



## Perry E. VanRosendale

December 5, 1948 - March 14, 2024

Perry E. VanRosendale, age 75, of Valparaiso, IN, passed away on March 14, 2024. He was a graduate of Merrillville High School, class of 1966. Perry received his BS from Purdue University and his MBA from Indiana University. He was a retired employee of U.S. Steel and Tube City I.M.S. where he was Senior Vice President of Operations. Perry was a member of Valparaiso Country Club, Gary Supervisor's Club and AIST. He was an IHSAA official, an avid golfer and a die-hard Cubs fan, but his biggest joy was being "Papa" to his grandchildren. Perry was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Theresa (nee VanderMeer) VanRosendale; 2 sisters: Glenda Harding and Sharon Brownfield. He is survived by his wife, Debbie (nee Niego); 2 daughters: Kelly (Hank) Wilson and Karrie (Ben) Fair, both of Valparaiso; grandchildren: Taylor, Jack and Charles Eaton, Adam Handley and Cade Robbins; step-grandchildren: Ethan, Logan & Miles Fair, Abby (Sonny) Sinha, and Robert Wilson III, Jenson and Bailey Rowland; step-children: Meaghan (Dan) Brown of Crown Point, Brendan Baldwin of Cedar Lake, Bridget (Joshua) Rowland of Lowell, IN, and Brian (Bianca) Baldwin of Clarendon Hills, IL; sister, Nancy (Lance) Clarke of Hebron; numerous nieces and nephews. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, from 3 – 7 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. The funeral will take place on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point. Rev. Chad Negley officiating. Interment at Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens, Schererville, IN. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association or Parkview Christian Church, Orland Park, IL. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens

8178 Cline Ave  
Schererville, IN 46375

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 20. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

MAR 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ See you for a heavenly Purdue Tailgate....Donna is already there....Pat

Pat Carroll - March 21, 2024 at 10:47 AM

OD

“ Omni & Steel Dynamics purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Perry E. VanRosendale.



Omni & Steel Dynamics - March 20, 2024 at 03:04 PM

AP

“ Andriana P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Perry E. VanRosendale.

Andriana P. - March 20, 2024 at 11:38 AM

AN

“ My mother and I were so sad to hear about Perry's passing. He always had a smile on his face and my mom always enjoyed her conversations with him. Our thoughts are with all of you. He will be missed. -Luci + Andriana

Andriana - March 20, 2024 at 11:36 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Perry E. VanRosendale.



March 20, 2024 at 10:49 AM

TF

“ TMS Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Perry E. VanRosendale.



TMS Family - March 20, 2024 at 08:58 AM

BJ

“ We were 8, 9 & 10 when we moved to Brookwood. Perry's sister, Glenda, babysat us. Once we met Perry, though, and discovered "his" lagoon fishing was on! Cane poles & bobbers for bullheads, yikes! Fall football in the empty lot near the Drapers/ Morfees. Perry's house had flood lights for nighttime ice skating on the lagoon. Perry had pre LEGOs so he and Chaz spent hours building skyscrapers. Perry was ever kind & welcoming to the new kids on the block. Beneath his wispy, white-blond hair and glasses, he had a neverending smile with bouyant joy. His passing is a tremendous sorrow. His living was a wondrous gift. Our heartfelt sympathy, Chaz, Bobbie, Karen Johnson

Bobbie Johnson - March 19, 2024 at 11:02 PM

SR

“ Although I had only talked with Perry on a few occasions, I am deeply saddened by his departure. As fellow Purdue alum, we connected immediately and each conversation we had was easy and enjoyable. May his memory live on forever. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of Perry's loved ones.

With love,  
The Roberts Family

Scott Roberts - March 19, 2024 at 09:17 PM

SR

“ Scott R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Perry E. VanRosendale.

Scott R. - March 19, 2024 at 09:02 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Perry E. VanRosendale.



March 19, 2024 at 03:28 PM

JA

“ Jon L., Markis S., Lori C., Josh A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Perry E. VanRosendale.

Jon L., Markis S., Lori C., Josh A. - March 19, 2024 at 03:28 PM

GH

“ *Grotefeld Hoffmann purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Perry E. VanRosendale.*



Grotefeld Hoffmann - March 19, 2024 at 02:29 PM



“ *Reflections of Glory Wreath was purchased for the family of Perry E. VanRosendale.*



March 19, 2024 at 02:24 PM

LF

“ *Love The Mager Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Perry E. VanRosendale.*

Love The Mager Families - March 19, 2024 at 02:24 PM

PT

“ *Phil, Ashley, and Maverick Truitt purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Perry E. VanRosendale.*



Phil, Ashley, and Maverick Truitt - March 19, 2024 at 02:03 PM

PT

“ *Phil, Ashley, and Maverick Truitt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Perry E. VanRosendale.*

Phil, Ashley, and Maverick Truitt - March 19, 2024 at 02:03 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Perry E. VanRosendale.*



March 19, 2024 at 01:46 PM

KK

“ Kevin Towne Kalsey Wyckhouse Nick Kozma planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Perry E. VanRosendale.

Kevin Towne Kalsey Wyckhouse Nick Kozma - March 19, 2024 at 01:46 PM

SH

“ Susan H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Perry E. VanRosendale.

Susan H. - March 19, 2024 at 12:58 PM



“ Memories 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Perry E. VanRosendale.



March 19, 2024 at 08:59 AM

RI

“ Rochester Iron & Metal, Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Perry E. VanRosendale.

Rochester Iron & Metal, Inc. - March 19, 2024 at 08:59 AM

TF

“ TMS INTERNATIONAL FAMILY planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Perry E. VanRosendale.

TMS INTERNATIONAL FAMILY - March 19, 2024 at 08:11 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Perry E. VanRosendale.



March 19, 2024 at 08:11 AM

RB

“ Robbie & Brian Baldwin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Perry E. VanRosendale.

Robbie & Brian Baldwin - March 19, 2024 at 01:06 AM

RB

“ Robbie & Brian Baldwin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Perry E. VanRosendale.



Robbie & Brian Baldwin - March 19, 2024 at 01:06 AM

JW

“ Jane Wackowski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Perry E. VanRosendale.

Jane Wackowski - March 19, 2024 at 12:15 AM

SB

“ Truly blessed to have been part of the VanRosendale clan for the last 55 years, and can sincerely say I have never known a better man than Perry. Unceasingly kind, generous, caring and spirited.....all tempered with genuine humility. Not sure I ever once saw this prince of a man in a foul mood. Our lives have all been beautifully enriched just by knowing him, and the memories he has given us all will never, never be forgotten! You will remain in our hearts forever.....Steve, Cory and Carly

Steve Brownfield - March 18, 2024 at 10:30 PM

LM

“ Les Sabine and Matt purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Perry E. VanRosendale.



Les Sabine and Matt - March 18, 2024 at 04:24 PM

LM

“ Les Sabine and Matt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Perry E. VanRosendale.

Les Sabine and Matt - March 18, 2024 at 04:24 PM

LF

“ Love, Tim & Heather Walker and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Perry E. VanRosendale.

Love, Tim & Heather Walker and Family - March 18, 2024 at 03:22 PM

LF

“ Love, Tim & Heather Walker and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Perry E. VanRosendale.



Love, Tim & Heather Walker and Family - March 18, 2024 at 03:22 PM

JD

“ John Draper planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Perry E. VanRosendale.

John Draper - March 18, 2024 at 03:22 PM

JD

“ Caring Condolences Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Perry E. VanRosendale.



March 18, 2024 at 03:22 PM

JD

“ Dear Kelly, Hank, Deb and family - we are so very sorry for to hear this tragic, sad news. Perry was always so full of life and such a wonderful kindred spirit, it is difficult to imagine him passing. We will miss his sense of humor and outlook on life -he was such a great friend to the Draper family and as a lifelong member of Brookwood subdivision, Merrillville High School with our fellow alum and many friends from "the Region". He always reminded me "he was our family paper boy" and he was a tremendous source of history for us with stories and memories of life in Northwest Indiana. We will miss him dearly and are very sorry as it will be a much greater loss for your family. Our deepest condolences, John Draper

John Draper - March 18, 2024 at 03:14 PM

JT

“ Our deepest sympathies to you and your family. I have known Perry since 4th grade, working also with him at U.S. Steel. May his memory be eternal. He will truly be missed.

*John and Joan Tournis*

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**John Tournis** - March 18, 2024 at 01:45 PM

MP

“ Marc & Beth Pozan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Perry E. VanRosendale.

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**Marc & Beth Pozan** - March 18, 2024 at 10:29 AM

MP

“ Marc & Beth Pozan purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Perry E. VanRosendale.



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**Marc & Beth Pozan** - March 18, 2024 at 10:29 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Perry E. VanRosendale.



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March 18, 2024 at 09:50 AM

YS

“ From:Your friends from Worthington Steel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Perry E. VanRosendale.

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**Your friends from Worthington Steel** - March 18, 2024 at 07:35 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Perry E. VanRosendale.*



March 18, 2024 at 07:35 AM

TC

“ *The Fair Family, Marilyn and children. purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Perry E. VanRosendale.*



**The Fair Family, Marilyn and children.** - March 17, 2024 at 07:44 PM

MR

“ *Dear Cassius, I will forever remember WiseWay, MHS, the FARM, St. Andrew's, and the wonderful friendship we had. God speed dear man, your kindness will never be forgotten. Much respect and love, Miriam*

**Miriam Raczynski** - March 16, 2024 at 03:44 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Perry E. VanRosendale.*



March 16, 2024 at 01:58 PM

TK

“ *Tim Kaufman purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Perry E. VanRosendale.*



**Tim Kaufman** - March 16, 2024 at 01:50 PM

TK

“ *Tim Kaufman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Perry E. VanRosendale.*

**Tim Kaufman** - March 16, 2024 at 01:50 PM

LB

“ Love The Baldwin's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Perry E. VanRosendale.

Love The Baldwin's - March 16, 2024 at 10:36 AM

LB

“ Love The Baldwin's purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Perry E. VanRosendale.



Love The Baldwin's - March 16, 2024 at 10:36 AM

MG

“ So very sorry for your loss(Maureena guernsey)

Maureena guernsey - March 15, 2024 at 10:35 PM

SJ

“ Prayers for the family.

Sharon Johnson - March 15, 2024 at 10:19 PM

DB

“ Dianne Bush lit a candle in memory of Perry E. VanRosendale



Dianne Bush - March 15, 2024 at 10:18 PM

DB

Rest in Peace, Perry, your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Dianne Bush - March 15, 2024 at 10:19 PM

MJ

Perry and I became friends in kindergarten. He was one of the nicest people I ever knew. Always positive. I am so sorry for your loss.

Morrie Johnson - March 16, 2024 at 01:08 PM

PS

“ We met in 3rd grade and have been very close ever since, we had many good times on wonderful trips with our kids and later on our own. He was the best friend anyone could ever hope for in this world. I will miss him dearly. Debbie, Kelly, Carrie, and the rest of the family, I am here for you in this deeply sad time. My prayers are with each of you!

Phil Stepp - March 15, 2024 at 09:13 PM

SP

“ Susan Pyle/skinbetter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Perry E. VanRosendale.

Susan Pyle/skinbetter - March 15, 2024 at 08:36 PM

SP

“ Susan Pyle/skinbetter purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Perry E. VanRosendale.



Susan Pyle/skinbetter - March 15, 2024 at 08:36 PM