



Gerald J. "Jerry" Enright

January 10, 1931 - January 23, 2025

Gerald J. "Jerry" Enright loved his family, cherished his friends, served his country, and served his community. Jerry Enright, 94, of Kankakee, passed away January 23rd, 2025 at his home. He was born January 10th, 1931 in Kankakee to Charles and Marie (Lambert) Enright. Jerry married Phyllis Brais on June 25th, 1955 in Kankakee. She precedes him in death as of March 29th, 2016.

Jerry owned and operated Nate's Electric Service for several years. He was a lifetime member of Kankakee American Legion Post 85. He was also a member of the Automotive Trades Association, Vintage Squadron, the NRA, Kankakee Elks club, and the 100 club. Jerry was a dedicated 4th ward Kankakee Alderman for 10 years. He was a graduate of the Onarga Military School and went on to attend Knox college for two years. Jerry loved fishing, hunting, and gardening.

Jerry proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from 1952 to 1954.

Jerry is survived by one daughter, Julia Enright of Kankakee; one sister, Kaye Wallace of Florida; one brother Charles Patrick Enright of Michigan; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife, Jerry is preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Lois Duvall; stepfather Wayne Lovell; and two brothers, Thomas and Dennis Enright.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held on

Thursday, January 30th from 3 to 7pm at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz funeral home in Kankakee. An additional hour of visitation will be held on Friday, January 31st from 9am until the time of the memorial service at 10am also at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral home in Kankakee. A committal service will follow at Mound Grove cemetery in Kankakee immediately following the memorial service.

Memorials may be made to the Bradley American Legion in memory of Gerald Enright, who was a lifetime member of the Kankakee American Legion post 85, or the Wounded Warrior Project.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-6726

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN **30**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Memorial Visitation

JAN **31**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DG

“ *My sympathy on the loss of Jerry. He was a great guy who always spoke French to me. Good times at Blues Cafe. My condolences to daughter Julie. Dan Guenette*

Dan Guenette - February 04, 2025 at 08:22 PM

SR

“ *Julie, I am so sorry for your loss. As best friends since grade school, your dad always had a smile on his face even putting up with our craziness. Both of your parents were always a joy to be around.*

Sheila and Scott Renewanz - January 30, 2025 at 12:07 PM

DS

“ *Jerry Enright was the only Republican I ever loved. I recall many lively conversations. But mostly I remember his generous heart, his story telling and his kindness. He will be remembered and missed.*

Diane Sawyer - January 29, 2025 at 05:56 PM

JE

“ *Thank you all for the kind words about my Father, Jerry.*

Julie Enright - January 29, 2025 at 04:33 PM

DG

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Julie and the family. I remember meeting Mr. Enright in the 70's and visiting with him at Nate's Electric. He was always full of engaging conversation, offering advice and laughter. He always put others before himself. Mr. Enright will always be remembered. My thoughts are with you, Julie, and the family. You take care.*

Deborah Greco - January 29, 2025 at 03:08 PM

KK

“ Julie I am truly sorry for your loss. Both your parents were wonderful people and great neighbors. May your father rest in peace and your heart be filled with wonderful memories of him.

Karen Kanouse - January 27, 2025 at 09:02 PM

WG

“ Deepest sympathy to Julie and Kaye Lovell Wallace and all of the family. A good man married to a good woman. I was very fond of his wife, my fifth grade teacher even though I was a challenging student for her. I think Jerry was involved in the shortlived alternative k3 newspaper back in the early 70s and hired my late brother in law, award winning journalist and publisher Gabe Favoino to get the paper up and going. Unfortunately my brother in law already had cancer when he was hired so he couldn't be there to influence its growth. I would have stayed in Kankakee and worked for him if he hadn't passed in 1976. I walked past the Enright home every day to and from Taft and West Junior HS. They lived on South 8th so I will put this in my Southsiders group I started as well. My friends Gwen Hamel Linda Sperry Armenise were both neighbors to them. Rest in Peace. A job well done.

William G - January 26, 2025 at 07:09 PM

ET

“ My sympathy is being sent Julie and the rest of Jerry's family.

Evelyn Torchia - January 25, 2025 at 03:44 PM

WG

My sympathy to you too in your loss. I was a student at Taft when your husband was there . My mom was the Washington grade school secretary. Prayers your way.

William G - January 26, 2025 at 07:11 PM

DR

“ *Mr. Enright was so kind to me. I learned so much from him and he will be missed! Thank you my friend!* ”

Deena Rabideau - January 25, 2025 at 02:10 PM

MM

“ *MR MRS sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerald J. "Jerry" Enright* ”



MR MRS - January 25, 2025 at 11:35 AM