



## Jerry Sostak

June 16, 1935 - June 5, 2013

Gerald R. "Jerry" Sostak, age 77, of Laurie, passed away Wednesday, June 5, 2013, at Lake Regional Health System in Osage Beach. He was born June 16, 1935, in Willow River, Minnesota, a son of the late Jerry E. and Albina Prachar Sostak.

On June 2, 1956, in Askov, Minnesota, he was united in marriage to lone Christopherson, who survives the home.

Jerry was employed by Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids, Iowa as an electrical engineer for several years until his retirement.

He was a member of the Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705 in Laurie. In his spare time, he enjoyed working in his yard, working on various home improvement projects, woodworking, reading, restoring old tractors and was an avid collector of John Deere toys.

In addition to his wife, lone of 57 years, he is survived by his sons, Bruce Sostak of Plano, Texas, Dennis Sostak and wife Tami of Askov, Minnesota and Tim Sostak and wife Julie of St. Charles, Missouri; daughters, Emmy Hopkins and husband Barry of Solon, Iowa and Mary Jones of Harriman, Tennessee; eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in

death by a sister, Janice Sostak.

A celebration of Jerry's life will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, June 8th, at the Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705 in Laurie. Inurnment will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

Osage Community Elks Lodge #2705  
174 Elks Road  
Laurie, MO 65038

# Tribute Wall

MR

“ *This is belated, but we wanted you, Lone, and your family to know you have been in our thoughts, memories and prayers this past week. We appreciated having you for neighbors, and enjoyed reminiscing about the many ways Jerry helped us out. He showed us the house after it was empty, basically convincing us to buy it. Then he (and his crew of hearty boys) came with the pickup and moved load after load for us and Lone made us a delicious hot lunch. In the spring he poured concrete so our driveway went all the way to the garage. He was always ready to lend a hand, and we also remember his transforming the wreckage of that El Camino into a vehicle he drove for quite a while. Very impressive! So we're thankful for having such a good-natured, neighborly guy next door, and we'll continue to remember him. We send our best wishes to you all -- Mary & Marv Rogers (still on First Avenue)*

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**Mary & Marv Rogers** - June 15, 2013 at 03:38 PM

JM

“ *My sympathies to all the family. I have great memories of all the times we spent together and all the fun projects (and a few disasters) that Jerry got me involved in. Over the many years since life took us to different places, I have often reminisced about the Sostaks. I regret that Gloria never had a chance to get to know you. Jim (and Gloria) McGovern*

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**Jim McGovern** - June 12, 2013 at 01:29 PM

GF

“ lone,

*I am sorry to hear about Jerry.*

*I had a great time working with Jerry at Collins. He did a great job for us working with the Coast Guard. He helped get us a lot of Coast Guard work and helped me hire Bill Sheppard from the Coast Guard when Bill retired.*

*Gordy Fabian*

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**Gordon Fabian** - June 10, 2013 at 06:27 PM

TD

“ *My Sympathy...I'd seen it in the gazette and recognized immetialely the name,,it's been years, but i'd often wondered how the whole famliy was getting along.. Tommy Dawson*

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**Tommy Dawson** - June 07, 2013 at 01:34 AM

HH

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to you lone and your & Jerry's family. We saw it in the Cedar Rapids Gazette today and were shocked. We haven't heard from your for ages so when you can, please write or e-mail. We are still on First Ave. in Marion. All are fine here and hope you all are too. I always remember that we shared the same Anniv. and I see you have 5 great-grandchildren. We have 2 great-grandsons and Rhonda is the Grandma. If you ever get back to Marion sometime look us up? Hoping to hear from you and you all are in out Thoughts and Prayers. Harlan & Helen Hartman*

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**Helen Hartman** - June 06, 2013 at 02:21 PM

RC

“ Only God knows the number of steps we will take as we traverse this earthly life.

*We are all but strangers here on this side of the curtain of Life - Heaven is our true home.*

*On behalf of the members and officers of the United States JCI Senate, we extend our heartfelt condolences on your loss.*

*No words can truly ease the pain nor can they fill the void of your loss. Only God's hand can offer that healing.*

*Know that your Senate Family prays for you and your family. We offer our shoulder and arms for comfort. We share your loss.*

*Ray Ainslie, #44136, USJCI Senate Chaplain*

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**Ray Ainslie, USJCI Senate Chaplain** - June 06, 2013 at 12:09 PM

MC

*My deepest sympathy goes out to your entire family Bruce. Our dear friend, Elizabeth Maxey, let me know that she saw the announcement in the Gazette. You and I were best friends in high school, and I remember your father well. I'm just saddened that it's been many years since I've last seen him. My heart goes out to you and your entire family during this trying time. Please know that I'm thinking about you.*

*Peace to you all.*

*Mark Casteel*

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**Mark Casteel** - June 07, 2013 at 08:51 AM

HL

*Our deepest sympathy to you, Ione and your family. Our thoughts go back to Marion, Ia. and Rockwell. We will never forget how Jerry decorated your home at Christmas. Time has passed quickly and now we have been here at The Lake of The Ozarks 20 years. Shortly after our moving here, we found you two coming down our driveway and advising us you had also moved here. God's speed Ione in whatever your life leads you.*

*God's Peace,*

*Harv & Nancy Lembke*

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**Harv & Nancy Lembke** - June 13, 2013 at 11:14 AM