



Jerald J. "Jerry" Olson

February 3, 1950 - July 20, 2020

Jerald "Jerry" J. Olson, age 70, of Bourbonnais, passed away on Monday, July 20, 2020 at his home surrounded by his family, friends and beloved dogs.

Jerry was born February 3, 1950 in Kankakee, the son of Ivan & Virginia (Grierson) Olson.

Jerry married Judy Gravelle on December 30, 1984 in Bourbonnais.

He served as a police officer with the Bourbonnais Police Department retiring as a Lieutenant after 32 years of service.

He was a graduate of Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School, where he played football, wrestled and tried his hand at several other sports. Jerry attended Eastern Illinois University where he played football and intramural water polo. He returned home to Kankakee Community College and earned an associates degree in 1972.

Surviving are his wife, Judy Olson of Bourbonnais; his children, Hannah (Matt) Olson Pohl of Platte City, MO, Sarah (Tom) Kent of Clifton, Brian (Michelle) Parks of Sacramento, CA, and Erick (Kelly) Olson of Rochelle; eight grandchildren, Steven Parks, Alexandria Parks, Matthew Kent, Ian Kent, Jack Olson, Ivan Olson, Grace Olson, and Ellie Olson; two sisters, Eda (Tom Cavender) Smith of South Carolina and Roberta Olson of Bourbonnais; and several nieces and nephews.

Jerry had a love for sports, especially football. For over 10 years, he coached football for the Bourbonnais Bears. Coaching was a passion of his as he

coached his sons in football and daughters in softball. On any given Sunday, you could find him watching the Bears at the Tiny Tap with friends. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed fishing in Orr, Minnesota on Pelican Lake. Jerry had a love for motorcycles. He loved riding with friends and taking trips. Jerry loved his friends like family. Most of all, he loved family vacations and enjoyed spending time with his kids and grandkids.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents; and one son, Steven Parks. As a believer in Christ, Jerry is reunited with them in Heaven.

Visitation will be held 4:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Funeral service will take place on Friday, July 24, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. with a visitation one hour before at American Lutheran Church in Bourbonnais.

Per CDC guidelines, masks and social distancing are recommended.

Cremation rites will be accorded following the services. A private inurnment will be held at a later date at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to the Make a Wish Foundation, in honor of his late son, Steven Parks.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **23**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

JUL **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

American Lutheran Church
1560 Career Center Road
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-7515
<http://www.alcbourbonnais.org/>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

RY

“ *Ron and Laurie Ybarra purchased the Cheeseboard Complete for the family of Jerald J. "Jerry" Olson.*



Ron and Laurie Ybarra - July 23, 2020 at 06:58 PM

CC

“ *Our deepest sympathy for all of Jerrys family at this very sad time. We watched him grow from a little boy to a grown man from across the street. He was always a great person and will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family.*

Charlene Cannon - July 23, 2020 at 12:49 PM

JA

“ *Judy, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sad time. We hope the wonderful memories you and Jerry shared will help you through the difficult days that lie ahead. He was such a nice guy.*

JoEllyn Andersen - July 22, 2020 at 07:33 PM

CG

Judy my deepest sympathy, go out to you and the Family, Always remember the good times and hold your head up high. Love and prayers

Carolyn Garner - July 23, 2020 at 07:34 PM

Julie
Melchor

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Olson family. Jerry always had a smile and a kind word every time I saw him. May Jerry Rest In Peace.



Julie Melchor - July 22, 2020 at 06:46 PM

GF

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and the Olson family!

Gina Fiore - July 22, 2020 at 02:21 PM

DD

“ Darcy Drummer lit a candle in memory of Jerald J. "Jerry" Olson



Darcy Drummer - July 22, 2020 at 09:52 AM

EJ

“ Great dedicated person. RIP Jerry 🇺🇸 🙏

Edward Jordan - July 22, 2020 at 09:44 AM

MM

“ Jerry always had a smile on his face and a kind word to say. Your family will be in a my prayers. Rest in Peace my friend.



michael I merritt - July 21, 2020 at 11:30 PM



“ *Teray Spence lit a candle in memory of Jerald J. "Jerry" Olson*



Teray Spence - July 21, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ *Jerry was a kind hearted man, he always had a smile. May He Rest in Peace in the arms of Our Lord.*

Jerry Gregoire - July 21, 2020 at 09:23 AM



“ *My prayers of comfort and peace at this difficult time.*

Vickie Burlison-Francisco - July 21, 2020 at 03:54 AM



“ *Our Hearts go out to the Entire Family! I had the Privilege to know Jerry for over 40 years and was Truly Blessed to have him as such a Great Friend. Jerry and I got to Coach Football together and Enjoyed every day teaching all the kids the Game! Heaven gained a Great Man who will be Deeply Missed by All of Us! RIP My Brother RIP!*

DonnaMonte Schweizer - July 20, 2020 at 10:32 PM



“ *Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of Jerald J. "Jerry" Olson*



Tom Mallaney - July 20, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ *Jerry and I graduated from BBCHS together, I always remember him as a great guy. I was always glad to see Jerry and Judy at our monthly mini reunion. He will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family*

Sharon Perkins - July 20, 2020 at 04:33 PM