



Jerome E. Groff

August 8, 1939 - April 16, 2024

Jerome E. (Jerry) Groff, Sr., 84, of Merrillville, IN, passed away April 16, 2024. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Judith, son, Jerome Jr., and daughter, Jill (Lennie) Drake; grandchildren- Hillary (Cody) Crider, Zachary (Armanda) Groff, Lucas Groff, Chelsea (Kevin) Letta, Natalie (Robert) Jezior, Allison and Andrew Drake; great-grandchildren- Madeline, Connor, Owen, Amelia, Siena, Tanner, Charlotte, and Gia. He is also survived by his brother, John (Carol) Groff, his brother-in-law, Herbert (Elizabeth) Seils, several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Kathryn Groff, parents-in-law, Herbert and Helen Seils, twin brother, James Groff, and sister, Joyce Biernat.

Jerry was born in Hammond, IN, and grew up in Calumet City, IL. He was a graduate of Thornton Fractional High School, class of 1957. He retired from Cerestar USA (American Maize) in 1999, with 41 years of service. He was a Merrillville resident and a parishioner of Our Lady of Consolation Church for over 60 years.

Jerry was an upbeat person with an infectious grin, a positive attitude, and was quite the joker. He had a caring heart and a generous nature, and was always the first to lend a hand whenever someone needed help. He loved his family deeply, and always made them his top priority.

Visitation will be held Thursday, April 18, 2024, from 5-8 pm at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Visitation will take place Friday, April 19, 2024, at Our Lady of Consolation Church, 8303 Taft Street, Merrillville from 10:30 am until the time of the Funeral Mass at 11 am. Fr. Gerald Schweitzer officiating. Cremation to follow. www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **18**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
10101 Broadway
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 769-0044
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<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

Visitation

APR **19**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Consolation
8303 Taft St.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Mass of Christian Burial

APR **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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8303 Taft St.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Tribute Wall

VH

“ Valerie H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerome E. Groff.

Valerie H. - April 18, 2024 at 09:29 AM

KG

“ Kim Galewski lit a candle in memory of Jerome E. Groff



Kim Galewski - April 17, 2024 at 08:02 PM

KG

Jerry was like my 2nd Father in IN. I spent a lot of time st their house with daughter, Jill, after college. He was a hoot & was always there for bday parties for his grandkids & was always giving me a smooch whenever he greeted me. He will surely be missed by everyone who knew him. God Bless!

Kim Galewski - April 17, 2024 at 08:07 PM

HB

“ Herb and Beth purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Jerome E. Groff.



Herb and Beth - April 17, 2024 at 07:35 PM

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