



Luther Stephen Jerman

December 31, 1937 - February 3, 2026

Luther Stephen (Steve) Jerman of Upper Arlington, Ohio was a beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. He passed away peacefully at Kobacker House on February 3, 2026, at the age of 88.

Steve was born on December 31, 1937 in Cincinnati, Ohio to late Luther Paul Jerman and Helen Metcalf Jerman of Worthington, Ohio. He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Barbara Bohn Jerman. At the center of everything Steve did was his family. He cherished each of them, and they will all carry forward pieces of his wisdom, humor, and warmth. He is leaving behind his daughter, Tracy (Tom) Ensign; his son, Mark (Debbie) Jerman; his grandchildren, Justin (Megan) Ensign, Jordan (Darrell) Honaker, Taylor Jerman and Jason Jerman; four great-grandchildren and his sister, Jane (Jerry) Kyle. He was preceded in death by his brothers, David Jerman, Tom Jerman and Paul Jerman.

Steve graduated from Worthington High School in 1955. While there, Steve was an amazing basketball player, made lifelong friends, and met his beautiful

wife Barbara in the 10th grade.

Steve lived a life marked by kindness, generosity, and a profound love for the people around him. He attended The Ohio State University and graduated from OSU College of Dentistry in 1966. He was a dedicated dentist for over 50 years in Worthington. Steve cared deeply for each of his patients, many of whom considered him not just their dentist but a trusted friend. His gentle manner, steady hands, and genuine concern for others shaped a career that touched lives across Ohio and beyond.

Steve's devotion to service extended beyond his professional life. As a proud veteran of the United States Navy, he spent meaningful time serving in Newfoundland—an experience that strengthened his love of country and remained an important part of his life story.

Steve found great joy in the outdoors. Whether tending to his garden, caring for his pool, or enjoying quiet moments on the screened-in porch with Barbara. He embraced the simple beauty of everyday life. He also had a lifelong love of golf, a passion he passed on to his son Mark and his grandchildren, creating memories on the course that will be treasured for generations.

His love of OSU was exemplified as he was a season ticket holder for OSU

basketball/football for decades. He was thrilled to witness the 2002 National Championship game for the football team that ended in a double OT victory for the Buckeyes.

To all who knew him, Steve was a model of kindness. He was a loving husband, a devoted father, a fun and caring grandpa and great-grandpa, and a steady, comforting presence in the lives of countless friends, colleagues, and patients. His legacy is one of compassion, service, and unwavering love.

Though he will be deeply missed, Steve leaves behind a legacy that stretches not only throughout the communities he served in Ohio, but across the country which is an enduring testament to a life lived with purpose, heart, and grace.

Visitation will be February 21, 2026 from 1:00-3:00 pm with a Memorial Service immediately following at 3:00 pm at Rutherford Funeral Home, 515 High Street, Worthington, Ohio. A private Burial Service for the family to be held on Monday, February 23rd.

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery

3349 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, OH 43202
(614) 267-5471

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home
515 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085
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Memorial Service

FEB 21. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Luther Stephen Jerman*



Rutherford Funeral Homes - February 13 at 02:09 PM

VJ

What a beautiful tribute to a great man. I feel blessed to have had him in my life.

Victoria Ann Jaffe - February 21 at 03:37 PM

PF

“ *Dr Stephen Jerman was our family dentist for many many years. I can only echo all the sentiments already expressed by so many others: his expertise as a dentist, his kindness , his personal concern for every member of our family. We missed him when he retired from his practice. My thoughts and prayers are with Barbara, Mark and all the family. Sincerely Peggy Foster*

Peggy Foster - February 21 at 11:26 AM

GW

“ *Greg W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luther Stephen Jerman.*

Greg W. - February 20 at 08:13 PM

NS

“ Nick, Mary Kay, Nora, Mia, ans Stella purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Luther Stephen Jerman.



Nick, Mary Kay, Nora, Mia, ans Stella - February 20 at 07:23 AM

HI

“ Heller Family, Midwest Implant Institute planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luther Stephen Jerman.

Heller Family, Midwest Implant Institute - February 19 at 04:47 PM

HI

“ Heller Family, Midwest Implant Institute purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Luther Stephen Jerman.



Heller Family, Midwest Implant Institute - February 19 at 04:47 PM

JJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



joan jones - February 18 at 12:42 PM

JJ

A kind man / it was a privilege to know him. The Jones / Family

joan jones - February 18 at 12:48 PM

SK

“ *Suzanne Keener purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Luther Stephen Jerman.*



Suzanne Keener - February 18 at 11:22 AM

LM

“ *Lance and Olivia Miller purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Luther Stephen Jerman.*



Lance and Olivia Miller - February 18 at 10:51 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Luther Stephen Jerman.*



February 17 at 10:44 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Luther Stephen Jerman.*



February 17 at 09:33 AM



“ *What a great guy, so sorry for your loss. God bless everyone in their time of grief. He loved his family and always spoke highly of them all. He will be missed.*
Peggy Stimmel

Peggy Stimmel - February 15 at 04:14 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Luther Stephen Jerman.*

February 15 at 04:13 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Luther Stephen Jerman.*



February 15 at 04:13 PM

CS

“ Charlotte, Elijah, Walker and Samuel purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Luther Stephen Jerman.



Charlotte, Elijah, Walker and Samuel - February 12 at 08:39 PM



“ Majestic Heart was purchased for the family of Luther Stephen Jerman.



February 11 at 02:52 PM

TE

“ Tracy E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luther Stephen Jerman.

Tracy E. - February 11 at 02:33 PM

TE

“ Tracy E. purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Luther Stephen Jerman.



Tracy E. - February 11 at 02:33 PM

AA

“ Allison, Aub, Sam, Allie, & Adam purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Luther Stephen Jerman.



Allison, Aub, Sam, Allie, & Adam - February 10 at 12:48 PM

TF

“ The Close Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luther Stephen Jerman.

The Close Family - February 10 at 10:20 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Luther Stephen Jerman.



February 10 at 10:20 AM

SM

“ Stewart Maier purchased the Psalm 23 Tribute Blanket for the family of Luther Stephen Jerman.



Stewart Maier - February 09 at 03:49 PM

LC

“ Thinking of his family. Dr. Jerman was the best. I have the most fond memories of him and the kindness and patience he showed me and I always loved hearing him talk about his family. Sending prayers for peace.

Laura Cooke - February 09 at 03:49 PM

LC

(Wilkins)

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HA

“ Haldane purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Luther Stephen Jerman.



Haldane - February 08 at 05:28 PM

HA

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Haldane - February 08 at 05:28 PM

DH

“ Steve was a great friend. I appreciated his friendship very much. We shared the dental profession together but our real friendship revolved around Jesus and Biblical principles. Steve was so kind and generous to many. Will miss our monthly lunches. Looking forward to seeing Steve in heaven soon. Love you Steve. Duke Heller

Duke Heller - February 07 at 12:08 PM