



Jerome "Jerry" Whalen

April 19, 1941 - June 30, 2020

Jerome "Jerry" Whalen, age 79, of Limestone passed away Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at his home. He was born April 19, 1941 in Chicago, the son of Edwin T. & Theresa (Debish) Whalen. Jerry married Diane Menozzi on November 7, 1970 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington.

Jerry retired from General Telephone of Illinois after 31 years. After retirement, Jerry worked at Super K-MART until it closed. He served as a volunteer firefighter for Limestone Township Fire Protection District for 49 years. He was part of 4 generations of family serving the Limestone area with the Fire Department. Jerry was a Ham Radio operator and was a member of the Argonne Club Radio Society, the Kankakee Area Radio Society (KARS), and the Campfire Camping Club.

He was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church in Goodrich.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Diane Whalen of Limestone; two sons and two daughters-in-law, Mike & Jill Whalen of Limestone and Brian & Pebbles Whalen of Shavertown, PA; three grandchildren, Luke Whalen, Chloe Whalen, and Casey Whalen; one sister-in-law, Marianne Whalen-Heinzl of Bourbonnais; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Jerry is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Patrick Whalen.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until the time of the funeral Mass at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 6, 2020 at Sacred Heart Church in Goodrich. Rev. Ron Neitzke will celebrate the Mass. Per CDC guidelines, masks and social distancing are recommended.

Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Goodrich.

Memorials may be made to the Limestone Township Fire Department or the Salina Township Fire Department.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Hope

Goodrich, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Church
Goodrich, IL

Funeral Mass

JUL 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Church
Goodrich, IL

Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Judy Andersen lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Whalen*



Judy Andersen - July 11, 2020 at 05:36 PM

JA

My deepest sympathy to Brian and Family

Judy Andersen - July 11, 2020 at 05:37 PM



“ *I worked at Super Kmart with Jerry. He was a great guy. He would always share stories with me. Very hard worker and fun to be around. Sorry for your loss.*



Vicki Jo - July 09, 2020 at 10:08 PM

BO

“ *Diane, I'm so sad to hear about Jerry. He was one of my best friends in the ham radio family. I miss all the fun we had at the hamfests with Chett and Jo. I'm sure he will be happy with all his ham friends in the afterlife.*



BobTarlini - July 05, 2020 at 10:26 PM

CM

“ Diane, Brian and Mike,
Cindy and I are so sorry to hear about Jerry.
We have fond memories of camping out in Marseilles and weekend
hamfests when the boys were young. We caught the camping bug
mainly because of your inspiration and love of it. Inviting us to
dinner at Redwood Inn to meet other K3 county hams before we
moved here in 86 is so memorable as we have made our home
here all these years.
Thank you for the memories and friendship.

Clay and Cindy Melhorn - July 05, 2020 at 01:21 PM

JD

“ Diane, I'm so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. He was definitely one
of my favorite Jewel customers to talk with. He was always so kind
and full of great stories. I will miss our talks. Praying for you and
your family.

Jeri Drahos - July 04, 2020 at 09:43 PM

RJ

“ Dianne, so sorry for your loss he was always a happy and talkative
person. I do miss my Jewel customers! My deepest sympathy to
you and your family...

Ronda Jeck - July 03, 2020 at 10:49 PM

VB

“ Diane I am so saddened and sorry to hear of Jerry's passing.I saw you two came into Jewel store several times a week. He always made a point to come visit me in the bakery and say Hi! What a kind soul he was! He made my day every time with his kind greetings, stories and smile! I know he will be truely missed. He was so very proud of his family and loved you so much! God Bless you and your family.

Vicki Boothe - July 02, 2020 at 09:11 PM

MD

“ 2 files added to the album My fondest memories



Michael Debish - July 02, 2020 at 03:23 PM

PF

“ To Diane, Mike and Brain and Marianne so sorry to hear of the lost of your husband, dad and brother. You are all in our prayers.

Phillips family - July 02, 2020 at 10:56 AM

SP

“ Sherry Parks lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Whalen



Sherry Parks - July 02, 2020 at 09:57 AM

RR

“ I am sorry for your loss, Jerry was a great guy!

Ronald Ramsey - July 02, 2020 at 03:25 AM

JoyceandBob
Hopper

“ Diane and the Whalen family, he was the sweet person and a kind friend to all. He is just an amazing person and a wonderful example of how to live life. He will be missed and I am sorry for your loss. Praying for you the Hoppers

JoyceandBob Hopper - July 01, 2020 at 10:48 PM

CM

“ My husband and i met Jerry and Diane at a camping dinner meeting in Irwin, being new we didnt know what to expect... Jerry made us feel very welcome and once we joined the club, oh man, he picked on me unmercifully.....i guess i was one of those "pickable" kinds of people...But i loved every minute of it and of course it was all in good fun... Jerry was a kind soul and willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it, and i saw him in action at a campout, a man had a heart attack and he shifted into emt mode as well as his good friend and neighbor Carolyn G. a nurse, they both worked to help that man til the ambulance arrived...Ill never forget that day....i will miss him at the dinners as he was always good for a joke and a laugh.....Go in peace my friend, you will be missed by many...

Colette Mattes - July 01, 2020 at 08:27 PM