



Jerry Willard Emery

December 1, 2025

ADRIAN- Jerry Willard Emery, age 83, of Adrian, Michigan passed away on Monday, December 1, 2025, at the Hospice of Lenawee Home, surrounded by his family.

Jerry was born in Adrian, MI, the youngest and only son of Willard and Lona (Fauver) Emery's four children. He graduated from Adrian High School. In July of 1963 Jerry married Joan L. Deis at Tipton Congregational Church. Jerry and Joan were fortunate to celebrate 50 years together before her passing in 2014.

Jerry worked at General Motors, retiring after 30 years. During this time, he was also running a greenhouse with his wife, Joan, where he was second in command. For over 50 years, they provided wonderful plants and flowers to the residents of Lenawee County. The greenhouse was a true family business with their four children helping daily. Each fall, you could count on Jerry having beautiful mums and plenty of pumpkins to help decorate your front yard.

He will be missed by his children, Sandy Zeigler, Steven (Christina) Emery, Linda (Allen) Wielfaert and Michael (Patty) Emery; grandchildren, Amy, R.J. and Thomas; Anthony; Grace, Evan and Karl; Derek, Michael and Sierra; and great-grandchildren, Eleanor, Theodore, Lillion, Elizabeth, Jackson, Michael and Avery. Jerry was preceded in death by his wife; grandson, Andrew Emery and his three sisters.

Visitation for Jerry will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian; with funeral services starting at 5 p.m.

with Pastor Eric Hickman officiating. Cremation will follow

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of Lenawee.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
(517) 263-1400
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com
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Funeral Service

DEC 9. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JF

“ *A photo of Mr. Emery in recent years. From Jan Fox*



Jan Fox - December 09, 2025 at 10:02 AM

JE

My name is Jerry Emery also. Jerry looks like a good man. I hope you all are at peace.

Jerry Emery - April 10 at 09:54 PM

PP

“ *What a great guy! I am glad to have the opportunity to have known, Jerry. He will certainly be missed.*

Penny Priest - December 09, 2025 at 09:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerry Willard Emery.*



December 08, 2025 at 09:59 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Jerry Willard Emery.*



December 05, 2025 at 05:10 PM



“ *Mr Emery was one of the best people I have had the pleasure of knowing. He gave me a priceless gift by teaching me a good work ethic. He was the hardest worker I have ever met, although his son, Mike, could give him a run for his money. He once told me his father named him, Jerry, after his favorite work horse. I'm telling you, he earned that name everyday. He is the only person I ever knew who actually whistled while he worked. He was also great at whistling. It is a honor to have known him and I will always be grateful for all that the Emerys have done for me. Thank you, Gerry.*

Gerry Scott - December 05, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ *Mr. Emery was always so friendly. I was a customer for over 40 years. Many times I took photos and occasionally would bring him some. He was always so appreciative and insisted I take a pumpkin or some gourds as thanks. He will be missed. ~Jan Fox, formerly of Adrian*



jan fox - December 05, 2025 at 03:55 PM

WM

“ With love, Gerry and Marie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jerry Willard Emery.



With love, Gerry and Marie - December 05, 2025 at 01:33 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jerry Willard Emery.



December 05, 2025 at 08:26 AM

HF

“ Visited with Jerry this past fall at his place of business with a host of mums.

Harold Frederick

Harold frederick - December 04, 2025 at 08:31 PM

LB

“ Many memories of my cousin Joni and that Emery Boy I knew from Church! My Christmas's would not have been so beautiful with out Joan's creations and Jerry always helped me get the very best tree. Then when Fall came, Mums and Pumpkins, always. When I go by Emery's I always think of them and have such special memories. My heart is sad but as I see it the next life is a much better one, here are hugs and love to you my Second Cousins. Linda Brooks💕

linda Brooks - December 04, 2025 at 07:44 PM