

William Erdelac

July 31, 1918 - February 13, 2021

William "Bill" Erdelac, 102 ½, of Portage, passed away peacefully on February 13, 2021. He was born in Detroit, MI on July 31, 1918 and raised in Gary, IN. Of his six brothers, Bill is survived by his baby brother Victor (Dianne) Erdelac of Grayslake, IL. On January 11, 1943, he married Melba Pauline Erdelac who preceded him in death on December 22, 1996.

Bill was a machinist for Bucciconi Engineering for 50+ years and coached his sons in Little League Baseball. He loved bowling twice a week, golfing on the weekends and was a longtime member of the Gary Sportsmans Club. He could fix and repair just about anything and passed that skill onto his sons. Family gatherings were always more special with Grandpa sharing stories of his past which took on the form of a history lesson. He will be greatly missed since there were so many stories yet to share.

Bill is survived by his loving children; Roger and Renee Erdelac of Polk City, FL, Arthur and Kim Erdelac of Hobart, IN, Charles Erdelac of Portage, IN; grandchildren, Kevin and Holly Erdelac, Deborah and Mike Gowan, Cassandra and Rob Spier, Timothy and Tammie Erdelac, Christopher Erdelac, Michael Erdelac, Katie and Patrick Ciresi, Stacey Erdelac, John Erdelac, Michael and Ra Erdelac; great-grandchildren, Jacob and Skylar, Brittany, Jaden, Emily, Alexander, Brady, Drew, Tyler, Justin and Kaylee; great-great-grandchildren, Sophia, Maci and Maverick.

Due to COVID-19, there will be an immediate family only service held on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at Burns Funeral Home.

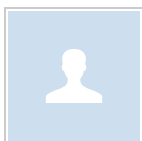
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“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Erdelac.*



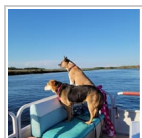
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“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Erdelac.*



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“ *Grandpa was the best he always had great stories to tell and was so witty. I will miss our wine time together. He had such an impact on our family and he will be with grandma nowEven though some of the family is physically distant, we will always be a close family.*

Debbie Gowan - February 15, 2021 at 08:39 PM



“ *Dear Chuck,
Joanne and I send our heart felt condolences and the passing of your Father.
We enjoyed working with you at Walmart and we are glad to be Friends!*

Greg and Joanne Hajduk - February 15, 2021 at 07:38 PM

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“ *Deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the members of The Erdelac Family.*

David A. Denslaw

Edison HS

Class Of '65

David A. Denslaw - February 15, 2021 at 04:12 PM

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“ *My prayers are with all of you. We are a family that comes from great roots. We all share the great legacies of the 7 brothers. Their talents have influenced and inspired many, not only family, but anyone who knew them. You guys are in my thoughts as we all continue to carry on with the day. Jack*

Jack Erdelac - February 14, 2021 at 05:35 PM