



## Gerald C. Schoenbeck

January 25, 1947 - August 20, 2023

With a very heavy heart, we announce the passing of Gerald (Jerry) Curtis Schoenbeck, age 76, of Valparaiso, Indiana, on August 20, 2023. A lifelong Indiana resident, he was born to Virgil and Dorothy Schoenbeck on January 25, 1947, in Gary, Indiana.

Preceded in death by his wife, Lois Anne Schoenbeck; he is survived by his daughter, Melissa Schoenbeck of Valparaiso, Indiana; brothers-in-law Thomas (Charlotte) Grant of Missouri, and Jeffrey Grant of Wisconsin; numerous nieces and nephews. His love of cats -- Russell, Evelyn, Miss Kitty, Blossom, and Boots -- came later in his life, but he loved them dearly.

A graduate of Crown Point High School, Jerry began his apprenticeship with highly skilled carpenters, electricians, and engineers. In the late 60s, Jerry continued his education at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana, where he studied mechanical engineering.

He married Lois Grant on August 30, 1969. He is now reunited with his childhood love, Lois Anne Schoenbeck, who passed away on July 17, 2023.

In 1970, Jerry enlisted as a private in the U.S. Army, was honorably discharged, and proudly served in the National Guard until 1976.

He began his employment at U.S. Steel in the early 70s as a spark tester until the position became obsolete. For a time, he worked pouring concrete for high-rise parking structures in Cummings, Georgia. In the early 90s, he returned to U.S. Steel as a carpenter until his retirement in 2014.

Jerry enjoyed fishing, golfing (including two holes in one), woodworking, and target shooting. He could fix anything from a washing machine to a car.

Jerry's life will be honored at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN, on Monday, August 28, 2023. A visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of funeral service at 12 p.m. Rev. Tom Clark officiating. Entombment at Graceland Cemetery, Valparaiso, IN. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jerry's name to the ASPCA, [www.asPCA.org](http://www.asPCA.org). [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland Cemetery

Valparaiso, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 28.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
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## Funeral Service

**AUG 28.** 12:00 PM (cst)

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# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald C. Schoenbeck.

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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Gerald C. Schoenbeck.



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“ 3 files added to the album Jerry



Melissa - August 25, 2023 at 04:11 PM



“ Rose & Dan Kardas purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gerald C. Schoenbeck.



Rose & Dan Kardas - August 25, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Gerald C. Schoenbeck.* ”



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August 24, 2023 at 04:10 PM