



Jerry Hamming

October 29, 1934 - November 3, 2021

Jerry Hamming October 29, 1934-November 3, 2021 Jerry Hamming—beloved husband, father, teacher, and church leader—passed away peacefully on November 3rd, 2021. He was 87. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Anna, sister Roma, brother Percy, and sister-in-law Kay. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Virginia (“Ginny”); three children Courtney, Dana, and Jeanne; three grandchildren Mitchell and Jenna Hamming, and Zachary Callihan; and his brother Leon (Audrey) Hamming. Jerry was born in McBain, Michigan, the oldest child in a farming family. He graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Agriculture and Applied Science in 1957. In 1961, he took a long journey abroad, which would become a defining and nourishing experience for him. Upon his return, Jerry commenced a 30-year career as a dedicated educator and coach while continuing to give his time for eight years as a member of the National Guard. A stalwart Christian, Jerry served with gladness as a leader at Saint John Lutheran Church. In times of need he could be relied on to provide a dose of calm, a heartfelt prayer, and lovingly crafted words of wisdom and encouragement. During retirement Jerry could be found tinkering in his garage or making maple syrup with his friends. He enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren play sports, having coffee with friends, reading, watching westerns, and making useful things with his hands. He will be remembered for his dry wit, kind spirit, and questionable fashion sense. In keeping with Jerry’s wishes, cremation has taken place, and a memorial service is planned at

Saint John Lutheran Church in Clare, Michigan for November 19, 2021 at 1:00 pm with visitation prior to the service beginning at 11:00 am. Burial will be in Mount View Cemetery in McBain, Michigan. Memorial contributions at suggested to the Charity of the Donor's Choice. Arrangements were handled by the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. On-line condolences may be left at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Mount View Cemetery

McBain, MI

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV 19. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church - Clare
1004 McEwan Street
Clare, MI 48617

Service

NOV 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GY

“ Sending condolences to everyone. I had Biology class with Mr. Hamming and he was out basketball coach. He was a great friend and mentor. He always treated us with respect. He was tough but a great coach. He will be deeply missed.

Gerilou Yeadon - November 23, 2021 at 02:57 PM

BH

“ Jerry spent 30 years as an educator and coach and guided the minds of hundreds of young people. That energy and caring will live well into the future. He will be missed.

Bruce Hales - November 16, 2021 at 05:00 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry Hamming.



November 16, 2021 at 02:38 PM

SH

“ As I told Courtney, I left him a message the other day! Many fond memories of Uncle Jerry...as well as being practically family! He was my favorite teacher, in my favorite subject biology!!!
May the Lord Comfort You All in this time of need!!! 🕊️❤️🙏🏻✝️🙏🏻

Scott Hockin - November 10, 2021 at 09:38 AM



“ Ginny & FAMILY Sending HUGS PRAYERS and Warm thoughts during your time of loss on Jerry's passing reading his obit show's he lived a full life...GOD BLESS.

Brenda Longstreth - November 07, 2021 at 03:20 PM

MG

“ So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing.
In the 60's our family lived across from him and Dawn on Helen Street. Fondly remember a time when dad and Jerry took Courtney, my brother Jim and I to Ontario on a summer fishing trip. In later years I always enjoyed talking to Jerry and reminiscing of the old neighborhood in Farwell whenever I would run into him at the Big Boy restaurant. Sincere condolences to Courtney and the Hamming family.
Family of Kay and Betty Green.

Mark Green - November 05, 2021 at 09:25 AM

SH

Hey Mark! Scott Hockin here... ole' neighbor!!!
God Bless!!!

Scott Hockin - November 10, 2021 at 09:28 AM

SH

Uncle Jerry indeed a Special Wonderful Man! As well as being a close friend, practically family... He was my favorite High School teacher in my favorite subject biology!!! I'll never forget the memories!!! God be with You All!!! 🕊️❤️🙏🏻✝️🙏🏻

Scott Hockin - November 10, 2021 at 09:31 AM