



Gerald "Jerry" Szczech

April 6, 1931 - April 14, 2018

Gerald "Jerry" Louis Szczech passed away at the age of 87 years on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at his home in Wadena, MN, surrounded by his loving wife and family. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena. Parish prayers will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday at the Schuller Family Funeral Homes in Wadena. Friends may call at the funeral home on Wednesday from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. and at the church on Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of mass.

Jerry was born on April 6, 1931 in Minneapolis, MN to Stanley C. and Nellie Margaret (Keech) Szczech. He married the love of his life, Marilyn Helberg, on March 20, 1951 and they enjoyed 67 years of marriage.

Jerry worked for Leef Brothers, Inc. for 35 years as a Driving Salesman delivering industrial uniforms and supplies to businesses throughout Minnesota where he enjoyed visiting with and helping his many customers. He was very involved in his community and was a 55 plus-year member of the Wadena Elks Lodge, Wadena Golf Course, and St. Ann's Catholic Church. Jerry loved life and spent many hours golfing, bowling, and visiting with the guys. He was an avid hunter and ice fisherman and had many other hobbies including gardening, woodworking, cooking, and shopping. Additionally, he took his family on many camping and fishing outings with his brothers and

their families often joining. After retiring, Jerry and Marilyn spent several years wintering in Florida where they enjoyed going to the beach and taking in various events. In his later years, Jerry strived to be on the golf course as much as possible and enjoyed spending time with Marilyn and his family watching the Vikings, Twins, NASCAR racing, the Minnesota Wild, and Western movies.

Jerry adored his family and will be remembered for his smile and friendly nature. Left to cherish his memory are his wife Marilyn, children Gerald "Jerry" Jr. (Sue) of Grand Rapids, MN, Jody (Ken) Ovrebo of Canon City, CO, Jeff of Massillon, OH, Janine (Chuck) Beck of Apache Junction, AZ, Janet (Bruce) Johnson of Perham, MN, Jackie (Doug) Wetteland of River Falls, WI, and Janell (Mike) Schiller of Sartell, MN; sister Deloris (Don) Hanson, brothers Donny (Claudette) Szczech and Bob Jungwirth, 17 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Preceding Jerry in death were his parents and brother Stanley Szczech Jr.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482

Visitation

APR 19. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Service

APR 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Szczech



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - April 17, 2018 at 04:27 PM

TG

“ Jerry was a long time costumer of mine and my dad at the “BA”. Always a friendly smile (and usually some advice on doctoring the lane beds!). RIP m’man. Will see you on the other side.
Tom Gerszewski

Tom Gerszewski - April 24, 2018 at 11:09 AM

PO

“ Pollyanderson lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Szczech



pollyanderson - April 19, 2018 at 02:44 AM

PO

I will always remember his special smile and how he loved to joke around! What a wonderful man he was.

pollyanderson - April 19, 2018 at 02:46 AM

DS

“ *Szczech Family: My condolences. I truly enjoyed knowing Jerry growing up (helping Jeff load the Leef Bros. truck) and in the years that followed. Always fun to talk to! Jerry was a good man. May he rest in peace. Dan Sartell*

Dan Sartell - April 18, 2018 at 12:55 PM

DH

“ *Janet and Bruce and Family,
So sorry to hear about your father's passing. Jerry was a terrific guy--I remember him well from my days hanging out at the Wadena Golf Course. Infectious smile and laugh--He will be missed indeed. God speed in your healing. Wishing you all things good in the days ahead.
David Hunnicutt*

David Hunnicutt - April 18, 2018 at 11:06 AM

JA

Thank you Dave for your kind thoughts.

Janet - April 19, 2018 at 08:45 AM

VS

“ *Aunt Marilyn - Our deepest sympathy to your entire family. What a legacy and blessing Uncle Jerry was to your entire family. May the wonderful memories of him fill all of your hearts and give you all peace. Hold these memories, as I do visting Wadena, close. Uncle Jerry will hold a special place in our hearts forever.
Please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.
Vicki (Hansen) Smith & family*

Vicki Hansen Smith - April 18, 2018 at 09:17 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Szczech.*



April 17, 2018 at 11:44 PM



“ *Dave Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Szczech*



Dave Schumacher - April 17, 2018 at 09:21 PM



“ *11 files added to the tribute wall*



Cheryl John - April 17, 2018 at 08:26 PM



“ 48 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - April 17, 2018 at 02:59 PM

PN

“ *Pastor Lindsay, Knute Nelson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Szczech.*



Pastor Lindsay, Knute Nelson - April 17, 2018 at 10:42 AM

KJ

“ *Janet and Bruce
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Keith and Jane Johnson*

Keith Johnson - April 17, 2018 at 08:23 AM

JA

Keith and Janie, Thank you.

Janet - April 19, 2018 at 07:48 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Szczech.*



April 16, 2018 at 05:38 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Szczech.*



April 16, 2018 at 05:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Szczech.*



April 16, 2018 at 03:59 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Szczech.*



April 16, 2018 at 01:33 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Szczech.*



April 15, 2018 at 08:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Szczech.*



April 15, 2018 at 07:24 PM



“ *We enjoyed many camping and fishing trips with Jerry & family.*

We even made sauerkraut one fall.

Many football games were attended with them & other school events.

It was fun going to their house and watching our families grow.

Our sympathy to you all.

Sharon Neuerburg - April 15, 2018 at 05:53 PM