



## Jerry R. Klein

September 7, 1944 - February 2, 2024

Pastor Jerry Ray Klein passed away peacefully on February 2, 2024, in his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on September 7, 1944, in Saginaw, MI. He graduated high school from Brimley Area Schools in 1963. He was married to the love of his life Jocelyn Klein on February 7, 1965. Together they went on to build a beautiful family.

To know Jerry was a blessing in itself. Jerry was a shining light in this dark world. There isn't a photograph of him that doesn't show the love he had. He was a jack of all trades. He worked for General Motors, Gray Iron Foundry, he was a carpenter, he worked in the woods, and most of all his passion was ministry. Before Jerry's health issues he could always be found outside. He loved planting flower beds, gardening, cutting grass, and he stacked some of the most perfect wood piles. You would pull into the yard, and everything was in place and beautiful, it looked like something out of a magazine. He was a perfectionist.

Jerry spent many years in the carpentry business building many things. Just to name a few- shelves, birdhouses, chairs and of course his beautiful cabin that was so much more than just four walls. There was so much love- love for family, friends, and most of all love for the Lord. He loved sitting at the table watching the birds, deer, and all of God's creations.

Jerry was ordained as an Elder into the priesthood on December 7, 1994. In his time, he officiated several weddings and funerals. He was a pastor in Eckerman at the Orthodox Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Every conversation you had with Jerry simply involved Christ. That was how he lived life, following the Lord and sharing the Lord's word. He was the perfect example of faith, hope, and love; but the greatest is love. If Jerry knew you, he loved you. He had several favorite bible verses and quotes. One he quoted frequently was "Faith does not make things easy; it makes them possible."

Jerry is survived by his wife of 59 years Jocelyn Klein, and his children: Patricia (Al) Klein, Mark and Traci Klein, Sherry and Brian Mills, Brian (Jeff) Klein, Rachel and James Randolph, his eight grandchildren: Christopher Klein, Jessica Mills, Alicia Klein, Nathon Mills, Darrell Klein, Joshua Mills, Miles Randolph, Elliot Randolph, his six great grandchildren: Malina, Keigan, Davyn, Kade, Everleigh, Makoa, several nieces and nephews, brother in laws, sister in laws, and special friends.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents John and May Klein, his brothers: Marlin, Marvin, and John Klein, his grandson: Brandon Mills, five brother in laws, and six sisters in laws.

Donations can be made out towards funeral expenses at Family Life Funeral Homes, 24945 S. M-129, Pickford, Michigan 49774.

Services will take place in Eckerman at the Orthodox Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (34219 W M 28) on February 24, 2024, at 11:00 am. Luncheon to follow the service at Chippewa Townhall (30014 W M28 Eckerman, MI).

Family Life Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left to the family at [www.familylifefh.com](http://www.familylifefh.com).

As submitted by family

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

FEB **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Orthodox Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
34219 W. M-28  
Eckerman, MI 49728

# Tribute Wall

CJ

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Your family will be in our prayers. Connie Johnson and family* ”

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**Connie Johnson** - February 20, 2024 at 01:05 PM

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“ *Tanya, David & Wyatt Moore lit a candle in memory of Jerry R. Klein* ”



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**Tanya, David & Wyatt Moore** - February 13, 2024 at 05:33 PM

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*A smile can mask  
our deepest fears  
but it doesn't wipe  
away the tears*

*The sadness, the loss,  
the emptiness therein  
caused by an onslaught of  
memories set deep within*

*But we're told it's only  
for the shortest duration,  
that we'll be reunited  
with the rest of creation*

*For the universe states  
that nothing really dies  
we grow stronger wings  
and then take to the skies*

*The next part of the journey  
is unbeknownst to us  
but we have to have faith,  
love, and trust*

*That something so special  
awaits at the door  
beckoning us through  
to find something more*

*There are some who have  
this profound understanding  
that consciousness lives on  
always growing, expanding*

*If you look deep within  
you'll see this is true  
regrettably only  
a few really do*

*For the light that we came with  
never goes out  
It shines brighter and brighter  
look there's no doubt*

*The comfort this brings*

*that life does go on  
will help one find peace  
and become more headstrong*

*So please don't feel sadness  
on this special day  
as our loved ones are just  
a mere thought away.*



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**Tanya,David & Wyatt Moore** - February 13, 2024 at 05:45 PM