



Jerry E. Tanselle

April 13, 1939 - February 27, 2024

Jerry Edwin Tanselle, 84, died Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at Witham Memorial Hospital, due to complications from leukemia.

He was born on April 13, 1939, to K. Edwin and Madge (Miller) Tanselle. A life-long Lebanon resident, he grew up working at Tanselle's Market and was a graduate of Lebanon High School where he was president of his senior class. He held a bachelor's degree from Northwestern University and a master's degree from Purdue University.

In 1963 he married Sally Shaw Tanselle; they had three children: Jed Tanselle, Lebanon; Susan Tanselle Ottinger (Ken Ottinger), Lebanon, and Jack T. Tanselle (Laurie Brown), Westfield, all of whom survive him, along with four grandchildren: Lian Ottinger, Indianapolis; Sara Ottinger, Lebanon; Thomas Tanselle, Westfield, and Mary Kate Tanselle, Westfield. Other survivors include his brother, G. Thomas Tanselle and friend Sue Schwager from New York City, his brother- and sister-in-law, Jack and Karen Shaw, Indianapolis, and sister- and brother-in-law, Jeannie and Mike Martin, Lebanon and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Family was all important to him; he never missed the activities of his children or grandchildren and promoted frequent family events.

Jerry had a successful 44-year real estate career as a residential salesperson

and office manager for the F.C. Tucker Company. He was the recipient of the 1987 F.C. Tucker Award and a member of its Presidents Club. He was known for his sense of humor, integrity, sales negotiation skills and kindness to clients, as well as coaching and mentoring he provided for many new sales associates.

An accomplished and passionate golfer, Jerry became a member of Ulen Country Club when he was 14, achieving a 72-year membership record at the time of his death. He was a member of the Northwestern Golf Team and was the Ulen Club Champion in 1964. He passed on his love of golf to his children and grandchildren, always glad to give lessons and advice on new golfing equipment. He was a fan of all sports, particularly as a season ticket holder for the Pacers and Colts.

Jerry also gave back to his community, serving on the Ulen Country Club Board from 2009-2014, the Lebanon Boys Club Board of Directors, and the Brendan Wood Neighborhood Association, as president from 1973-1978. He was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church. In 1970 he and Sally were one of four founding families of the Indiana Association for Hearing Impaired Children, known today as HEAR Indiana.

Funeral Services are planned for 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, Indiana. Visitation will be held from 1:30 p.m. until the time of services. Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lebanon.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions in Jerry's name to the Henry C. Ulen Foundation, 100 Country Club Drive, Lebanon, IN 46052; the Lebanon unit of the Boone County Boys and Girls Club, 403 West Main Street, Lebanon, IN, or HEAR Indiana, 4740 Kingsway Dr #33, Indianapolis, IN 46205.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

935 East Washington Street
Lebanon, IN 46052

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Myers Mortuary
1502 North Lebanon Street
Lebanon, IN 46052
(765) 482-0620
office@myersmortuary.com
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *One of the kindest at Ulen. I will miss seeing him around.* ”



Michael Van Marter - March 02, 2024 at 08:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerry E. Tanselle.* ”



March 02, 2024 at 12:12 PM



“ *Ben , Chad & Nathan Brown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry E. Tanselle.* ”

Ben , Chad & Nathan Brown - March 02, 2024 at 12:12 PM

JM

“ John and I first met Jerry in the late '70's. Over the next 23 years, he helped us to sell 2 homes and guided us in the building of 2 new ones. We trusted and respected him implicitly.....most important of all, he became our friend. Jerry always took the time to listen and he truly cared about everyone. We looked forward to his annual Christmas apple deliveries. He would take the time to chat.....knowing full well that he had many, many, deliveries yet to go! Jerry had a gift of making you feel special and he made the world a better place. Sally, we're holding you and your family in our hearts as you mourn this great loss. Most sincerely, John and Jane Murphy



John and Jane Murphy - March 02, 2024 at 10:02 AM

SB

“ Sally Byrd lit a candle in memory of Jerry E. Tanselle



Sally Byrd - March 02, 2024 at 08:32 AM

KC

“ So many memories of Tanselles. Growing up with the store right there. Mother always had to make Eggnog Chiffon pie for them at Christmas. Perhaps Katie and Milford will greet him with one. May God give you peace and comfort.



Kae Campbell - March 01, 2024 at 05:25 PM

LF

“ Love the Helman family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jerry E. Tanselle.



Love the Helman family - March 01, 2024 at 04:41 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry E. Tanselle.



March 01, 2024 at 04:23 PM

BM

“ Bob & Pat & Zionsville McKnights planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry E. Tanselle.

Bob & Pat & Zionsville McKnights - March 01, 2024 at 04:23 PM

EV

“ It is with sadness I feel on hearing of Jerry's passing. He was a friend through Elementary (Grade), Junior High, and High School. He was a Great Leader of the Class of '57, Successful in his Business, And Tough Competitor on a Golf Course. Our Prayers and Condolences go out to Sally, Children, and extended Tanselle families. RIP my friend.

*Ed Voorhis,
Class of '57*

Ed Voorhis - March 01, 2024 at 02:39 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry E. Tanselle.



March 01, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ Elser Financial Planning planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry E. Tanselle.

Elser Financial Planning - March 01, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ Greg & Jennifer Coy purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Jerry E. Tanselle.



Greg & Jennifer Coy - March 01, 2024 at 10:31 AM



“ Greg & Jennifer Coy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry E. Tanselle.

Greg & Jennifer Coy - March 01, 2024 at 10:31 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry E. Tanselle.



March 01, 2024 at 09:21 AM

FT

“ *From, Your Deloitte Life Sciences Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jerry E. Tanselle.*



From, Your Deloitte Life Sciences Team - March 01, 2024 at 09:18 AM

KF

“ *Kapsalis Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jerry E. Tanselle.*



Kapsalis Family - March 01, 2024 at 07:59 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry E. Tanselle.*



February 29, 2024 at 07:14 PM

JL

“ We were stunned to hear the news of Jerry's passing. I worked with and for Jerry for over 30 years, you could not find anyone who had a bigger heart and dedication to his family. We spent many hours not only in the office but on the golf, course talking about family and work. Jerry always talked about Sally, Jack, Jed and Susan; he was proud of family. I think a man's heart and soul is a reflection of the family he leaves behind. I will miss Jerry and look forward to teeing up with sometime in the future. Friends Forever

Joe & Pam Loukota

Joe Loukota - February 29, 2024 at 03:41 PM

PK

“ We are so sorry to read of Jerry's passing. Praying for God's comfort to your whole family.

Pam & Gene Keck - February 29, 2024 at 12:04 PM

KL

“ I am so sorry to hear about Jerry. My memories of Jerry go back to Tanselle's Market where my parents shopped religiously. I can remember, as a child, hopping out of the car (on many occasions) and running in to pick up a couple of items for my parents and seeing Jerry assisting customers. Tanselle's Market and the Tanselle family were such a blessing to the citizens of Lebanon. Prayers for his family and may he RIP.

Karen Lasley - February 29, 2024 at 11:07 AM

TR

“ Our thoughts and prayers to all of you on the loss of Jerry. He will be missed by many, but cling to your precious family memories together. I know he loved the family Christmas trip and loved having everyone together. Mark and I have known him for a long time and I feel confident that Heaven gained a good angel, who may just be giving out golfing tips to others there!

Tami and Mark Richardson - February 29, 2024 at 11:06 AM

RS

“ Sally, I am very saddened to hear this. Please know the Stowers Family extends their heartfelt condolences. Rex

Rex Stowers - February 29, 2024 at 09:14 AM

YI

“ Your Friends at Hear Indiana purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jerry E. Tanselle.



Your Friends at Hear Indiana - February 29, 2024 at 07:03 AM

YI

“ Your Friends at Hear Indiana planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry E. Tanselle.

Your Friends at Hear Indiana - February 29, 2024 at 07:03 AM



“ *Linda Stuteville lit a candle in memory of Jerry E. Tanselle*



Linda Stuteville - February 28, 2024 at 10:50 PM



“ *Lebanon High School Class of 1988 purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jerry E. Tanselle.*



Lebanon High School Class of 1988 - February 28, 2024 at 07:36 PM



“ *Lebanon High School Class of 1988 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry E. Tanselle.*

Lebanon High School Class of 1988 - February 28, 2024 at 07:36 PM



“ *Sally Byrd lit a candle in memory of Jerry E. Tanselle*



Sally Byrd - February 28, 2024 at 06:12 PM

SB

Another of the 1957 Lebanon High Class has gone to heaven. He will be missed by alot of people.

Sally Byrd - February 28, 2024 at 06:14 PM

DC

Jed sorry to hear about your father. David Carney

David Carney - February 28, 2024 at 06:26 PM

SC

Sally, sorry to learn of Jerry's passing. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Remember the good and happy times and keep those memories tucked away in your heart forever. Stan & Judy Collins

Stan Collins - February 28, 2024 at 08:38 PM

JC

Sorry to hear about Jerry, it will be tremendous loss to his family and community. We always enjoyed being he and Sally's neighbor and their visits to California !

John & Rita Crane

John Crane - February 29, 2024 at 10:58 AM

RF

*Sally, sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. Tanselle's market brings back memories of Lebanon High School days and working with you on our class reunion. I did not know Jerry that well but if you married him, he had to be a great guy! May God and his angels be with you and your family in the coming days and months. I will be thinking of you.
Rita McCabe Fugit*

Rita Fugit - February 29, 2024 at 02:40 PM

SM

Sally, So sorry to learn about Jerry. Just know I am thinking about you and your family. May your memories carry you through your time of sorry..

Sue Morris

Sue Morris - March 01, 2024 at 08:05 AM

DJ

“ So sorry to hear this.
Thoughts and prayers to all the family.

Delbert and Marilyn Davis

Delbert Davis Jr - February 28, 2024 at 05:02 PM