



Jerry Ginger

May 12, 1942 - March 3, 2007

Jerry D. Ginger, 64, of Bradley, died Saturday (March 3, 2007) at his daughter's residence in Manteno. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee and from 9 a.m. Tuesday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kankakee until the 10 a.m. funeral services. Revs. Christopher Sheets and Karl Koeppen will officiate. Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. Mr. Ginger was a retired welder from Caterpillar after 34 years of service. He was born May 12, 1942, in Walnut Hill, the son of Floyd and Madeliene VanGilder Ginger. He served in the U.S. Army from 1964 to 1966. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kankakee, the Bradley American Legion and the Machinist's Union. He was an avid sports fan, especially watching his grandsons play basketball. He enjoyed gardening and loved being with family and friends. Surviving are his wife, the former Carol Curwick, whom he married March 18, 1967, in Momence; one daughter, Kimberly Smith of Manteno; three grandchildren, Brandon, Tyler and Kayla, all of Manteno; one brother and sister-in-law, Allen and Cindy Ginger of Chillicothe; and many nieces, nephews and in-laws. Deceased are his parents and one brother, Jack.

Tribute Wall



“ I was so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. ĩ½It was so great to see him this summer at our high school reunion. ĩ½It was the first one that he had attended and we sure enjoyed visiting with him and meeting his children. ĩ½

I smiled when I read that Jerry loved watching his grandsons play basketball....he would. ĩ½He was quite a basketball player in high school. ĩ½This comes to mind....."Ginger, Ginger he's our man...come on gang lets give him a hand."
ĩ½He was quite the ball stealer and got us out of several jams.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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“ Jerry was very dear to me. ĩ½We were raised together in Chillicothe and he and his brothers were my dear friends. I has so much fun with him in grade school and high school. ĩ½He lived just up the street from me.

May the Lord bless and keep him.

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“ Note to the Jerry Ginger family.

I was so sad to hear of Jerry's passing. ĩ½It was so nice to see him at the reunion this year. ĩ½It was the first time he had come, and we all enjoyed seeing him and meeting his children. ĩ½

I smiled when I read that he loved to watch his grandsons play basketball.

This came across my mind.... (I was a cheerleader) Ginger, Ginger that's our man....come on gang lets give him a hand... and then, of course, we would clap. ĩ½He was a pretty darn good basketball player in high school...a fast "stealer of the ball". Tell the grandsons that everything grandpa told them about his basketball days in high school was probably true.

My thoughts and prayer are with you at this time.

Sue (Susie) Howald Hahn

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“ I would like to extend my sympathy to Jerry's family. It was a shock to me because he looked so great at our class reunion last June. It was great meeting his children. When I saw him coming in the Super 8 in Chillicothe, I knew it was Jerry even though most of us hadn't seen him in 45 years. I'm so glad that he came. I went to school with Jerry all 12 years and he was pretty special. My prayers are with you. Shirley King
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“ I am not able to attend services due to work, but would like you to know that I am extremely sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. May God be with you and your family. Cabby

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“ I wish so much that I could have been with you all and I wish I could be there on Monday. I have so many fond memories of Uncle Jerry and all of us together. I love and miss you.

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“ LOVE YOU ALL!!!!!! GOD BLESS YOU!!! Janet , Jim & Zak Loveland

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“ Dear Aunt Carol and Kim, Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Uncle Jerry was very special to us, the times we all shared when I was little were so much fun. Those memories will always hold a special place in my heart. Please let me know if there is anything I can do. Love,
 Mary

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