



## Jerry Pembroke

November 18, 1948 - March 6, 2018

Jerry Pembroke, 69, of New Castle, died on the morning of March 6, 2018 at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital following an extended illness.

He was born November 18, 1948 in Litchfield, Illinois, a son of the late Melvin and Gertrude (Mulligan) Pembroke.

Jerry was a graduate of Hillsboro High School in Illinois and then volunteered for the US Army where he served as a Combat Engineer in Vietnam. He married the love of his life, Karen L. Balz, on August 30, 1969. After serving in the Army for eight years, Jerry worked for the US Government where he managed the Defense Logistics Agency at Fort Benjamin Harrison. Following retirement, Jerry served as a Henry County Memorial Park Ranger and a special Reserve Deputy with the Henry County Sheriff's Department. He loved law enforcement and greatly enjoyed time spent with his close friend, Sheriff Ric McCorkle.

Jerry was a member of the VFW Post #1282, American Legion Post #137, Losantville Lodge #674 F&AM, American Indian Council, and the Henry County Saddle Club. He was an avid storyteller and enjoyed telling jokes and laughing. Jerry liked being outdoors, fishing and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Those left to cherish Jerry's memory include his wife of 48 years, Karen L. Pembroke, a son, Jerry Allen Pembroke of Boca Raton, FL; a daughter, Dawn Michelle (husband: Sam) Davis of Phoenix, AZ; three granddaughters, Kayla (husband: Rob) Craig, Danielle Purtlebough and Blake Lowe; four great-grandchildren, Karmen, Easton, Lily, and Helana; his step-mother, Helen Pembroke of Corvallis, MT; two brothers, Robert (wife: Kathy) Trader and Bill (wife: Ronita) Rufus and a sister, Patty Rufus.

Jerry was preceded in death by his father, Melvin Pembroke and his mother and step-father, Gertrude and Pat Rufus.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm Saturday, March 10, 2018, at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Pastor Mike Drouin officiating. A Masonic memorial service will be held at 1:45 pm followed by military honors conducted by contingents from the US Army, VFW, and American Legion.

Friends may call from 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm Saturday at the funeral home.

You may send the family a personal condolence at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com).

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Jerry Pembroke.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 10. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home  
2400 S Memorial Dr  
New Castle, IN 47362  
(765) 521-2400  
toms@sprolesfamilycares.com  
<https://www.sprolesfamilycares.com/>

## Service

MAR 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Masonic Memorial Service

MAR 10. 1:45 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jerry Pembroke.*



March 12, 2018 at 10:25 PM

NH

“ *I know when I was a little girl, Karen and Jerry would take care of me sometimes. I will always cherish the stories that Uncle Jerry and Aunt Karen used to tell me about when we would spend time together. I will miss him dearly and I love you both so much!*

*All my love, Nichole*

**Nichole Hall** - March 10, 2018 at 12:47 AM



“ *105 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Sproles Family Funeral Home** - March 09, 2018 at 08:11 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Jerry Pembroke.*



March 09, 2018 at 06:33 PM

BR

“ *I just lost one of my favorite people in my life. Jerry was a great brother. I will miss him.*



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**Billy Rufus** - March 08, 2018 at 04:27 PM

RR

“ *Jerry had such a deep love for his family and friends. He had such a quit wit and sense of humor. He loved to reminisce about his growing up years in Hillsboro. I feel fortunate to have been his sister-in-law. I am thankful to Karen for how hard she fought for him the last several months of his life. I will miss him. A lot.*

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**Ronita Rufus** - March 08, 2018 at 03:49 PM

AB

“ *He was more friend than brother-in-law. Always there for me in my times of need. When he would call me on the phone I would answer and say hello and he would ask "is this my twin", so I always knew it was him on the other end of the phone.*

*He, my sister and their two children meant a lot to me and I will always remember him for his love, strength and devotion to his family and friends.*

*I'm sure for the rest of my life wonderful memories of him will bounce in and out of my head because we made so many happy ones.*

*Allen Balz*

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**Allen Balz** - March 08, 2018 at 10:26 AM

AB

“ *Allen & Faye Balz purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Jerry Pembroke.*



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**Allen & Faye Balz** - March 08, 2018 at 10:04 AM

LG

“ Karen, our sincere condolences for your loss. We haven't seen you and Jerry in a few years, but we value our friendship and your help with the Council, Fort Harrison, and all things related to the Pow Wow over the years.

*Larry & Delores Grigsby*

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**Larry Grigsby** - March 08, 2018 at 08:05 AM

PF

“ Karen, Dewey and I are so sorry to hear of Jerrys passing. We all loved him, he will be missed. sending our love and prayers to you and the family.

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**Pat Ferguson** - March 07, 2018 at 02:43 PM

RL

“ Sorry for your loss Karen. Jerry was a wonderful person and cared for many people.

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**Ron Lough** - March 07, 2018 at 08:15 AM

RC

“ I worked with Jerry for several years at Fort Harrison. Jerry also rode with me several times when I was on the Indianapolis Police Department. Jerry and Karen are great people.

*-- Robert Cole*

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**Robert Cole** - March 07, 2018 at 07:52 AM