



Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz

January 1, 1952 - March 22, 2021

The memorial Mass for Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz of Bertha, and formerly of Clear Lake, will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 26, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bertha, with Father Aaron Kuhn as celebrant.

A public visitation will be held at the Domian-Anderson Chapel in Bertha on Thursday from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. with Prayers at 5:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Mass.

Jerome Leslie Schwantz's story began on January 1, 1952 -- being the oldest child to Leslie (deceased) & Betty Schwantz, but not the last. As the oldest of six, Jerry took the role of big brother seriously, with Steve, Connie, Mark, Kevin (deceased) and Brian. He never missed an opportunity to poke fun at them. He carried his art of jokes all the way to the end. Jerry was a kid from Bertha, who grew up to live the American Dream: college basketball career, marriage, a job he loved, house on a lake, raising four kids and later a house near his family, where he fed the birds and deer, while cussing out the squirrels.

After the wedding on July 1, 1972, Jerry was a good husband and took his wife Rosemary fishing for their honeymoon, but supported her in every way after that. He attended every swimming/diving meet, basketball, football, baseball game, and golf tournaments as he was his children's number one

fan. Jerry was a loving father-in-law and loved his children's spouses like his own. He was a grandpa to Connor, Laila, Jack, Victoria and Jerome, with whom he enjoyed walks in the woods, playing games, tractor rides and sitting around a bonfire. Every Wednesday night you would find Jerry falling asleep while playing cards, because losing a game of Pitch can be tiresome.

Jerry passed away at his home on March 22, 2021, at 11:53 p.m. surrounded by his wife, Rosemary, and children: Kelly, Stacy, Christopher and Lindsey (ordered chronologically, not by best hunting skills).

Jerry touched countless lives and will be deeply missed by family and friends. Fishing trips, hunting seasons, coffee in the morning, and family gatherings will never be the same. As Jerry might say, "do your best, follow your arrow, enjoy every second, shoot straight, and don't forget to smile". The family bet is that he is shooting hoops with finesse, playing cards, tossing bean bags, and fishing/hunting with Grandpa and Kevin in heaven.

Urn bearers will be Jerry's siblings. His grandchildren and brother, Kevin †, will be honorary urn bearers.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 25. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Domian-Anderson Chapel
309 2nd Avenue NW
Bertha, MN 56437
(218) 924-4000

Prayers

MAR 25. 5:00 PM (CT)

Domian-Anderson Chapel
309 2nd Avenue NW
Bertha, MN 56437
(218) 924-4000

Visitation

MAR 26. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Bertha
205 Cherry Street NW
Bertha, MN 56437

Memorial Service

MAR 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Bertha
205 Cherry Street NW
Bertha, MN 56437

Tribute Wall

BY

“ *My deepest sympathies and condolences to Jerry's Family. Jerry was a wonderful, nice and loving person. I went through high my School with him and enjoyed it.*

Betty (South) Young

Betty (South) Young - March 26, 2021 at 12:34 AM

CH

We are so sorry for your loss. Sending prayers and hugs to you and your families!!

Cheryl Hardyman - March 29, 2021 at 02:49 PM

KD

“ *Ken Dittberner lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz*



Ken Dittberner - March 25, 2021 at 09:53 PM

JB

“ *Janice Bastian lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz*



Janice Bastian - March 25, 2021 at 09:48 PM

GG

“ *Ginger & Roland Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz*



Ginger & Roland Gilbert - March 25, 2021 at 05:45 PM

DP

“ *Don And Joan Payne lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz*



Don and Joan Payne - March 25, 2021 at 05:25 PM

JT

“ *My heart goes out to all of you. Jerry's was a life well-lived. I've never met anyone who seemed more at home wherever he happened to be. His passing will be felt forever. And though he's gone too soon, it should be a comfort that he spent his final years in the place he loved the most, surrounded by nature and family. He was a giant.*

Jonathan Travis - March 25, 2021 at 03:02 PM

LH

“ *Thoughts and prayers to all of Jerry's family...truly one of thee nicest guys EVER!!! He will be missed dearly by all who knew him and loved him.*



Lisa Hoemberg - March 25, 2021 at 02:05 PM

JT

“ My heart goes out to you all. Jerry's was a life well-lived and I know that his passing will be felt by family and friends forever. I've never met anyone who felt more at home wherever he happened to be. And though he's gone too soon, it should be a comfort that he was able to spend his last days in the place he loved the most, surrounded by nature and family. He was a giant.

Jon Travis - March 25, 2021 at 01:09 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz.



March 25, 2021 at 12:21 PM

DL

“ Only saw Jerry a few times at reunions since graduation. But I will always remember that happy-go-lucky guy from school. Prayers for all.

Daniel Lamping - March 25, 2021 at 11:16 AM

LR

“ My sincere sympathy to Rosemary and her family, I will always remember Jerry's smile and kind spirit. Laura Rolfes

Laura Rolfes - March 25, 2021 at 10:39 AM

LR

“ *Laura Rolfes lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz*



Laura Rolfes - March 25, 2021 at 10:36 AM

CM

“ *Cindy & Mike Muzetras purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz.*



Cindy & Mike Muzetras - March 25, 2021 at 09:39 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz.*



March 25, 2021 at 09:14 AM

VG

“ *The hearing of Jerry's passing saddens me greatly. Many school memories of the prankster and the conversations in Mr. Stan Erickson's science class. You never knew if he was serious or not, which was part of his then game. I wish I would of known him as an adult and a father. I bet he was awesome friend to many. I share in his families sorrow*

Vickey & Mike Goeden - March 25, 2021 at 07:22 AM

BL

“ *Betty Lipinski lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz*



Betty Lipinski - March 25, 2021 at 07:08 AM

BL

“ *To the Jerry Schwantz families, May God be with you all through this time of loss. Rest in God's peace and love Jerry Schwantz. Betty Lipinski*

Betty Lipinski - March 25, 2021 at 07:06 AM

DL

“ *Dean Larson lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz*



Dean Larson - March 24, 2021 at 10:50 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz.*



March 24, 2021 at 10:48 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz.*



March 24, 2021 at 08:57 PM



“ *I've coached HS sports for 25 years and Jerry still ranks as my #1 favorite dad ever. Total class in everything he did and what he stood for. Condolences to the entire family.*

Mark Kolbinger - March 24, 2021 at 08:48 PM



“ *Rita L Boehland lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz*



Rita L Boehland - March 24, 2021 at 05:57 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz.*



March 24, 2021 at 05:39 PM

KA

“ *Sympathy to Rosemary. I went to beauty school with you in 1970. Lots of basketball games, too. God bless. Kate Grossman Powell*

Kate - March 24, 2021 at 05:17 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz.*



March 24, 2021 at 04:37 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz.*



March 24, 2021 at 04:32 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz.*



March 24, 2021 at 04:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz.*



March 24, 2021 at 04:23 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz.*



March 24, 2021 at 04:12 PM



“ *Mark & Renee Frethem lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz*



Mark & Renee Frethem - March 24, 2021 at 03:38 PM



“ *Jerry and Rose were part of our basketball family at FFJC. We loved them both. Our hearts are saddened by this news. Sending prayers and hugs.*

Bruce and Sheri Smith

Bruce and Sheri Smith - March 24, 2021 at 03:32 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz.*



March 24, 2021 at 03:05 PM



“ *Jay Bodeker purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz.*



Jay Bodeker - March 24, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz.*



March 24, 2021 at 01:22 PM



“ *The Retzlaff Sibling Families purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz.*



The Retzlaff Sibling Families - March 24, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz.



March 24, 2021 at 11:34 AM



“ Lea And Mike Snyder lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz



Lea and Mike Snyder - March 24, 2021 at 11:33 AM



“ Mark and Dawn Theis purchased the Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz.



Mark and Dawn Theis - March 24, 2021 at 11:21 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz.



March 24, 2021 at 11:17 AM

DJ

“ *Dee, Roger, Barry, Crystal, and Jodi purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz.*



Dee, Roger, Barry, Crystal, and Jodi - March 24, 2021 at 11:10 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz.*



March 24, 2021 at 10:22 AM

JE

“ *Sending hugs and prayers to the Schwantz family! Jerry always had a smile on his face and time to chat with everyone!*



Judy Erdahl - March 24, 2021 at 08:29 AM

DH

“ *Darrell And Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz*



Darrell and Peggy Haman - March 23, 2021 at 10:26 PM

SK

“ Steve & Janet Kneisl lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz



Steve & Janet Kneisl - March 23, 2021 at 10:10 PM



“ Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz.



March 23, 2021 at 09:57 PM

DH

“ Our hearts are heavy tonight. We will miss Jerry so much. He was always wearing a smile for everyone & loved his family so much. Our daily thoughts are with the entire family. Leone & Duane Haugejorden

Duane Haugejorden - March 23, 2021 at 09:11 PM

BB

“ Bob Branstner lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz



Bob Branstner - March 23, 2021 at 09:02 PM

GD

“ We are so sorry for your loss Jerry was a great guy and will be miss by so many 😭 We are keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers ❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏



Gene & Mary Denny - March 23, 2021 at 08:54 PM

BD

“ Bob And Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz



Bob and Kathy Derby - March 23, 2021 at 08:22 PM

SO

“ Sharyl Olson lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz



Sharyl Olson - March 23, 2021 at 08:17 PM

TC

“ Tabitha Captain lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz



Tabitha Captain - March 23, 2021 at 08:15 PM

DH

“ Dave & Jean (Gorghuber) Hummel lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz



Dave & Jean (Gorghuber) Hummel - March 23, 2021 at 07:47 PM

SH

“ Sheldon Hedin lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz



Sheldon Hedin - March 23, 2021 at 06:22 PM

DO

“ Doug And Joan Ostlund lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz



Doug and Joan Ostlund - March 23, 2021 at 05:53 PM

GK

“ Gene & Sandy Kapphahn lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz



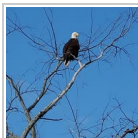
Gene & Sandy Kapphahn - March 23, 2021 at 05:46 PM

MB

“ *Matt & Carla Blashack lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz*



Matt & Carla Blashack - March 23, 2021 at 05:40 PM



“ *Leona Bowman lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz*



Leona Bowman - March 23, 2021 at 04:29 PM



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March 23, 2021 at 04:16 PM

IH

“ *Ida Hennagir lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz*



Ida Hennagir - March 23, 2021 at 04:12 PM

BA

“ *Bernie And Lesa Ahlers lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz*



Bernie and Lesa Ahlers - March 23, 2021 at 03:13 PM

CK

“ *Carol And Lanny Kolpek lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Schwantz*



Carol and Lanny Kolpek - March 23, 2021 at 03:08 PM

DT

“ *Mark, Ronnie Mae and I are so sorry for your loss! You was an amazing man with a great sense of humor! You could see the love in his eyes whenever he looked at his kids and grandkids! The world lost someone amazing today! Love and prayers always!*

Dawn Theis - March 23, 2021 at 02:56 PM

JA

“ *Schwantz family, we are so sorry to hear of the passing of Jerry. Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs during these hard times.*

Jessica Anderson - March 23, 2021 at 02:42 PM

PK

Jerry was a wonderful husband to his family and even a better person. Our condolences to Rosemary and all of her children. From Peter A Kruize and Vickie L Kruize

Peter A Kruize - March 24, 2021 at 07:40 PM