Jerry V Snell

Jerry V Snell, age 85, passed away peacefully on November 24th, 2026. Born on December 23rd, 1940, Jerry was the cherished son of the late Marshall and Mildred (nee Linville) Snell. In addition to his parents, Jerry is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 56 years, Shirley Mae Snell, daughter-in-law; Chrystal Snell, brother; Gene Snell, as well as brother-in-law; Jim Richardson.

Devoted father to Randy and daughter-in-law Heather Snell.

Cherished brother to Glenda Richardson as well brother-in-law of Elaine (nee Phelps) Railey.

Adoring grandfather to Zachary (Brooke) Snell.

Jerry also leaves behind nieces, nephews, cousins, as well as many dear friends.

Visitation will take place Monday, November 30th, 2026, from 12:00pm until time of funeral service at 2:00pm, both at Mihovk-Rosenacker Funeral Home, 10211 Plainfield Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45241. Burial will follow services at Rest Haven Memorial Park. Memorial contributions in Jerry's honor may be made to Hospice of Cincinnati.

Holly Loveless

Holly Loveless, age 47, of Science Hill, KY, passed away Nov. 20, 2026. Visitation: Nov. 30th from 3pm-5pm. Funeral: Nov. 30th at 5pm at Southern Oaks Funeral Home. Southern Oaks Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

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Marty Koger

Marty A. Koger, age 61, of Monticello, KY, passed away Nov. 20, 2026. Visitation: Nov. 30th from 11am-1pm. Funeral: Nov. 30th at 1pm at Southern Oaks Funeral Home. Burial: Oak Hill Cemetery. Southern Oaks Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

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Daughter-in-law has distanced herself after baby



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Dear Annie: I am heartbroken over my daughter-in-law's sudden and painful change in behavior since the birth of our grandson a year ago.

Before the baby was born, we had a warm relationship. For four years, she was sweet, kind and very much a part of our large extended family. She joined family trips, holidays and even our "happy birthday" text chains. We truly believed she felt invested in us.

Since giving birth, however, she has almost completely cut off communication. She rarely answers texts or phone calls. We have offered to drop off meals, babysit so she can get her hair or nails done, or help in any way we can, and we are lucky to receive a brief "no thank you." She does not acknowledge birthday gifts or gifts for our grandson.

Recently, my husband dropped off a large toy at their home. She did not say hello or even make eye contact. Our son seemed to overcompensate with a big thank-you and a hug, which only made us feel more worried.

My husband and I are devastated. We lie awake at night wondering what happened. Our greatest fear is that she is slowly cutting us off because she plans to leave our son, and that one day he may not live with his child.

I have searched online and found terms such as "daughter-in-law syndrome" and "gatekeeper syndrome." I wonder whether this could be related to postpartum issues, breastfeeding for a full year, or trauma from her childhood. I know I may be grasping for explanations, but we feel lost and desperate for guidance.

How do we handle this without making things worse or losing our relationship with our grandson? — Heartbroken Grandmother

Dear Heartbroken Grandmother: Your hurt is understandable, but tread gently. Your daughter-in-law may be struggling with postpartum depression, anxiety or simply the enormous physical and emotional shift of becoming a mother. A year of nursing, sleep loss and identity change can make even the sweetest person seem distant.

That said, calling her behavior a "syndrome" is very judgmental, and it will not bring her closer. Labels make people feel studied, not loved.

Instead of diagnosing her, try supporting her. Send one warm message: "We love you, we respect your space, and we are here whenever you are ready. No pressure." Then mean it.

Do not make your son choose sides, and do not assume she is planning to leave him. Be steady, kind and patient. Right now, the best way back into her life may be to stop knocking so loudly at the door.

"Out of Bounds: Estrangement, Boundaries and the Search for Forgiveness" is out now! Annie Lane's third anthology is for anyone who has lived with anger, estrangement or the deep ache of being wronged — because forgiveness isn't for them. It's for you. Visit http://www.creatorspublishing.com for more information. Follow Annie Lane on Instagram at @dearannieofficial. Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

Funeral pre-planning with a professional eases anxiety

The death of a loved is difficult to confront. Emotions are elevated and grief is prominent which can make it hard to make important decisions. Quite often several people need to come together to make decisions necessary for a family member's funeral arrangements. There also is a financial component to consider.

The average funeral costs between $7,000 and $12,000, which may or may not include viewing, burial, transport, casket, and other fees. Surviving family members responsible for planning a funeral may be asked to contribute a portion of these expenses if other arrangements have not already been made, which can exacerbate stressful feelings during an already difficult time.

Funeral pre-planning is a good way for individuals to make a difficult time a little more manageable for their survivors. Funeral homes frequently work hand-in-hand with individuals and families to customize pre-planning packages and facilitate the process. Here's a rundown of pre-planning as individuals consider their options.

Explore your options

Pre-planning a funeral enables people to consider all of the options without the time constraints of making funeral arrangements directly after the passing of a loved one. A knowledgeable staff member at a funeral home, can explain the offerings and answer any questions.

Straightforward process

Unless an individual has planned a funeral in the past, there could be a lot of unknowns. Funeral homes handle these events every day and can guide families through the intricacies of the process with ease. Most have pre-planning kits that include all of the essentials of the process, such as choosing caskets, deciding on prayer cards and designing floral arrangements.

Avoid confrontations

Working directly with a professional also helps alleviate the burden on family members, who may not agree on arrangements or concur on what they believe would be a loved one's final wishes. When pre-planning a funeral, individuals can spell out in their own words exactly what they desire and even finance the funeral in advance.

Establish a payment plan

A funeral home staff member can go over the various ways to fund funeral expenses, and may work out a payment schedule to spread out the expense over a period of time.

Works with religious officials

Very often a funeral home is a conduit that facilitates all facets of the funeral process. They may reach out to a preferred house of worship to organize a mass or other religious service, and will also contact the cemetery and work with them to secure a plot and deed. This also alleviates pressure down the line on grieving family members who need time to mourn.

Pre-planning a funeral merits consideration. Working with a trusted funeral home removes much of the pressure during such difficult times.

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