



## Wayne M. Gratner

March 28, 1938 - August 1, 2021

Wayne M. Gratner, age 83, of Rensselaer, Indiana, passed away on August 1, 2021, at Franciscan Health Lafayette. Wayne was born in Rensselaer, IN on March 28, 1938, the son of Robert Warran and Ruby Belle (Humes) Gratner.

Wayne graduated from Rensselaer High School with the Class of 1956. He became a truck driver by trade also had a shop named Gratner Sales and Service. He was a former member of the National Guard as well. Wayne's first marriage was to Mary Ann Williams who passed away February 14, 1973. His second marriage was to his current wife, Sandra Gratner, and she survives him. Wayne loved to play cards, especially poker and euchre. He was gifted at building things and had an affinity for Allis-Chalmers tractors.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Sandra; children, Debbie S. Hanley and Daren Gratner, both of Rensselaer, IN; stepchildren, David (Kim) Berenda and Debbie (Brett) Nesius; siblings, Carol (David) Spurgeon of Trafalgar, IN, Mary Standish and Robert (Peggy) Gratner, both of Rensselaer, IN.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Ruby; brother, George Gratner and sister, Norma Swartz.

Friends may visit with the family at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. CST. A funeral service will

be held at Jackson Funeral Chapel on Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Susan Martin officiating. Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Wayne to the Jasper Foundation (301 N. Van Rensselaer Street, Rensselaer, IN 47978) to be used towards implementing handicapped equipment at Brookside Park.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

Memory Gardens  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5125  
[info@jacksonfuneral.com](mailto:info@jacksonfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 4.** 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](mailto:info@jacksonfuneral.com)  
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

## Funeral Service

**AUG 5.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
P.O. Box 70  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5123  
[info@jacksonfuneral.com](mailto:info@jacksonfuneral.com)  
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>



# Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Wayne M. Gratner*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - August 03, 2021 at 05:33 PM

GK

“ *George & Joan Kanne lit a candle in memory of Wayne M. Gratner*



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**George & Joan Kanne** - August 05, 2021 at 02:10 PM

RK

“ *Our sympathies to the Gratner Family. Roy and Ardis Kindig were just some of Wayne's coffee buddies. Anytime passing Trail Tree we would always look for his truck then stop in for a few chuckles. What a wonderful sense of humor. Fond memories. Prayers to you all.*

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**Roy & Ardis Kindig** - August 04, 2021 at 06:01 PM

JC

*We just learned of Wayne's passing! So sorry to hear. I loved Wayne's sense of humor from back in the days when I worked at Mt. Ayr Grain Elevator. Always nice. Always fun. Ran into him a couple of times at Trail Tree. Always the same sweet guy. Our deepest condolences to Sandy and family ❤️*

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**Jackie & Don Corning** - August 04, 2021 at 08:10 PM

JC

*We just learned of Wayne's passing this evening! So sorry to hear this. I got to know Wayne and Sandy when I worked at the Mt. Ayr Grain Elevator. Wayne was always very nice and just as funny. We ran into him from time to time at trail tree over the years. Always the same Wayne. Our deepest condolences to Sandy and family.*

Jackie & Don Corning - August 04, 2021 at 08:12 PM

LP

“ *My condolences to the Gratner family! May he rest in peace!*



Lib (Goad) Prohosky - August 04, 2021 at 05:29 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - August 04, 2021 at 02:07 PM



“ 23 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - August 04, 2021 at 12:23 PM

SL

“ Shirley LeGrand lit a candle in memory of  
Wayne M. Gratner



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**Shirley LeGrand** - August 04, 2021 at 09:02 AM

MB

“ So very sorry to hear this. Such a nice man.



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**Melody Barone** - August 03, 2021 at 08:14 PM

ML

“ *Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of Wayne M. Gratner*



Martha Langley - August 03, 2021 at 05:53 PM



“ *57 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - August 03, 2021 at 05:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wayne M. Gratner.*



August 03, 2021 at 02:28 PM

GS

“ Gary Sheffer lit a candle in memory of Wayne M. Gratner



Gary Sheffer - August 03, 2021 at 12:17 PM

DW

“ So sorry to hear of your husband passing away, Sandra. You have our heart-felt sympathy ❤️ ☐

Donna Wiseman - August 03, 2021 at 11:36 AM

JS

“ Judy Siegrist lit a candle in memory of Wayne M. Gratner



Judy Siegrist - August 03, 2021 at 11:24 AM

GK

“ Greg Kaufman lit a candle in memory of Wayne M. Gratner



Greg Kaufman - August 03, 2021 at 11:20 AM