



Howard Gerald Bustle

July 11, 1937 - May 31, 2025

Howard Gerald Bustle, 87, of New Castle, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday morning, May 31, 2025, at Henry Community Health following a very brief illness.

He was born on July 11, 1937, in Stanford, Kentucky, a son of the late Walter Harold Bustle and Rosa Helen (Renner) Bustle Burke.

Gerald was a 1955 graduate of Ladoga High School in Ladoga, Indiana. He met the love of his life, Barbara Pierce, at a basketball game at Straughn High School, and they married in 1958. Gerald had a strong work ethic and worked for Diamond Containers for 27 years as a scheduler, followed by 29 years at PK Lumber.

Gerald was able to fix almost anything. He was a talented woodworker and furniture maker, and he and Barbara enjoyed collecting vintage Christmas pieces.

Most importantly, Gerald loved God, his family, and his brothers and sisters in Christ above all else. He and Barbara were long-time members of the New Castle Church of Christ.

Those left to cherish Gerald's memory include his loving wife of nearly 67

years, Barbara Bustle; two daughters, Tamara (Jim) Atkinson and Debbie Bustle, both of New Castle; a granddaughter, Katy Atkinson of Pendleton, and many nieces and nephews, including Tim and Shari Neal and Dusty and Chrissy Neal.

In addition to his parents, Gerald was preceded in death by a brother, Walter Harold Bustle, and a sister, Lucille VanHook.

Graveside services will be held privately at Circle Grove Cemetery in Spiceland.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home.

You may share a personal condolence with the family at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff count it a privilege to serve the family of Howard Gerald Bustle.

Cemetery Details

Circle Grove Cemetery

6401 S Cemetery Dr
Spiceland, IN 47385

Tribute Wall

TG

“ My memories of Uncle Gerald are that he was always so very kind and caring. My prayers are with Aunt Barbara and family. Lovingly,
Teresa

Teresa Glenn - June 05, 2025 at 08:13 PM

RS

“ I worked with Howard's daughter, Debbie, many years ago, and this family became very precious to me. Debbie and I became very good friends and I spent some very happy times in her home with her and her wonderful parents. They were kindness exemplified! Although I haven't seen them for years, I have never forgotten them. My thoughts, prayers, and love are with Debbie, Barbara, and Tamara.
--Robyn (Neal) Smith

Robyn (Neal) Smith - June 04, 2025 at 08:51 PM

LH

“ Gerald's kindness will forever be remembered.

Luann Haddin - June 04, 2025 at 08:46 AM

GB

“ Greg Boggs lit a candle in memory of Howard Bustle



Greg Boggs - June 02, 2025 at 08:54 PM