



Gerald J. Ruschak

May 4, 1937 - April 6, 2023

Gerald J. Ruschak of Valparaiso, IN, age 85, died on April 6, 2023. Gerry was born in Gary, IN on May 4, 1937. Gerry graduated from Tolleston High School and served in the US Army and was a proud disabled American veteran. After leaving the Army he enrolled at Purdue and graduated with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. Gerry worked for US Steel for 31 years, retiring in 1987. After retirement, he was affiliated with LML Automated Systems, Kvaerner Metals, PK Engineering, and Dreisilker Electric Motors. In the evenings he was a part-time instructor at Hammond Area Career Center, Ivy Tech, and South Suburban College. Gerry was also elected to the Union Township Advisory Board in the 1980's. Gerry leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of 61 years, Lori Ruschak (Warshal); his daughter, Deb (Ron) Grammas; granddaughter, Lindsey (David) Perry; granddaughter, Jordan Grammas, and great-granddaughter, Sophia Perry. He also leaves behind his loving sister, Mella (Andy) Wargo, Elaine Ruschak, and his brother, Rick (Patty) Ruschak. He also leaves behind his faithful dog Bentley. Gerry loved working with his hands and could build or fix anything. He completely restored a 1929 Model A Ford and loved driving it in parades. He was an avid Purdue fan and longtime member of the John Purdue Club. He was also a longtime volunteer at Porter Regional Hospital. He loved being in his condo in Naples, FL with all his wonderful neighbors. A visitation will be held on Friday, April 14, 2023, from 9 a.m. until time of Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. directly at St. Paul Catholic Church, 1855 Harrison Blvd., Valparaiso, IN. Rev. Douglas Mayer officiating. Interment at Angelcrest Cemetery, Valparaiso, IN. www.burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Angelcrest Cemetery

Highway 49 and 600 North
Valparaiso, IN 46383

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 14. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Catholic Church
1855 W.Harrison Blvd.
Valparaiso, IN 46385

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Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the album Gerry



Ron Grammas - April 14, 2023 at 05:55 AM

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“ 37 files added to the album Gerry



Ron Grammas - April 13, 2023 at 06:36 PM

JH

Great guy. It was a pleasure to know him.

Jim Hosfeld - December 07, 2025 at 09:15 AM

DL

“ *I worked with Gerry at PK Engineering for a number of years. He was truly a great person. Always ready to answer a question or share a laugh. So sorry to hear of his passing. Please accept my condolences. Sincerely, David Lee*

David Lee - April 13, 2023 at 04:19 PM

RG

“ *Gerry, you welcomed me into the family 35 years ago and took me in as your own son. We had many great conversations over the years. You were always someone I could bounce ideas off of and you challenged me to always be better. You were a great example to me of what a loving husband, father, grandfather, and now, great-grandfather should be! Thanks for your friendship and guidance all these years. You will be greatly missed but never forgotten!*

Ron Grammas - April 13, 2023 at 03:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald J. Ruschak.*



April 13, 2023 at 11:24 AM

BG

“ *Gerry was my good friend and neighbor here in Naples. I enjoyed spending time with Gerry in the garage and talking about our army experiences. Gerry was more than a friend. He was part of our family. He will be terribly missed by our community. Lori is a guardian angel walking the Earth. My sincere condolences to the family. Bob Garbo*



Bob Garbo - April 13, 2023 at 10:10 AM

CD

“ *We will all miss Gerry's smiling face and kind, positive personality. He and Lori are loved by all in our Orchid Cove community in Naples, FL. Our hearts and prayers go out to Lori and her family. Heaven got another really good guy. God Bless*

Colleen Del Debbio - April 12, 2023 at 10:46 PM