Gibson officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Erwin-Dodson-Allen Funeral Home in Minford and one hour before the service at the church. Masonic services will be at 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home by Western Sun Lodge 91.

The family's favorite charity is the Jerry G. Ruark