



## Jerome "Jerry" L. Krebs

January 11, 1945 - January 22, 2021

Jerome L. Krebs "Jerry" age 76 of Crown Point, passed away peacefully in his home surround by his family and friends on January 22, 2021. Jerry was born and raised in Gary, attended Sacred Heart parochial school and Tolleston High School before enlisting in the Navy in 1962. He served as a Radioman with shore duty on Kodiak Island, Alaska during and after the Good Friday Earthquake in 1964, and on sea duty aboard the aircraft carrier, U.S.S. Ranger, during the Vietnam War. Following his honorable discharge from the Navy, Jerry briefly lived in San Francisco where he worked for Addressograph/Multigraph and as a hairstylist before returning home to Gary in 1972 where he worked for U.S. Steel Gary Works before joining the Gary Police Department in 1973. He attended the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Bloomington before beginning his police career as a uniformed patrol officer. Jerry later served as a sergeant in the Patrol Division; as a Lieutenant for the Juvenile Investigations Division; as a Captain and Shift Commander; and as an Area Commander before retiring in 2006. He was in the Fraternal Order of Police including a stint as Club Manager, and the American Legion. Jerry was an avid and accomplished bowler, a frequent fisherman, and a dedicated but often frustrated golfer and could never quite cure his annoying slice. He followed most sports, especially Boxing following a brief but memorable amateur middleweight career while in the Navy. Jerry was a lifelong fan of Indiana University basketball, Chicago Bears football, Chicago Blackhawks hockey, and especially his beloved Chicago White Sox attending

many games a season ticket holder culminating in the magical 2005 World series Championship season. He loved gambling, softball, spending a quiet evening at home with his wife Shirley, sitting under the pergola with a Lucky Strike cigarette and a Becks beer. Jerry was preceded in death by his mother- Martha Pohorelec Krebes (Ignatius). He is survived by his devoted and loving wife of 34 years- Shirley (nee Burrell) Krebes; son – Jerome (Nicole) Krebes; grandchildren- Dominic, Emma, Spencer, and Mason; siblings- Sharon (Robert) Sanchez of Fishers, and their sons- James (Mary Ann), John, Matthew (Jennifer), Michael (Kelly), Peter (Julie); sister- Elizabeth Krebes of Ashburn, VA, Holly (Robert) Hock, of Laporte and their children, Natalie and Alexandre (Leila), Michael (Sherri Parish) Krebes of Kokomo, and Timothy (Laura) Krebs of Indialantic Beach FL. He loved his Burrell family who consisted of his brother-in-law- David (Randi) Burrell; niece- Brandi (Aaron) Kunkle, along with his grand-nieces- Adalyn and Brynlee; niece- Brittany (Brian) Price, sister-in-law- Marianne Burrell-Moore; niece and nephews- Robbie and Jessica Moore; mother-in-law- Mildred Burrell Bianco; best friends Mike Cavell and Henry Farag. He loved all the family pets- Wilson, Sasha, and Sadie. Jerry provided for all his family, always making sure no one went without whatever they needed. No one was a stranger to Jerry.

Visitation will take place Wednesday, January 27, 2021 from 10 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 12:30 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point. Interment Calumet Park Cemetery. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.  
Merrillville, IN 46410

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 27. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
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info@burnsfuneral.com  
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## Funeral Service

JAN 27. 12:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Thinking about you as usual this time of year, wishing you were here. We miss you.



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**Kristi Krebs Marr** - January 06, 2024 at 05:13 PM



“ My mind often wanders to you and I wish I could just pick up the phone and call. ♡



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**Kristi Krebs Marr** - January 07, 2022 at 11:07 AM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul... " was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" L. Krebs.



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February 04, 2021 at 08:46 AM

GB

“ My condolences go out to the Krebses and Sanchez families. It has been many many years since I have seen Jerry, About as many times as it has with the Sanchez family as well. Remembering Jerry as a larger then life guy when first meeting him. God Bless Jerry.

*Greg Bumbales*

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**Greg Bumbales** - January 27, 2021 at 09:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" L. Krebs.



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January 27, 2021 at 02:11 PM

PM

“ *To my dear and longtime friend Shirley, Jerry was an awesome and very generous man. I'm so happy you two found each other. I will always be here for you.*



*Patti Gornick McLaughlin*

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**Patti Gornick McLaughlin** - January 27, 2021 at 01:20 PM

TS

“ Dearest Shirley and all Family,  
Our heartfelt condolences from the entire  
Sanders' Family. I especially want to thank  
Jerry for becoming one of my "Big Brothers!"  
His guidance, life examples and personal  
interest made "Our Glen Park" boys the toast of  
the town. He will be fondly remembered and terribly missed by all  
who knew Him. I regret my absence from His services this morning.  
Sincerely,  
Thomas J. Sanders



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thomas j. sanders - January 27, 2021 at 12:15 PM

WD

“ Jerry was a good cop. We spent many a day conversing how things  
should be done. He will be missed. He has place in heaven.

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CM

“ Shirley Krebses and Family,

We extend our deepest sympathy to you and all of your family. Jerry  
was always a giving, kind, and caring person with a big heart. May  
all of us remember and cherish our time with Jerry.

We regret that we will not attend the services for Jerry due to  
COVID-19 and personal health concerns. We will keep you in our  
thoughts and prayers.

With Love,  
Carrie and Howard Marshall

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Carrie & Howard Marshall - January 27, 2021 at 10:52 AM

KM

“ I didn't get to have you in my life for nearly long enough, but I am so grateful you & Shirley welcomed me with open arms and an open heart. I will always cherish the times we did get to share. I will forever smile at the thought I had that you were coming to ask me to leave, and really you decided that I was gaining a friend and family that day. I love you Cuz. ♡ Kristi

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**Kristi Krebs Marr** - January 26, 2021 at 05:27 PM

AN

“ Anon lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" L. Krebs



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**anon** - January 26, 2021 at 08:38 AM

JD

“ Joe & Maureen Dangelo purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jerome "Jerry" L. Krebs.



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**Joe & Maureen Dangelo** - January 25, 2021 at 09:06 PM

DP

“ Sending Sympathy & prayers of comfort in your loss. Hugs with Love, Deb Perzo.

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**Deb Perzo** - January 25, 2021 at 07:26 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" L. Krebs.*



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January 25, 2021 at 01:25 PM



“ *The employees, at Industrial Machining Inc. Imco. purchased the Memories to Treasure for the family of Jerome "Jerry" L. Krebs.*



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**The employees, at Industrial Machining Inc. Imco.** - January 25, 2021 at 10:49 AM



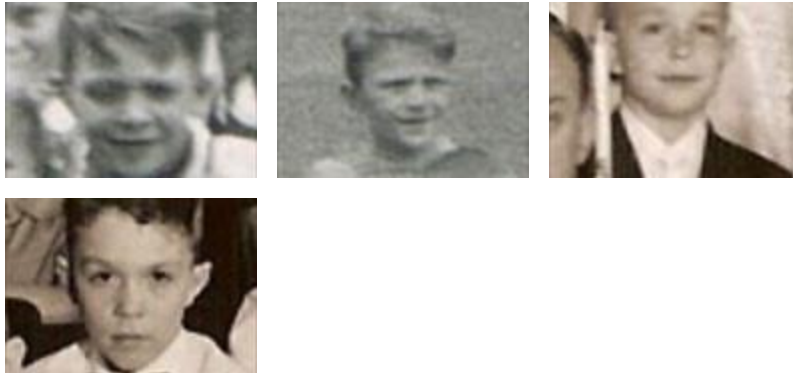
“ *Shirley, you will never be alone, we all walk thru this life together, you are ours and we are yours. You hurt, we hurt too. We will always be beside you .*

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**David and Randi Burrell** - January 24, 2021 at 09:46 PM

RZ

“ Jerry was a good friend to those of us who played together during our early years at Sacred Heart. While the nuns were teaching us to be good Catholics, Jerry was showing us how to have fun while still being good Catholics. And most importantly, since most of us managed to stay out of Reform School, it looks like both Jerry and the nuns did their jobs well. Here are a couple of shots of Jerry.....both the serious side and the fun side.



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**Ron Zuk** - January 24, 2021 at 08:50 PM

HM

*I've never seen these photos of him! Where's the afro?? Lol thank you for sharing*

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**Heidi Marcelak** - January 24, 2021 at 09:21 PM

DB

*Never seen Jerry look so innocent!! Lol thank you! What a cutie!!😂❤️*

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**David and Randi Burrell** - January 24, 2021 at 09:38 PM

CH

*A lot of our fond "Jerry Memories" involve Jerry while he was a Gary Police Officer during my tenure as Chief of Police. He and I have been friends for many years. We also had fun attending events such as The Annual Policeman's Ball, Police New Years Parties, Memorial Day Police Picnics among many other police matters and activities. Although Shirley continued to work, Jerry, Romona and I finally retired from our respective jobs, but we stayed in contact through many enjoyable texts and phone conversations while reminiscing about the good old days.*

*Cobie & Romona Howard*

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**Cobie Howard** - January 26, 2021 at 06:41 PM

DB

*“ The 4th of July is a very special day at our house. Full of family, fun, food, friends, and an occasional prank or two. This one is about Jerry, Keith, and sneaky Millie. As Keith and Jerry were talking on the pool deck Millie quietly came up behind them and with one big push sent them both flying into the pool fully clothed, shoes, cell phones, and wallets. What a laugh that was! That's the fun memories are made of. We have many happy memories with Jerry this is only one of a million. We love you and will always keep you close in our hearts. But you did not go alone, a part of us went with you the day God called you home. Love you always, Dave & Randi*

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**David and Randi Burrell** - January 24, 2021 at 08:35 PM

AM

*“ Alan&Debbie, Dan&Suzy, Gary&Nancy, Mike&Paula purchased the Bright and Beautiful S pray for the family of Jerome "Jerry" L. Krebs.*



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**Alan&Debbie, Dan&Suzy, Gary&Nancy, Mike&Paula** - January 24, 2021 at 05:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" L. Krebs.*



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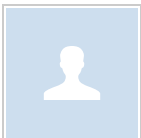
January 24, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ *We are Jerry's brother and sister in laws, David and Randi Burrell. One of our favorite memories of Jerry was one afternoon when he and Shirley came over to go to the Lake County fair with us and it was pouring rain. He and a friend of mine, John Childers, did a Indian anti-rain dance in my garage and sure enough the rain stopped and the sun came out when they were done. We were so happy, he put out the "J" that he and John were smoking during the dance on my garage window ledge and set the garage on fire! Needless to say I put the fire out and we went to the fair and had a great time. There are many, many memories we have with Jerry and Shirley and he will forever be remembered in our hearts. Love always, David and Randi*

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**David and Randi Burrell** - January 24, 2021 at 01:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" L. Krebs.*



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January 23, 2021 at 09:49 PM

HM

“ *This is his niece Heidi. (Dave & Randi's daughter) One of the most memorable days of my life was a day I spent with Jerry. I was in college and had a report to write on juvenile delinquency. He arranged interviews & a tour of the detention center for me. When the work was done the fun began! He took me to The Cave & Hunters Inn where I got to know the amazing man he truly was! Beneath the cop exterior was a very down to earth and caring man. I can honestly say he is one of the few people I looked up to and admired in my life. He will be missed!*

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**Heidi Marcelak** - January 23, 2021 at 08:59 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" L. Krebs.*



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January 23, 2021 at 05:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" L. Krebs.*



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January 23, 2021 at 03:38 PM