



Eric T. Giesler

June 22, 1964 - December 11, 2025

Eric T. Giesler, age 61 of Mattoon, IL passed away December 11, 2025, at his residence.

A funeral service in his honor will be held at 1:00 PM, Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938; Pastor Joe Stephens will officiate. The visitation will be held the same day from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home.

Eric was born on June 22, 1964 in Shelbyville, IL to the late Robert D. and Patricia A. (Cummings) Giesler. He married the love of his life, Kathleen “Kathy” A. Jewell on June 14, 2014, in Gays, IL. He is survived by his wife, Kathy Giesler of Mattoon, IL; four children, Gerold Jewell and wife Jodi of Arcola, IL, Andrea Morrison and husband Chris of Mattoon, IL, Lindsay Robinson and husband Josh of Sullivan, IL, Tiffany Durbin of Mattoon, IL; and twelve grandchildren: Alec Downs, Makenna and Gracie Wagoner, Carson Jewell, Maxwell Bales-Turner, Avery Jewell, Sophie and Bristol Morrison, Jaxson and Jayce Robinson, Izzie and Caiden Durbin; brother, Mike Giesler and wife Brenda of Champaign, IL; and special uncle, Ronnie Cummings of Sullivan, IL.

Eric worked as a foreman at Anderson Electric for many years and was a former employee of Springfield Electric. After numerous years of dedicated hard work, Eric became a “Retired Grandfather” treasuring time with his loved ones. Family meant everything to Eric and loved them more than anything.

In his younger years, he worked alongside his father in the family business, Giesler Trucking and Lawn Care. He had a passion for buying 4-wheel drive trucks and adding his personal touch by fixing them up and then trading them in for another one. He enjoyed attending auctions and adding to his Milwaukee Tools set, even if there were duplicates in his collections. As a talented woodworker, Eric built and sold numerous primitive farm tables with the guidance of his wife Kathy's designs. Around the holidays, Eric, Kathy, and their good friends, the late Steve and Virginia Ferguson, hosted a Christmas show at their home and attended flea markets. Many memories were made during that special time.

Eric's warm and positive personality was something to be admired. He always had a glowing smile on his face and a heart of gold. Eric will be remembered as an amazing man, beloved husband, father, Papa, and friend to many.

Memorials in his honor may be made to Mattoon Firefighters Operation Sleigh Ride #691, 1812 Prairie Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **16.** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.
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Mattoon, IL 61938
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Eric T. Giesler.*



December 16, 2025 at 08:45 AM



“ *Vicki and Dwayne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eric T. Giesler.*

Vicki and Dwayne - December 16, 2025 at 08:45 AM



“ *Eric was always a positive light at the office. Through his whole journey with cancer, he always told me "me and Jesus got this". May you all find comfort in knowing "Jesus has him now". Sending you prayers. Kim - AEI*



Kim Drury - December 15, 2025 at 04:30 PM



“ 87 files added to the album Life Tributes



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - December 15, 2025 at 02:23 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Eric T. Giesler.



December 15, 2025 at 10:00 AM



“ Eric was an awesome guy! Warm, friendly, funny. I will miss getting to see him at All About Eyes. Rip to a great man and love and hugs go to all the family.
-Jules

Julie Moore - December 13, 2025 at 10:44 PM

SR

“ Kathy and family - We are so very sorry to learn of Eric's passing. What an incredible beacon of hope he has been shining though his testimony and example the past few years! May precious memories and the prayers and condolences those who care help you through this time. God bless you all.
Steve and Susie Rankin

Steve Rankin - December 13, 2025 at 09:59 AM

CJ

“ I met Eric at Freedom Life just about 4 years ago. That man had testimony after testimony about how good God is! There was one testimony he shared where he overcame an illness when the doctors told him to get his affairs in order. He never accepted that and with his strong faith and answered prayers he fooled the doctors. At the end of his testimony he said all I can say is "oh happy day". After that every time we would sing "Oh Happy Day" in church I would have to run back and give him and his lovely wife a HUG. Eric was such an inspiration to me and so many others! I know he is now rejoicing in Heaven with Jesus!! OH HAPPY DAY! Love and Prayers ❤️🙏



Cheryl Juszczak - December 13, 2025 at 01:12 AM