



purchased on his way home from work on Friday nights. He has been described as a crock pot thinker whose ideas and attention to detail came through in everything he did. Jerry never rushed into anything, and he was always a positive thinker. He enjoyed a good prank, and although he loved to joke, he rarely laughed.

All who knew Jerry Trostel would agree that he was truly extraordinary. He was loving and sincere with a deep respect for everyone he met. Jerry loved being the leader of his family, and he was an amazing listener who loved hearing life stories. He

cared for people during both happy and hard times, and he was so wise. Deeply loved, Jerry will be forever missed.

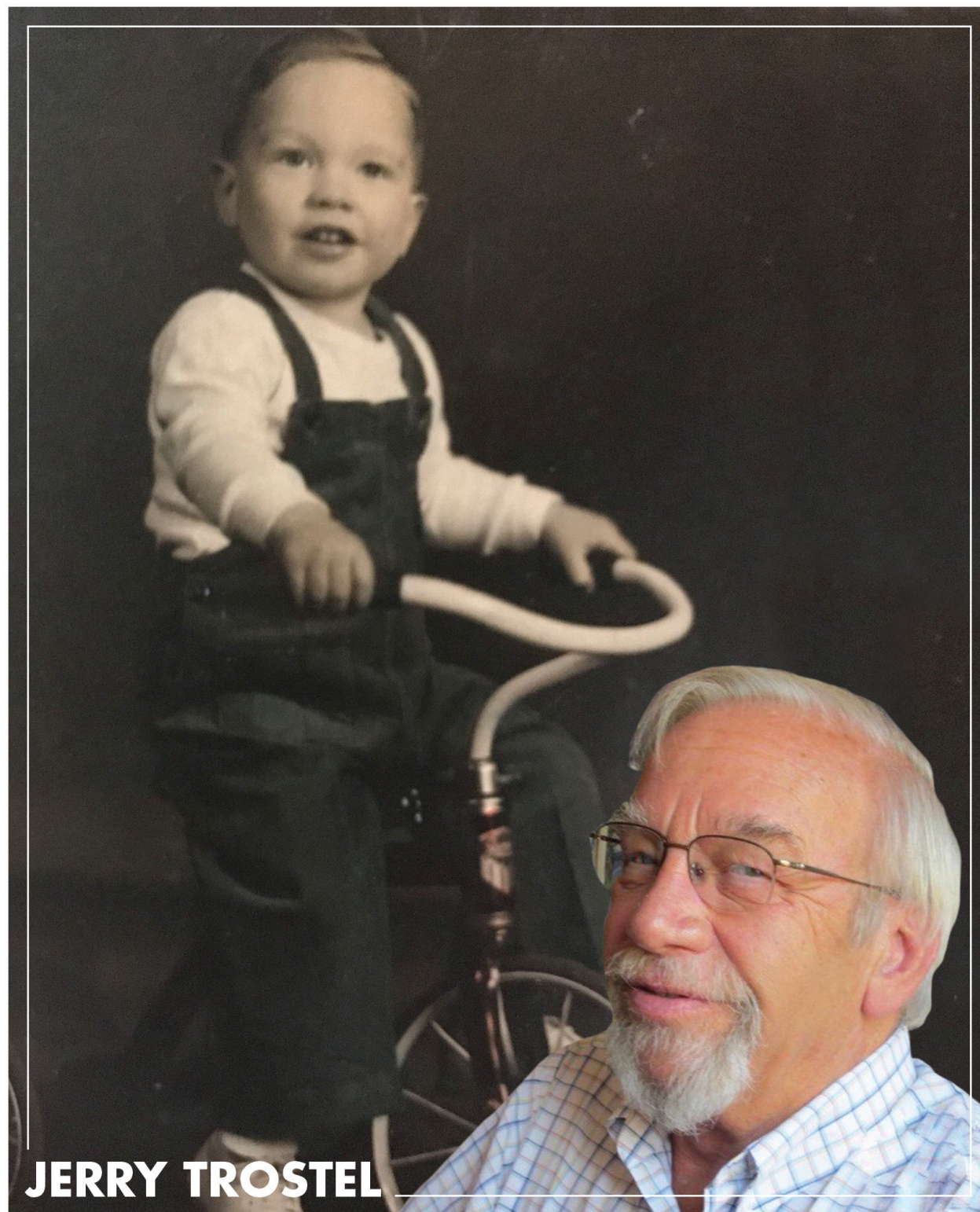
Jerry D. Trostel, of Avilla, died Saturday September 22, 2018, at his home. Jerry's family incurs his wife, Marta Quinonez Trostel of Avilla; daughters and sons-in-law, Mandi Anne and Tim Shepherd of Albion, Jene' Dian and Rodney Rethlake of Fort Wayne; son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Michelle Trostel of Fort Wayne; grandchildren, Zachary Smolinske, Cody Smolinske, Blake Trostel, Wes Trostel, Austin Frey, Brice Frey, Lauren Rethlake and Andrew Rethlake; great grandson, Carter Smolinske. A funeral service for Jerry will be held 2 p.m.

Wednesday with visitation one hour prior at Pinnington Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main Street, Auburn. Rev. Dan Bellinger will be officiating. Visitation will also be held from 2-4 & 6 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be held in Riverview Cemetery in Newville. Memorial donations may be made to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana. To sign the online guest book, visit www.pinningtonfh.com.



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JERRY TROSTEL

JERRY'S LIFE STORY



With a life that spanned times of great change in the world around him, Jerry Trostel made the most of each and every day he was given. He was wise and respectful, and his strong work ethic was such an inspiration. A loving husband, father, and grandfather, there was nothing that made Jerry more proud than witnessing his family tree blossom to include his great-grandson later in life. He worked hard, but he played hard, too, and his love for life was easy to see. Although he will

be dearly missed, Jerry leaves behind a priceless collection of memories that will be treasured for years to come.

During the first half of the 1940s, the eyes of our nation were focused overseas as WWII raged on. Countless young servicemen and women had answered the call to serve, and those who remained stateside became familiar with rationing on common goods such as coffee, sugar, paper, and rubber. Despite the trials of the day, Dale and Florence (Worden) Trostel were able to shift their focus to an exciting time in their own lives as they were awaiting

the birth of their new baby as the bitterness of winter held the city of Auburn, Indiana, firmly in its grip. Their wait was over on February 25th when the baby boy they named Jerry D. made his grand entrance in Auburn, Indiana. He was their only child, and Jerry looked forward to spending time on his grandparents' farm in Newville, Indiana. His parents both worked at a local factory.

Right from the start Jerry was a bustle of activity. He was in the Cub Scouts and later the Boy Scouts, earning his Eagle Scout, too. Jerry had a passion for learning from anyone and everyone around him. He was an animal lover, which made his job at a vet's office a perfect fit as he loved helping care for sick animals. Jerry also developed a love for cars and performance engines that covered every engine under the



hood from a '57 Chevy to a Duesenberg. He attended local schools, receiving his electrical engineer degree from Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne.

As a young man, Jerry was eager for all that life had in store. New and exciting changes were in store for Jerry when he met the young

woman of his dreams. Her name was Marta Ann Quinonez, and they met when he chose the brunette while he was out cruising around in Auburn. This marked a new chapter in a love story that would span more than 50 years. Jerry and Marta were married on August 14, 1965. This was the day that he forever considered to be the best day

of his life. Together they welcomed three children including Mandi Anne, Jene' Dian, and Jason into their hearts and home. Jerry was an amazing father who loved spending time with his kids. He loved just being with his family and looked forward to their trips to Colorado to visit his wife's family. Jerry treasured the memories made on the hot air balloon ride in celebration of his 60th birthday, and there was also an amazing helicopter ride on his 52nd wedding anniversary as well as a trip to Australia to visit Jene'. Jerry's family and friends knew that he approved when he said, "Ya done good," while, "Hubba hubba," meant to move out of his seat or enough.

Throughout his life Jerry was always on the go. He spent 30 years working as an engineer in electronics at Magnavox. There, he was part of the "remote control project" and designed the first remote control operated wirelessly by sound. Jerry also worked in the security team at Sweetwater for 10 years. He was an avid car enthusiast at Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival, loved the Indy 500, NASCAR, and all things engine related. Jerry could fix anything and enjoyed problem solving, dabbled in remote controlled aircraft, repaired clocks, and rebuilt player pianos later in life. He read all of the Tom Clancy novels and especially enjoyed the Hunt For Red October in addition to James Bond movies, the Pink Panther movies, and the Naked Gun series. Jerry also enjoyed Saturday morning cartoons with a fresh batch of Dunkin' Donuts that were

