



Gerald "Jerry" Hamende

April 3, 1937 - January 21, 2010

Visitation for Gerald "Jerry" Hamende, 72, of Kankakee, will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee, where he was an active member. Burial will be in St. James Cemetery, Irwin. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Foundation or for Masses. He died from a sudden illness Thursday (Jan. 21, 2010) in the emergency room at Riverside Medical Center. Mr. Hamende worked at Leiser Furniture in Herscher since he was 15 years old. He was born April 3, 1937, in Clifton, the son of Victor and Maude St. Germaine Hamende. He was a very loyal fan of the Chicago Bears and Chicago White Sox. He liked to travel and, first and foremost, adored his family. Surviving are his "high school sweetheart," the former Shirley Loica, whom he married Sept. 8, 1956, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee; one son and daughter-in-law, John and Jennifer Hamende of Fargo, N.D.; two grandchildren, Curtiss and Alexiss Hamende, both of Fargo; one sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Paul Lovell of Bradley; two brothers and three sisters-in-law, Russell and Louise Hamende of St. Elmo, Harold and Eleanor Hamende of Groveland, Fla., Elaine Hamende of Kankakee; one sister-in-law, Dianne Loica of Kankakee; many nieces and nephews, including Leanne Loica and Londa Meier, both of Kankakee; and one great-niece, Heather Meier of Kankakee. Deceased are his parents; one sister, June Harling; and three brothers, Melvin, Joseph and

Donald Hamende.

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“ Dear Shirley & family: ĩ½Our sincere sympathy for your loss. ĩ½We try to remember to read the Daily Journal online, but hate to see such news. ĩ½Cherish the memories of your years together. ĩ½Sincerely, Beverly & ĩ½Paul Essington##imported-begin##Beverly Walsh Essington##imported-end##

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“ I just wanted to let the family know that he was greatly appreciated by his customers. ĩ½His integrity and vast knowledge was so helpful and honest. His values of truth and service let me know that his other values, especially family values, were of top importance to him. ĩ½If his customers are going to miss him, I can only begin to imagine the huge void he's leaving his loved ones. ĩ½I know he led a wonderful life -- it showed in the twinkle of his eyes. ĩ½My condolences to his family, especially his widow.##imported-begin##Nancy Capps##imported-end##

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“ Shirley,
Tom was a good friend of Jerry, and I think every piece of furniture in our house came from Leisers. He would not think of buying from someone else, plus it gave him a reason to laugh and talk with his friend. I worked with Dianne many years at K3 Federal and feel like I got to know you as well. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.
With sympathy,
Tom & Sally Sippel

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“ I am the sales rep from Best Chairs. Jerry was a great guy. I have known Jerry for about 10 years now and when I wasn't in the store, I talked with him on the phone many times each week. I am sadden by your loss and will miss him when I visit the store- he really was a great guy!
CHRIS
Chris Melvin

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“ I wish we could have been there and know that we were with you in our hearts. My mom and dad (Russ and Louise) have really failed since the loss of my sister Christi in 2004 and did not feel they were able to make the trip. I offered to bring them, but dad has been having some medical problems as well. I so appreciate when Uncle Jerry came down with Uncle Joe for mom and dad's 50th anniversary. I will never forget that you both came to my 40th birthday party. Bless you both and know even though I have not seen you now for several years you will always be special to me.
Wanda Pasley
Wanda Hamende Pasley

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“ Jerry

From my earliest memories to the last time I saw you in December. I will never forget you in the Orange van, newspaper ad's with you and my father hiding Sue aka Sharon under a box, to our ride's to and from the warehouse uncountable times. And when I moved you telling me to go live my life and have fun. We lost a part of our family Thursday. Thank you for your friendship.

You will be greatly missed, but not forgotten.

Love
Benjamin Leiser

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“ Shirley & John & Family, my sincere condolences. He was such a good man and I will be thinking of all of you in my prayers. I'm so sorry. Jen
Jennifer O'Connor-Ennenbach

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“ Sorry to hear of Jerry's passing and my prayers are with your family at this time. Carole
Carole (Jordan) Trill

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“ I knew Jerry through the furniture store. I own the furniture store in Peotone and have always enjoyed talking with Jerry. I just found out today that Jerry had passed away when I talked with Bill Leiser. I wanted to extend my sympathies to his family.

Steve Cross
Feddes Furniture

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“ I will miss Jerry dearly. I½I have worked at Jensens for the past 10 years, I make him a scotch and soda with a lemon everyday. I will miss our daily conversations, he always made me laugh.He always spoke so highly of his son in Fargo and his grandson in a band. He was a wonderful man and I'll never forget him.##imported-begin##Catherine Mau- Corona##imported-end##

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“ Loved working with Jerry. I½Learned so much from him. I½Appreciated Jerry's loyalty for all those years. I½He will be so greatly missed. I½Our heart goes out to Shirley and the rest of his family. I½Love the Leiser's.##imported-begin##Eric and Brenda Leiser##imported-end##

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“ Our deepest Sympathy to Jerry's Family.##imported-begin##Mick & Ruth Puffer##imported-end##

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“ Jerry was a part of our business district for over 55 years. It's hard to imagine downtown Herscher without him.

My condolences to Jerry's family and to my friends at Leiser Furniture.##imported-begin##Robert Mau##imported-end##

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