



Jerry Mescher

March 6, 1941 - June 25, 2015

Jerry Mescher, age 74, of Halbur, died Thursday, June 25, 2015 at his home surrounded by his family, after a brave battle with cancer.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 29, 2015, at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Halbur. The Celebrant will be Fr. Lynn Bruch. Mass servers will be Jadie Mae Knobbe and Hannah Mescher. Music will be by Julie Sibbel and the St. Augustine Choir. Lectors will be Kelly Mescher, Nick Mescher, and Bernice Worrell. Gift Bearers will be Ruth Mescher and Linda Bruch. Eucharistic Ministers will be Pam Knobbe, Kelly Foley, and Cheri Theulen. Casket bearers will be Loren Bruch, Cory Bruch, Carter Bruch, David Mescher, Pat Mescher, and Nick Mescher. Burial will be in the parish cemetery with military honors conducted by the Arcadia American Legion.

Friends may call at the St. Augustine Catholic Church in Halbur after 5 p.m. on Sunday where there will be a Christian Wake Service at 7 p.m.

Visitation will resume at St. Augustine Church starting at 9:30 a.m. Monday morning, and continue until the time of the funeral mass.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences may be left for the family at www.sharpfunera

l.com.

Born on March 6, 1941, Jerry was the son of Albert and Ann (Schenkelberg) Mescher. Jerry spent his life on the family farm near Halbur. He attended St. Augustine Grade School and Kuemper Catholic High School. Jerry had aspirations to attend college for aeronautical engineering. He needed to be a part of an organization that recognized and supported college-bound students. That is why Halbur U was so important to him. However, he knew it was important to his family that he continue the family tradition of farming.

Jerry's life centered on farming—he was a steward of the land. He also had many hobbies that included: restoring tractors, flying his 1947 Piper Super Cub, and building airplanes. One of his great passions was entertaining audiences with the musical bones. A highlight of his young adult life was performing with his dad on the Ted Mack Show in 1961. Fifty years later, his talent was honored and validated by Mel Mercier, a native of Ireland, whose doctoral thesis was about Jerry's style of bones-playing.

In 1963, Jerry served in the National Guard at Ft. Leonardwood, Missouri. He was proud to have served in the military, and was a member of the Ehlers-Gerken American Legion in Arcadia. He looked forward to donning his legion suit and marching in the color guard.

On August 2, 1986, Jerry was united in marriage with Sharon Procter. The first years of marriage, he taught her all about farm life: working with the hogs, using a shovel, and driving the tractors. So, she learned to love farm life alongside Jerry.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 28 years, Sharon Mescher of Halbur; brother, Paul (Ruth) Mescher of Halbur; sister, Bernice (Tom) Worrell of Miami, Florida; nieces: Michelle, Lisa, Amy, Jody, Brenda, Kelly, and Pam; nephews: Fr. Lynn,

Loren, David, Pat, and Nick; seven cousins; sisters-in-law, Mimi (Johnny) Shoaf, Stanna (Larry) Wellman, Janet (Robin) Hance, brother-in-law, Stanton Procter, and nephew Adrien Guenel; and many great-nieces and -nephews.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents: Albert and Ann Mescher; his sister and brother-in-law, Darlene and Paul Bruch; parents-in-law Stanton and Berta Procter; and sister-in-law Lela Nunley.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Jerry's death. He was such a bright light and I will never forget his television performance on the bones for the Ted Mack show in 1961. A real star! I'm sure his light will continue to shine.
Judy Vasos-Baczewski

judy vasos baczewski - July 05, 2015 at 11:58 AM

WH

“ I am sorry to hear about Jerry. We were good friends in high school and I was happy to see him at our 50th reunion. I send my sympathies to his wife and family.
Wayne Halbur

Wayne Halbur - July 01, 2015 at 09:47 PM

AH

“ We just learned of Jerry's passing from the Tradition Bulletin by Bob Everhart. My wife and I would like to offer our condolences to the family and share the loss of the World's best rhythm bones player, Jerry Mescher. His talent will long be remembered by us and I cherish the 2 sets of bones he sold me in Avoca, Iowa. The sound is sharp and clear just like his character and persona.

*Al & Delores Hixson
Couderay, Wisconsin*

Al & Delores Hixson - July 01, 2015 at 04:39 AM



“ *Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Jerry Mescher.*



June 30, 2015 at 10:16 AM



“ *We just learned of Jerry’s passing. Bob Everhart had a “last page” notice in an email we received. Our sympathies to you Sharon, Berni and Tom. I count my being able to play bass for the “Mescher Bones” on numerous stages at country music festivals as among my favorite festival memories. Our prayer: may Jerry rest like a lamb in the comfort of Jesus’ arms forever. Perk and Joan Washenberger*

Perk Washenberger - June 29, 2015 at 10:29 PM



“ *Sharon and Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with all of you as you celebrate the life of an extraordinary man.
With Love and Sympathies,
Carla (Lally) Nichols
Randolph AFB/Schertz, TX*

Carla Nichols - June 29, 2015 at 01:06 PM



“ *Mary Lee Sweet purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Jerry Mescher.*



Mary Lee Sweet - June 28, 2015 at 04:48 PM

DS

“ *Sharon and Jerry's Family,*

Please accept our sympathy's

We are so glad we were able attend the Le Mars Oak Tree Festival last year. We were so surprised to find all of you playing the bones. We are proud to have Jerry's autograph!! Still makes me smile. Nice to know that the art of playing the bones will not end with Jerry's passing but will live on in you and Jerry's sister and all the young people Jerry has taught, He will be missed. Dale an Therese Schlichte

Dale and Therese Schlichte - June 28, 2015 at 04:39 PM

AP

“ My favorite memories of Jerry - stopping by after church and watching bowling tournaments with him, him helping us on the farm / us helping him - picking up rocks, baling hay, etc. He was also brave enough to help teach me to drive - he let me drive his truck under his guidance back and forth from Halbur. I also have fond memories of flying with him. He always had a big smile on his face, loved to talk, loved to talk about the Army, flying, farming, and really anything! He was proud that he served in the military and was tickled when I gave him a pair of my old combat boots to wear at the farm. He got me to serve in the Legion in Arcadia - even though it was so far from home, but that way I had the connection to Dad and Jerry. He's going to be missed!

Amy Price - June 27, 2015 at 04:22 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Amy Price - June 26, 2015 at 05:18 PM

LB

Sharon, I am so sorry about Jerry's death. May he rest in peace. I recall watching him on TV with his father; they were great and that was such a big deal! Prayers are with you.
Lorraine Schumacher Baumhover

Lorraine Schumacher Baumhover - June 30, 2015 at 05:53 AM

AP

“ 1 file added to the album *Pictures of Jerry*



Amy Price - June 26, 2015 at 05:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Jerry Mescher.



June 26, 2015 at 12:26 PM

AL

“ *I would like to deeply express my condolences for your loss and hopefully you can find comfort in family and friends but most of all thru Almighty God, whose ear and supplication is toward the distress ones. He will definitely fulfill His promise at Isaiah 25:8 “He will actually swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will certainly wipe the tears from all faces.”*

Alexander - June 25, 2015 at 06:11 PM