



## Gino Capellari Jr.

February 11, 1951 - December 21, 2019

Gino Capellari, Jr., age 68 of Demotte, IN passed away December 21, 2019 at VNA Hospice in Valparaiso. He is the son of Gino and Doris (Bosse) Capellari, Sr., both deceased. He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years-Jean (Kaczmarek); brother-Russ (Leisa) Capellari of Kouts; sister-Elaine (Rich) Lesniak of Tinley Park, IL; sister-in-law-Jane Bormann of Wheatfield. He is the father of two sons-Gino Capellari of Valparaiso and Chris (Wendy) Capellari of DeMotte and the best Nonno ever to 4 granddaughters-Anna, Mia, Laynie, and Brynn and one grandson-Ryker. He will be loved and missed greatly by many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and his grand dogs-Toby and Lola. Gino was a graduate of Andean HS, class of 69. He began his apprenticeship to become a mason in 1968 at 17 years old. He became one of the absolute best bricklayers around. Gino was a member of the Unions-Local #4-6 for over 50 years. He worked many years for De Motte Masonry as a Foreman for Clem Grover and the late Don Sytsma, then finished off his career at Turnipseed Masonry for Dave Turnipseed. After retiring, he cut grass for the Kankakee Valley School System and helped hang garage doors with his friend, Larry Ooms. Those opportunities gave him relationships that lasted his lifetime and beyond, branching out to his entire family. Gino was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post #440 where he relished his near daily trips to visit with his buddies, watch "Jeopardy" and enjoy his PBR! (we believe he kept them in business!) He was a fan of the Godfather, Scarface, and National Lampoon movies, crossword puzzles, the Indianapolis Colts, and

vacationing in Las Vegas. He was nicknamed "Betty" as in Betty Crocker because of his talent in the kitchen. Cupcakes, blueberry pie, cheesecake, homemade spaghetti sauce, ravioli and pork tacos were some of his specialties. His biggest passion was attending the sporting events of his grandkids. He was always there, standing on the sidelines giving praise and advice where he could.

During his last few days, he pleaded to Jean that the only ride he wanted out of there was with Jim Burns (old high school friend and owner of the funeral home). While it broke our hearts to hear him say that, Jim granted his final wish. Friends may visit with Gino's family on Friday, December 27, 2019 from 2 pm until the Celebration of Gino's Life at 7 pm at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **27**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
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## Celebration of Life

DEC **27**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JF

“ *My sincerest condolences on such a sad loss of a larger than life man. He had a heart of gold and behind his tough demeanor, he was a teddy bear that would do anything for those he loved. I will always cherish him and Jean for their love and kindness during the years they were a part of my life and them of mine. Much love and prayers. 🌸🙏 Rest In Peace Big Gino.*

Julie Wagner Farrar - March 29, 2020 at 03:31 PM

LA

“ *The Bahun family ( Val, Leslie, Nancy and Rob) send their sincere condolences.  
We remember Gino as always kind and good hearted from our days at St. Joseph the Worker school and Andrean. May our Lord give you comfort and peace.*

Leslie Bahun Aulie - December 27, 2019 at 12:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gino Capellari Jr..*



December 27, 2019 at 12:09 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gino Capellari Jr..*



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December 26, 2019 at 08:03 PM



“ *The Pesavento Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gino Capellari Jr..*



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**The Pesavento Family** - December 26, 2019 at 07:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gino Capellari Jr..*



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December 26, 2019 at 01:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gino Capellari Jr..*



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December 26, 2019 at 10:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gino Capellari Jr..*



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December 24, 2019 at 12:34 PM



“ *Me and all the rest of Legion people will miss Gino and his sense of humor, Jopardy won't be the same without him RIP buddy*

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**john mentink** - December 24, 2019 at 10:43 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gino Capellari Jr..*



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December 24, 2019 at 08:08 AM

CW

“ Jean, Gino, Chris and families, My heart hurts for you. I remember Gino always smiling. When I went to K.V. High School for the first time in like 15 years, (I was working, going to inspect the kitchen) I ran into Gino. I was hopelessly lost, and he walked me to the kitchen. Whenever I saw him after that, no matter where it was, he always asked me if I was lost. Then we would both laugh. I'm so glad Eric and Gino were/are friends, so I was able to meet the Capellari's. What an awesome family. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.  
Much love.  
Christy Fisher Wilson

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**Christy Fisher Wilson** - December 24, 2019 at 01:43 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gino Capellari Jr..



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December 23, 2019 at 11:46 PM

CW

“ Our deepest sympathies to all of you. Gino was such a great man - a wonderful husband, a generous, kind and very proud father, and a nonno like no other. He was also our cousin -- and we shared so many incredible childhood memories. We will miss him dearly and will hold him in our hearts forever. Love, John & Cheri

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**Cheri & John Watson** - December 23, 2019 at 09:20 PM

LW

“ Gino was one of the kindest, sweetest guys I knew. Always there to help you out. Taking prank phone calls like a trooper! May you rest in peace! Prayers and big hugs to Jean, Gino & girls, Chris, Wendy and family. Love ya!

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**Lori Wilson** - December 23, 2019 at 07:05 PM

BR

“ Gino was a great guy, always had a smile on his face and always said Hello and asked how I was. To Jean and the family my heart hurts for you, May God give you peace.

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**Beverly Rader** - December 23, 2019 at 04:23 PM