



Jerome F. Van Voorhis

October 22, 1938 - August 17, 2025

Jerome F Van Voorhis, 86, passed away Sunday evening, August 17th, 2025 at his home in Saint Anne, Illinois. He was born October 22nd, 1938 in Hindsboro, Illinois the son of Dean F Van Voorhis and Kathryn D (Honn) Van Voorhis. Jerry married Catherine (Kay) T Flori on January 19th, 1963 at Saint Mary's church in Alton, Illinois. Jerry served four years in the navy during which he received his education in electronics and was operations manager for AT&T for thirty five years before retiring in 1996.

Jerry enjoyed golfing, playing cards with friends, and especially loved spending time with his family and grandkids. He was a long time member of the Kankakee Elks Country Club and his favorite hobby was tending to his beautiful lawn.

Surviving Jerry are his wife of 62 years, Kay Van Voorhis of St. Anne; are two sons, Michael (Sandra) Van Voorhis of Faith, North Carolina and Paul (Heather) Van Voorhis of McKinney Texas, as well as two daughters, Laura (Ed) Lambert of Bourbonnais, Illinois, and Sara (Mike) Poe of Springhill, Tennessee. Jerry is also survived by nine grandchildren, Andrea (Andrew) Moffet, Jordan Van Voorhis, Cole and Rees Van Voorhis, Taylor (Maggie Moffat) DeVos, Hannah Lambert, Ryan, Zachary, and Aaron Poe, and two great grandchildren, Oliver Moffet and Emersyn Lambert. He is also survived by one brother George (Mary) Van Voorhis of Godfrey, Illinois, and four sisters

Deana Kay Wolff of Alton, Illinois, Becky (Bill) Heiens of Effingham, Illinois, Lynn (Jeff) Stinson of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and Nancy (Mark) Warner of Godfrey Illinois, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Jerry is proceeded in death by his parents Dean and Kathryn Van Voorhis and his late brother-in-law Ronald Wolff.

Visitation will be held on Friday, August 22nd, 2025 from 4-6 PM at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, Kankakee, IL. The funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, August 23rd, 2025 at 10 AM at Saint John Paul II Catholic Church, Kankakee, IL. Burial will be at the Van Voorhis cemetery in Hindsboro, Illinois following the Mass service.

Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care of Bourbonnais or Saint John Paul II Catholic Church, Kankakee, IL.

Cemetery Details

Van Voorhis Cemetery

Hindsboro, IL 61930

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 22. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

AUG 23. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II - West Campus
953 South 9th Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

KB

“ Kay, Mike & Laura- Please accept our family's prayers and condolences. I have such fond memories of Jerry from the Elks and McNamara. I hope you can have a wonderful time recalling how positive he was in all of our lives.

Kevin Boudreau - August 20, 2025 at 10:12 AM

DK

“ My deepest sympathies to the extended family of Jerry. Was fortunate to meet Jerry at the Elks golf course. He was the nicest a person could get to know. Always very gentle and calm and always played a very stellar and competitive round of golf. May the good lord be with those that greive his loss.

Dewey Kilbride - August 20, 2025 at 03:58 AM

MZ

“ Laura and Family,
Sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
MaDonna (Mazzuchi) Zasada



MaDonna (Mazzuchi) Zasada - August 19, 2025 at 10:10 PM

TH

To Kay, Mike, Sandra, Jordan, Andrea, Laura, Paul and The VanVoorhis Family, I am So Sorry for Your Great Loss, You & Your Family are in My Prayers, May The Lord give you Comfort & Peace that comes only from Him.. And May Jesus touch your hurting hearts and give you strength in the days ahead... RIP Mr. Jerry ...I Love The Van Voorhis Family ❤️

Teresa Ketchie Harrison - August 22, 2025 at 01:48 AM

BH

Mike and Family

Sorry for your loss. I did not know him but know he raised a fine son so he must have been a great guy. His picture shows he was a nice looking man. You are in my prayers!

Barbara Howard - August 25, 2025 at 11:36 AM

JF

“*Heartfelt condolences to Sarah and family during this sad time. Sending you all strength and love.*

Julie Faber and Family

Julie Faber - August 19, 2025 at 08:58 PM