



Gerald R Phillips, Sr.

February 3, 1948 - October 29, 2012

Gerald R. "Jerry" Phillips, Sr., age 64, of Lowell, formerly of Merrillville, passed away on Monday, October 29, 2012. Jerry was a graduate of Horace Mann High School, Class of 1967. He was a former employee of US Steel-Gary Works for 14 years and was employed at the Ford Assembly Plant in Hegewisch, IL for the past 26 years. He attended Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Merrillville and was a member of Our Lady of Consolation Church for many years. Jerry was a former Fire Chief of Independence Hill & Ross Township Fire Service and retired after 30 years of service. He was a former member of the Gary Sportsmen's Club. He coached many years in the Merrillville Little League and served on the Board of Directors. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dorothy (Tom) Zimmer and Virgil Phillips. He is survived by his wife, Martha; 4 children, Tracey Phillips of Valparaiso, Jerry (Nancy) Phillips of Crown Point, Wendy (Chuck) Reeder of Lowell and Ted (Carrie) Phillips of Alexandria, VA; 3 grandchildren, Tyler & Jayden Phillips and Joshua Reeder; 2 sisters, Nancy Rouhselang of Hobart and Karen Solomey of Demotte; several nieces & nephews and beloved dogs, Tippy, Missy - Prissy & Sam. Funeral service will be held on Friday, November 2, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Rev. Joseph Vamos officiating. Interment at Calumet Park Cemetery in Merrillville, IN. Friends may meet with Jerry's family on Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Fire Department prayer service Thursday at 7:00 p.m. www.burnsfuneral.com

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“ *My condolences go out to Jerry and his family. God Bless you all!*###imported-begin##Gene Eaton###imported-end##

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“ *Coach Phillips was the best coach I ever had growing up. Coach Phillips was my Big League Baseball coach which is an extention of little league. It wasn't until coach Phillips that I found confidence to play the game I loved and to just have fun doing it too. Mr. Phillips was always the encourager with more than just baseball too. He beleived in me and maybe he was the first non-relative who encouraged me to believe in myself. Thank you coach Phillips for all your years of service to your community, family and friends! You will be missed!*###imported-begin##Steven R. Parsons###imported-end##

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