



Todd J. Herd

February 1, 1941 - April 16, 2020

Todd J. Herd, age 79, of Crown Point, IN passed away on Thursday, April 16, 2020 after a two-year battle with lung cancer. Born and raised in Chicago, IL, he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Metallurgical Engineering from the University of Illinois. He worked at Republic Steel, LTV Steel, Inland Steel, and Raytheon Engineering. Todd fell in love with and married Jean M. Gunn, of Chicago, IL in 1959. The couple settled in Griffith, IN, where they raised their children and a myriad of pets. Todd is survived by his loving wife, Jean, daughter, Beth Nichols (Ed) and three granddaughters, Jenny, Taylor, and Morgan. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Dr. David Rosenberg, nieces Heidi Strain and Linda Hansen (Ron), nephews Peter Rosenberg (Cathy), Eric Rosenberg (Jennifer), E. Paul Kioebge (Mona), John Kioebge (Treasa), and Dan Kioebge (Lynn) along with nine nieces and nephews and three great nieces and nephews. He is also survived by lifelong, treasured friends, Ron and Carolyn Behnke, and their children, Ronda Klarer (Chris), and Curt along with their five grandchildren and two great granddaughters. Known widely as "Papa", he was an avid bread baker, slot machine player, and was greatly loved by the "Sunday Dinner Crew" (Fran, Jack, Devi, Jeanne, James, Carolyn, Elizabeth, Casey, Amy, Brettley, Bridget and others). Todd is preceded in death by his parents, Peter G. Herd and Josephine Herd as well as his sister, Petra Rosenberg, brother, Jon Herd, brothers-in-law, Edward P. Kioebge and Raymond Gunn, and sisters-in-law, Lenore Kioebge and Joann Gunn. A celebration of Todd's life will be planned for a later date.

Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

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“ We met Todd & Jean through Jean's brother, Raymond Gunn. What I liked about them was their "down to earth" personality, how much fun they were and they seemed so humble and kind. Raymond looked forward to their visits and wanted us to meet them so much! We will be eternally grateful that we were able to. They are such wonderful people. And meeting daughter, Elizabeth was a joy. Todd, you have a beautiful family inside & out. You must have been so proud.

Barbara Prough - April 21, 2020 at 08:07 PM

BN

Barbara - thank you for sharing these memories. I agree with you. My parents welcome everyone into thier lives, no questions, no judgments. We still share the fun we had when visiting Washington, seeing my Uncle Ray, and meeting the important people in my uncle's life. I'm so grateful that he had people like you in his life, especially toward the end. At the end of the day, it's the people we love that truly matter.

Beth Nichols - April 23, 2020 at 08:22 AM

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“ Always a fun time, he was also an avid gardener & even had a small garden in Crown Pt. He will be greatly missed

linda hansen - April 21, 2020 at 01:02 PM

BN

You're 100% right Linda!! He LOVED his gardens - the huge on in Griffith and the tiny on in Crown Point. Both gave us yummy tomatoes, a bounty of zucchini or yellow squash, and several batches of lettuce.

Beth Nichols - April 23, 2020 at 08:24 AM

ED

“ I have so many loving memories of Papa. I loved how we had our set places at Sunday dinner and whenever I needed to read something I would just reach into Papa's pocket to borrow his glasses. After awhile, Papa would anticipate when I might need his glasses and without ever having to ask he would hand them over to me. Of course, Sunday dinner for me wasn't complete without a spirited political conversation with Papa. We were on opposite sides of each and every political idea but boy was it fun to debate with him! He was my adopted dad and I will miss him.



Elizabeth Dunlap - April 21, 2020 at 10:20 AM

BN

That was Papa through and through -- once he could anticipate a need, he was there first. Thank you for sharing about the glasses. I had forgotten and this memory brought a smile to my face. xoxox my sister friend!!

Beth Nichols - April 23, 2020 at 08:18 AM