



Gene Bertram

December 4, 1945 - September 23, 2010

Gene Bertram, 64, of New Castle, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, September 23, 2010 at home.

He was born on December 4, 1945 in Gap Creek, Kentucky, a son of the late Lewis William and Nellie Bertram.

He was a life-long carpenter and had been self-employed for 30 years. He was employed by T & W Corporation of Indianapolis for 20 years and had also worked for Ingersol Steele, where he met his beloved wife of 31 years. He enjoyed being with his family, friends and Cross Roads Church family.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Wanda "Lou" Bertram; four children, Kenneth Bertram of Georgia, Carmen (husband: Bruce) Orr, Phil (wife: Vanessa) Gard, Cindy (companion: Mitch) Reeves all of New Castle; grandchildren, Derek (wife: Alissa) Orr, Nikki (husband: Matthew) Daffron, Neva Orr, Ashli Gard (fiancé: Jeremy), Bays Gard, Trey Hurley, Gene Gard (companion: Amy), Kate Gard (companion: Curtis), Pete Reeves (companion: Kasey), and Tyler Reeves all of New Castle, James, Steven and John Bertram of Greenfield; great-grandchildren, Dakota Raley, Derek and Nolan Hurley, Connor, Cadence, and Cory Daffron, Maddox Lovell, Alana Orr, Henry Reeves, and Alexis Stockton;

Also surviving are brothers and sisters, Gladys (husband: Frank) Ramseyer of Muncie, Jewell Hicks, Faye (husband: Alva) Perry, June (husband: Jay) French, Ann (husband: Billy Jo) Carroll all of New Castle, Peggy (husband: John) Schott of Missouri, Loretta (husband: Lonnie) Duvall of New Castle,

Julie (husband: Darrell) Duvall of Fort Wayne, Donna (husband: Steve) Logan of New Castle, Dean (wife: Bessie) Bertram, Ray Bertram, and Roy Bertram all of New Castle; Brothers and sisters-in-law, Frances (husband Ernest) Key of Kentucky, Elsie Howard of New Castle, Ed (wife: Susan) Kirby of Linton, Faye (husband: Ronald) Daffron of North Carolina, Robert Kirby (companion: Debbie) and Cindy Kirby both of New Castle; honorary brother and sister, Jerry and Kathy Chesher of New Castle; special friend, Jeff Hasty of New Castle; and also several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by Columbia Kirby and Billy Kirby.

Funeral services will be held at 9:00 a.m. Monday, September 27, 2010 at Cross Roads Church with Pastor Danny Douglas conducting the service with special speakers Steve Disbro and grandson, Derek Orr. Burial will follow in South Mound Cemetery West Lawn Addition.

Friends may call from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Sunday at Sproles Family Funeral Home and one hour before service at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cross Roads Church Food Bank with envelopes available at the funeral home. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Sproles Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Gene Bertram.

Tribute Wall

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“ MY "KING" PAPA W WAS AN AMAZING INSPIRATION TO OUR FAMILY. WE ARE A STRONGER AND HAPPIER FAMILY BECAUSE OF HIM.HE TAUGHT ME TO NEVER GIVE UP ON MY DREAMS, TO ALWAYS LOVE AND FORGIVE MY FAMILY, AND TO FINISH EVERYTHING I'VE STARTED. PAPA W MY ONLY REGRET IS THAT I HAVEN'T FINISHED MY NURSING DEGREE BUT I WILL. I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU! YOUR PRINCESS!

Nikki Daffron - September 28, 2010 at 07:31 PM

LA

“ sorry for your lost francis and family i hope the year gets better for you i love and miss you my prayers are with you

Lynda L Alberson - September 27, 2010 at 11:16 PM

GH

“ We our so sorry for your loss..You our in are thoughts and prayers.....
Hope,Wayne,Kay,Gail,Kathleen Daniel

Gail Hutson - September 25, 2010 at 07:30 PM

EH

“ Wanda,
I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers. If I can help in any way, please feel free to give me a call.
Eric Hickman HCH Hospice Chaplain

Eric Hickman - September 24, 2010 at 09:49 PM

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“ *The world will be a little sadder now that Gene is gone. But Heaven will be celebrating at his presence there.* ”

Liz Simerly - September 24, 2010 at 02:44 PM