



## Jack A. Eldridge

December 21, 1938 - July 17, 2017

Jack A. Eldridge, age 78 of Rensselaer, Indiana passed away Monday, July 17, 2017 at the University of Chicago Medical Center. Jack was born in Rensselaer, Indiana on December 21, 1938, the son of late Thomas R. and Marguerite (nee Daugherty) Eldridge.

Jack was a lifetime resident of Rensselaer and on August 1, 1964 in Rensselaer, he married Janice Zeigler who survives. He graduated from Rensselaer Central High School, the Class of 1957. A lifetime farmer, Jack also worked as a salesman for John Deere Implement for 29 years. He was a veteran of the United States Army and was stationed in Germany. He is a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church and the American Legion, Post #29. Jack loved life and had many hobbies. He enjoyed horse racing and wintering in Florida. He was the kind of man who could spark up a conversation with anyone and never met a stranger. He loved and cared for his family and spending time with them was most important. He had a knack for truly being a “Jack” of all trades.

Jack is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Janice; two daughters, Kelli (David) Rhoades of Wheatfield, Indiana & Heidi Eldridge-Bray of Lafayette, Indiana and one son, George ( Rhonda) Eldridge of Rensselaer. Also surviving, 5 grandchildren, Gentry Brown, Jordan & Jessica Rhoades, Brittnee & Garrett Eldridge; 2 great-grandchildren, Owen & Piper; one surviving sister, Clara Nitzschke, Vancouver, Washington; sisters-in-law, Mary Jane & Ruby

Eldridge; brothers-in-law, Jay Critser and LaVerne "Chub" Meyer. He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters, Cornelia (George) Sigman, Emma Jane (Robert) Darrow, Marcella (Byrom) Phegley, Nancy Meyer, Ardis Critser, infant sister Louella and brothers, Tom, Roger, Richard and Joe Eldridge.

Friends are invited to visit with family on Friday, July 21, 2017 at Jackson Funeral Chapel in Rensselaer from 2:00 to 8:00PM. Funeral services with Military Honors will be held on Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 10:30AM at Jackson Funeral Chapel with Pastor John Hostetter officiating. Interment will be held at Weston Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be made in memory of Jack Eldridge to the Ronald McDonald House.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **21.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
P.O. Box 70  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5123  
info@jacksonfuneral.com  
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## Service

JUL **22.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Jack A. Eldridge*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - July 21, 2017 at 11:36 AM

DM

“ *Good friend + Good times = Great memories.  
Miss you, Jack.*



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**David Marge** - July 22, 2017 at 08:51 AM

MO

“ *My condolences to all of you. Jack was one-of-a-kind and will be missed and only by me but all who knew him. Although Jack and I have not been able to get together except in passing the last few years I have many years before that of wonderful memories. The space is too limited to write about all of them but I will carry the memories for my lifetime. Rest well Jack we will all miss you. Mike and Kathy O'Neall*

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**Mike and Kathy O'Neill** - July 21, 2017 at 02:32 PM



“ 90 files added to the album LifeTributes



Jackson Funeral Chapels - July 21, 2017 at 11:21 AM

TS

“ Jan, Kelli, George, Heidi and family - thinking of you all during this difficult time.

Tom and Marianne Shields - July 21, 2017 at 09:03 AM

DW

“ Don & Gloria Waymouth lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge



Don & Gloria Waymouth - July 20, 2017 at 06:02 PM

BC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Bill and Sue Conley - July 20, 2017 at 04:14 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Jack A. Eldridge.



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July 20, 2017 at 03:14 PM



“ *Homer And Theresa Lakin lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge*



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**Homer and Theresa Lakin** - July 20, 2017 at 09:44 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Jack A. Eldridge.



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July 20, 2017 at 12:45 AM



“ *Ron & Lib Prohosky lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge*



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**Ron & Lib Prohosky** - July 19, 2017 at 06:13 PM

ML

“ *Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge*



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**Martha Langley** - July 19, 2017 at 03:56 PM

TS

“ *Tim & Linda Shide lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge*



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**Tim & Linda Shide** - July 19, 2017 at 03:53 PM

YL

“ *Your friends at Contract Lumber purchased the Sereene Retreat for the family of Jack A. Eldridge.*



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**Your friends at Contract Lumber** - July 19, 2017 at 01:07 PM

CZ

“ *You will be missed. Condolences to the family!*



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**Cindy Ziese** - July 19, 2017 at 10:48 AM

BE

“ *Brent Eldridge and family*



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**Brent Eldridge** - July 19, 2017 at 04:49 AM

BF

“ *Barb Miller And Family lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge*



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**Barb Miller and family** - July 19, 2017 at 12:30 AM

PE

“ *Phill And Lois Evers lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge*



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**Phill and Lois Evers** - July 18, 2017 at 10:28 PM

JW

“ *Jill Wilson lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge*



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**Jill Wilson** - July 18, 2017 at 09:49 PM

JO

“ *Janice Odom lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge*



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**Janice Odom** - July 18, 2017 at 08:07 PM

RR

“ *Richard And Nancy Rhoades lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge*



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**Richard and Nancy Rhoades** - July 18, 2017 at 07:19 PM

AS

“ *Angie Arihood Sleeman lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge*



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**Angie Arihood Sleeman** - July 18, 2017 at 07:11 PM

TA

“ *Tom & Mary Alberts lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge*



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**Tom & Mary Alberts** - July 18, 2017 at 06:24 PM

TA

“ Tom & Mary Ann (Nesius) Applegate lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge



Tom & Mary Ann (Nesius) Applegate - July 18, 2017 at 06:14 PM

KC

“ Kenny & Sandra Culp lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge



Kenny & Sandra Culp - July 18, 2017 at 05:51 PM

KD

“ Kristin Hall Durham lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge



kristin hall durham - July 18, 2017 at 05:45 PM

JB

“ Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge



Judy Burvan - July 18, 2017 at 05:44 PM

KD

“ *to jan and the family of jack..you have my heartfelt sympathy and prayers at this time of the loss of your loved one jack*

**kristin hall durham** - July 18, 2017 at 05:44 PM

GW

“ *Glen And Linda Wood lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge*



**Glen and Linda Wood** - July 18, 2017 at 05:21 PM



“ *Linda DeMoss lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge*



**Linda DeMoss** - July 18, 2017 at 05:11 PM



*So sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Ryan and Linda DeMoss*

**Linda DeMoss** - July 18, 2017 at 05:12 PM

MR

“ *My thoughts & prayers r with ur entire family at this very difficult time.*



**margo roberts** - July 18, 2017 at 04:47 PM

GN

“ Geri Napier lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge



Gerri Napier - July 18, 2017 at 04:16 PM

NS

“ Nancy Sheffer-Poole lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge



Nancy Sheffer-Poole - July 18, 2017 at 04:15 PM

PW

“ Phil & Noelle Weishaar lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge



Phil & Noelle Weishaar - July 18, 2017 at 03:52 PM

JR

“ Jenna Meeks & Cullen Roe lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge



Jenna Meeks & Cullen Roe - July 18, 2017 at 03:51 PM

JF

“ *Judy Siegrist Family lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge*



Judy Siegrist Family - July 18, 2017 at 03:43 PM

GS

“ *Gary & JoEllen Sheffer lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge*



Gary & JoEllen Sheffer - July 18, 2017 at 03:42 PM

 Nancy Pettet-Dunlap

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Jan and family.  
Charlie & Nancy Dunlap Jr.*



Nancy Pettet- Dunlap - July 18, 2017 at 03:34 PM

RS

“ *Rick Sheffer lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge*



Rick Sheffer - July 18, 2017 at 02:53 PM

DB

“ *David And Kim Berenda lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge*



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**David and Kim Berenda** - July 18, 2017 at 02:32 PM

ED

“ *Earl & Sally Dobson lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge*



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**Earl & Sally Dobson** - July 18, 2017 at 02:22 PM

EA

*Your family is in our thoughts and prayers!*

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**Earl** - July 18, 2017 at 02:23 PM

JB

*So very sorry Jan and family. There was no one else quite like him*

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**Judy Beehler** - July 21, 2017 at 08:33 PM

GW

“ *So sorry for your loss, Jan and family.*



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**Gayla Warran** - July 18, 2017 at 02:19 PM

TG

“ *Tammy McEwan, Tim Eldrige & Girls lit a candle in memory of Jack A. Eldridge*



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**Tammy McEwan, Tim Eldrige & girls** - July 18, 2017 at 02:13 PM