



Jeryl "Jerry" Whelchel

October 28, 1945 - January 28, 2026

Jeryl "Jerry" Whelchel, 80, of Shirley, went to sleep and woke in the loving arms of the Lord on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at the Waters of New Castle, following a brief illness.

Jerry was born on October 28, 1945, in Anderson, Indiana, a son of the late Maurice Whelchel and Viola (Kiphart) Whelchel.

Jerry shared 47 wonderful years of marriage with the love of his life, Debby (Kraus) Whelchel. Jerry and his wife are both members of New Hope Community Church. After graduating from high school, Jerry attended Ball State University before proudly serving his country in the United States Navy. He later retired from the Naval Reserves after 20 years of honorable service. Jerry also dedicated 33 years of hard work and loyalty to General Motors in Anderson.

Left to cherish Jerry's memory include his loving and devoted wife, Debby (Kraus) Whelchel of Shirley; twin sister, Cheryl (Jim) Jeffery; brother, Robin Whelchel and many cherished nieces and nephews who will forever hold him close in their hearts.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, whom he now joyfully rejoins.

Per the family's request, there are no services planned.

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

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Jeryl "Jerry" Whelchel.