



Gerald "Jerry" Chamness

October 30, 1937 - January 26, 2021

Gerald "Jerry" Chamness, age 83 of Bourbonnais passed away Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. He was born October 30, 1937 in Bradley, the son of Perry & Anna (Skube) Chamness. Gerald married Frieda Hunger on February 20, 1960 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Jerry retired from General Foods/Quaker Oats, after 30 years. Most of those years he was a Production Supervisor and with the Supply Chain Group as a Commodity Coordinator.

Jerry was a veteran of the United States Navy, Aviation Branch. After being honorably discharged, he later went to Flight School and received a pilot's license and was a former member of the Kankakee Valley Pilots Association. Jerry was a member of the Moose Lodge. He enjoyed flying, golfing, bowling, doing yard work, and loved to travel.

Jerry was a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley.

Surviving are his wife, Frieda Chamness of Bourbonnais; one daughter and son-in-law, Debra "Deb" & Donald Rantz of Beaverville; one son and daughter-in-law, Robert & Michelle Chamness of Lawton-Fort Sill, OK; two grandchildren, Sara Souligne and Katlyn Chamness; and two great-grandchildren, Kylee Souligne and Joseph Depoister. Jerry is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Francis "Foo" Chamness, Perry Chamness, and Delbert Chamness; one sister, Maxine Cassidy; one brother-in-law, Harold Cassidy; and two sisters-in-law, Henrietta Chamness and Oletha

Chamness.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. on Monday, February 1, 2021 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, February 1, 2021 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bradley. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, face masks and social distancing will be required. Burial will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 9:00 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

FEB 1. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
211 N. Center Street
Bradley, IL 60915
(815) 939-3573
<http://www.stjosephbradley.org>

Tribute Wall

JB

“ I am so sad to hear this. I loved Jerry so much! I always loved talking with him to see how things were going. He was always smiling and never complained about his darn leg. I am so Thankful to have known this wonderful man. God speed Jerry. You will be missed so much! Rest in Peace. Julie Bourassa

Tight hugs to all the family. You all are very special to me.

Julie Bourassa - February 04, 2021 at 01:05 PM

RW

“ I worked with Jerry at General Foods he was my supervisor several years always fair and never demanding. A fine man to work with. Rest In Paradise my friend. Ron "WILKO" Wilkins

Ronald Wilkins - February 02, 2021 at 12:14 PM

ES

“ Dear Frieda,
You and Jerry gave me the best childhood memories ever. Fishing with Jerry was fun and will never be forgotten. I can go on forever but All I need to say is camping, family, Sportsman's club and cannon sumes it all up.
All our love.
Ernie & Carolyn Schiel

Ernie Schiel - February 02, 2021 at 08:11 AM

RO

“ Dear Frieda, Debbie, and Sara,
We are so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. He was always so joyful and shared his joy by every smile. I remember chatting with him at the last family reunion and his smile will never be forgotten. Our warmest and heartfelt sympathy. He will be missed. Love, Rosie, Mehmet and family. Schiel-Uluer

Rosie - February 02, 2021 at 07:44 AM

HB

“ Frieda

You are in our thoughts and prayers

Hermina Blake and daughters, Karen and Lori

Hermina Blake - February 01, 2021 at 04:22 PM

TL

“ R.I.P Jerry you were a good man and enjoyed working for you at General Foods.

Terry Lewis - February 01, 2021 at 02:37 PM

OP

Ozzie and I enjoyed visiting with him when we came to Bourbonnis a great person we we'll miss him

Ozzie and Jackie Peters - February 01, 2021 at 03:19 PM

OP

Take care

Ozzie and Jackie Peters - February 01, 2021 at 03:22 PM

AF

“ Jerry was a fine man. I worked with him on and off at General Foods/Quaker. We always got along very fine. Frieda and Jerry and my wife Carol and I got married at St. Pat's the same day. In fact we shared the cost of the flowers. He was always fun to be with. You all have my sincere sympathy. "Hang in there."

A Joseph Fritz - February 01, 2021 at 11:06 AM

PP

“ So many good memories of our time shared as couples. Parties, games, and also events that we attended were so much fun. Jerry always had a smile and was ready to enjoy life.



Patricia Cecile Pearce - January 31, 2021 at 03:14 PM

TD

“ Goodbye my Colleague & Friend. You were one of the finest men I've ever had the pleasure of knowing and working with. May you rest in the arms of the Lord for ever....Amen

Tim Duffy

Tim Duffy - January 30, 2021 at 04:03 PM

KC

“ KARON CHARBONNEAU lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Chamness



KARON CHARBONNEAU - January 30, 2021 at 02:07 PM

KC

“ TO THE CHAMNESS FAMILY OUR CONDOLENCES TO YOU ALL IN THE PASSING OF JERRY HE WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBER AS A WONDERFUL HUSBAND, GRANDPA, FATHER, UNCLE ETC. TO MANY. SENDING PRAYERS OF EMPATHY, SYMPATHY, AND LOVE TO YOU ALL. THE CHARBONNEAU FAMILY.

KARON CHARBONNEAU - January 30, 2021 at 02:06 PM

JL

“ *Dear Frieda*

We are so sorry to hear about Jerry passing. You and Jerry and your family were our best friends. We enjoyed our camping trips to the sportsmen's club. We have many found memories of those times with You, Jerry, Debby, Bobby and your Family. We had so much fun, singing around the camp fires etc.. If you are every around the Daytona Beach area please give us a call at this number 386-872-6688. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you. With A lot of love Jerry & Marci LAFRANCE

Jerry LaFrance - January 30, 2021 at 01:45 PM

JW

“ *My thoughts, prayers and love are with you all.*



Joan Waddell - January 30, 2021 at 01:42 PM

CS

“ Papa was the matriarch of your family. He was a very kind & gentle lamb. We will miss so very much, Carol Senesac and Bussert Families.



carol senesac - January 30, 2021 at 01:03 PM

SW

“ I considered Jerry a friend and enjoyed working with him at GF/Quaker Oats.
Blessings to his family. Ellie Guenette

Sandra Wadley - January 30, 2021 at 12:43 PM

MC

“ Mary Carroll lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Chamness



Mary Carroll - January 30, 2021 at 11:29 AM

MC

Our deepest sympathy to Frieda and family. Jerry was a great neighbor! We always enjoyed visiting with him. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you during this difficult time. Mary & Larry

Mary Carroll - January 30, 2021 at 11:38 AM

CK

“ So sorry for your loss Frieda. Jerry was one in a million. He will be missed.

Carol Keller - January 30, 2021 at 08:31 AM

SH

“ *Sr. Martha Harrington,sscm lite a candle in memory to Gerald "Jerry" Chamness. God Bless Him. My blessings, prayers and sympathy are to his family.*



Sr. Martha Harrington,sscm - January 29, 2021 at 04:17 PM

MG

“ *Freida, Deb and Bob*

I was so sad to here of Jerry's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. I loved viewing the pictures. It bought back so many memories. Much love to all of you.

Marsha Graeber

Marsha Graeber - January 29, 2021 at 08:46 AM

CB

“ *Jerry and I worked together as supervisors at General Foods, R.I.P. Jerry, my condolences to to his family.*



Claude Burns - January 28, 2021 at 05:20 PM

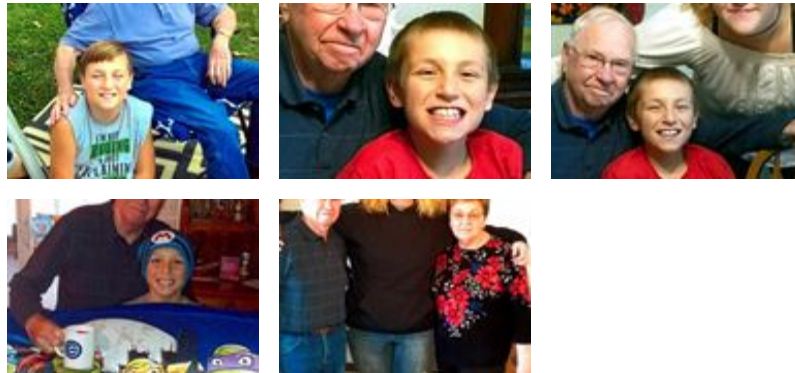
AD

“ *Frieda, Deb and Bob our thoughts and prayers are with you and all who loved Jerry.*

Amy Denault - January 28, 2021 at 04:17 PM



“ 88 files added to the album LifeTributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - January 28, 2021 at 03:03 PM

SG

“ Bob, its always hard to know what to say, but sorry for your loss. It brings about several changes. May they be easier than not.

Stanley grimes - January 28, 2021 at 02:24 PM

JB

“ Bob,
I'm so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Jennifer Battaglia - January 28, 2021 at 10:20 AM

JO

“ Jeanette Osbun lit a candle in memory of
Gerald "Jerry" Chamness



Jeanette Osbun - January 28, 2021 at 09:40 AM

JO

My condolences, Bob. May you find your peace with wonderful memories of your father.

Jeanette Osbun - January 28, 2021 at 09:44 AM

TM

“ *Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Chamness*



Tom Mallaney - January 28, 2021 at 08:35 AM

TM

Freida, Deb and Bob, So sorry to hear this. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Tom Mallaney - January 28, 2021 at 08:36 AM

DS

“ *Dennis W Dunlavey Sr lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Chamness*



dennis w Dunlavey sr - January 27, 2021 at 10:02 PM

CD

“ *Freida, so sorry for your loss. Remember you both from our Moose days.*

Cheryl Dayhoff - January 27, 2021 at 09:58 PM

ML

“ My wife and I send our deepest condolences to Frieda, Bobby, and Debby. Our families had a lot of good times camping, swimming, sitting around bonfires, and talking to Jerry on the CB radio. I enjoyed fishing with Jerry, Bobby, and my Dad. We never caught a lot of fish but always had a good time.

Best wishes from Stacy and I during these difficult times.

Mike LaFrance

Mike LaFrance - January 27, 2021 at 03:04 PM

PS

“ So sorry Freida, Deb, Bob and families for your loss. Jerry had a special place in my heart. As a kid I always looked up to him and still remember those fond memories of family gatherings. Its difficult but we all know he is in a better place catching up on old times with our other family members who have passed before us. These times are difficult but keep in mind A man who walks with GOD is always moving in the right direction. He was a good man and he has walked, without assistance, right into GOD's arms!

Love you all. We are here if you need anything!

The Pete & Denise Schiel family.

Pete Schiel - January 27, 2021 at 01:26 PM