

CUSEC Saddened by the Loss of Colleague and Close Friend



Jerry Thompson, 61, of Lamar, Indiana, passed away on Friday November 9, 2007. Jerry was the driving force behind the formation of the CUSEC Transportation Task Force, of which he remained chairman from 2000 until mid 2007. The Task Force is one of three associations which function under the CUSEC umbrella and it serves two purposes: to help facilitate closer interaction between state departments of transportation on issues related to emergency preparedness and to provide a central point for collaboration with other organizations on transportation issues related to both man-made and natural disasters having a regional impact.

Jerry served more than 40 years with the Indiana Department of Transportation and his leadership, vision, and sense of humor will be greatly missed.

The obituary for Jerry is as follows:

Jerry E. Thompson, 61, of Lamar, passed away Friday, November 9, 2007, at his home surrounded by family and friends.

Jerry graduated from Tell City High School in 1964. He entered Purdue University where he completed the Civil Engineering Technology Program. After completion, Jerry was employed by what was then known as the Indiana State Highway Commission. Jerry completed 42 years of service, from 1964 to 2006, with the organization now known as INDOT. Jerry was a registered Professional Engineer, licensed in the state of Indiana. Jerry was responsible for the construction of various roads and bridges throughout southwestern Indiana including portions of I-64, I-164 and the Lloyd Expressway. After completing 25 years in the Construction Department, Jerry was named District Maintenance Engineer in 1990. In 2000, Jerry was asked by the Commissioner of INDOT, J. Bryan Nicol, to head the newly formed Indiana Earthquake Hazard Reduction & Response Committee. He was then selected as the initial chairman of the CUSEC State Transportation Task Force, a group of transportation representatives formed to enhance and promote disaster preparedness among Departments of Transportation in the central United States. Both positions he held until his death. Jerry also loved relaxing by his pool and going on trips, especially with "The Gang."

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Pam, of Lamar, Ind.; a daughter, Erin and husband, Steve, Parker of Tell City, Ind.; a son, Ben and wife, Dana, Thompson of Franklin, Ind.; three grandchildren, Danielle, Melanie and Mariah of Tell City; and a brother, Jim of Tell City. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Freda Thompson, and a brother, Randall.

If you wish to make a donation in memory of Jerry, the family has requested they be made to either the Visiting Nurses Association or the Mt. Zion Christian Church. The funeral home is handling donations on behalf of the Church. Their address is:

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