



Jerome (Jerry) De Graeve

April 22, 1959 - May 3, 2020

Jerome (Jerry) De Graeve passed away suddenly on the morning of May 3rd, 2020 at the Shawnee Post-Acute Rehabilitation Facility in Overland Park, KS. Jerry was born April 22, 1959 and just celebrated his 61st birthday. He had many hobbies, fishing, boating, hunting, camping and farming. He enjoyed family gatherings. He loved his nieces and was very proud of them. He attended many milestone celebrations for them. He managed to keep his sense of humor through good times and in bad. He will be missed.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Henry (Hank) and Jeanne (Long) De Graeve. He leaves three sisters, Debbie (E.G.) Amoneno, of Montgomery, TX, Pam (Mike) Pickell, of Lenexa, KS, and Terry (Bill Boehm) De Graeve, of Wellsville, KS. Three nieces, Sara (Ryan) Hoeksema, Haylee (Eric) Knight, and Kelsey Gasser, along with one great nephew Wyatt Hoeksema.

Jerry will be laid to rest with his parents at Resurrection Cemetery in Lenexa, Kansas.

Contributions in his memory to the Great Plains SPCA are appreciated.

Cemetery

Resurrection Catholic Cemetery

Lenexa, KS,

Comments



“ We'll try to make this tribute short, but for Jerome “Jerry” was there really a topic or story to tell that was short for him? Ha.

My Sister and I have both visited our mom daily now on the Willow One wing at ShawneeParc since her stroke mid-May 2017. There we've met a variety of residents and some great therapists. That is where we crossed paths with Jerry, mostly in the dining room waiting for meal service. Jerry had a heart of gold as big as his stature. Having a great sense of humor, Jerry was a fantastic story teller and for us a watchful observer of our mother who needed constant care at mealtimes. If we missed a lunch or dinner we were comforted in knowing Jerry had her back then and at breakfast.

So for 34 months until March 11th when the virus restricted our daily visits we got to know many of the residents. On most days you could count on Jerry to have a story /experience to tell or opinion to express. Whether it was a remembrance of when he was a young boy at baseball practice and breaking windows with a wild forcefully hit ball because of his strength or of scary driving on ice covered roads of a semi truckload full of product out of state, Jerry had many true tales to tell. Jerry was a very compassionate, opinionated fellow and for us a great 'backup' for our mom. He loved watching the Chiefs win the super bowl last year and college level team sports. Our sympathies go to family and friends. We will miss his laughter on Willow One.

Liliane and Gil Pintar, Angeles two kids.

Gil - June 14 at 12:18 PM

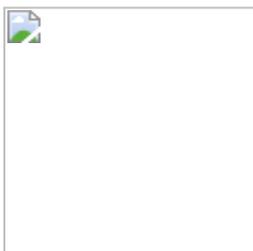


“ My deepest sympathy for the passing of Jerry to Pam,Debbie, and Terry during this difficult time. We would visit every Friday. I know he will be missed! Marlene Beatty(Callahan)

marlene callahan - May 26 at 09:30 AM



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Terry DeGraeve - May 08 at 08:56 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Jerry’s passing. He was a hell of a guy. He is in a better place and we will see him again one day.

Jim Kronawitter - May 13 at 01:33 PM



“ So many stories....Lotta laughs, good times and years of escapades...some of the really good stories I probably can't remember...he would call and ask whatcha doing deputy dog...and then we'd get to sinking in the creek mud....gonna miss you cuz...

Dennis Dressler - May 06 at 07:34 PM



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Terry DeGraeve - May 05 at 04:05 PM



“ For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal, declares the Lord.
~Jeremiah 30:17



Terry De Graeve - May 05 at 11:23 AM



“ Terry and family I am so sorry to hear of your loss.....thinking of you.

Janie Benander - May 05 at 04:28 PM



“ Terry. My thoughts are with you and your family. So sorry.

Kathy Lynn Day - May 06 at 08:43 AM



“ 20 files added to the album Our Brother Jerry



Pam Pickell - May 05 at 11:10 AM



“ Terry, I'm so sorry to hear about Jerry's passing. He was always kind and funny every to us. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Hugs. Leslie & Pete, Dillon, Ashton, Nick and Patrick

Leslie Gasser - May 05 at 11:04 AM