



## Gerald "Dedder" Black

September 10, 1939 - March 15, 2026

It is with heavy heart that we announce the peaceful passing of Gerald "Dedder" Black, age 86, of Crown Point, Indiana, on March 15, 2026.

He was born on September 10, 1939, in Lily, Kentucky, to Virgil and Ethel (nee Jones) Black. Dedder was a proud Lew Wallace High School alumnus. He was an Ironworker Local 395 for 65 years and everyone knew him as "Blackie".

Dedder is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Ethel (nee Ban) Black, daughter, Barbara (Allen), son, Andy (Connie), grandchildren, Amanda (Brandon), Stephanie, Anna (Billy), Kristin (Tommy), Joshua, great grandchildren; Lexi, Andraya, Trevor, Liam, Jackson, Brody, Cora, and Wells. Siblings; Bobbie Duranczyk, Judy Black, and Keith Black, sister in-laws; Joy Black, Barbara Black-Eckert, Rosemary Kaley, Suzie (Randy) Wlodarski. As well as many beloved aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews. Gerald was preceded in death by his father, mother, siblings; Toby Black, Ralph Black, Diana Black and great-granddaughter, Sophia.

His greatest joy in life was his wonderful large family. The garden was his passion to make sure everyone had enough vegetables.

He was a social butterfly and truly enjoyed life to the fullest. His charisma was like no other and lit up any room he walked into. Always joking to make people

laugh. And enjoying his many friends at the Crown Point Eagles and Sportsman Club.

He thoroughly enjoyed coaching youth basketball and baseball.

He was a faithful Christian being a member throughout his lifetime of many churches including Glen Park Baptist and First Baptist Church of Rensselaer. Dedder loved helping anyone. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to St. Jude, Tunnel to Towers, Wounded Warriors and Shriners to continue his legacy.

Private services entrusted to Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Please visit Dedder's online obituary and guestbook at [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens**

8178 Cline Ave  
Scherville, IN 46375