



Jerome J. "Jerry" Speth

September 14, 1936 - September 15, 2017

Dodgeville – Jerome J. "Jerry" Speth, age 81, of Dodgeville, passed away on Friday, September 15, 2017 at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison.

The Wisconsin Values of love of family, integrity and generosity were deeply rooted in Jerome "Jerry" Speth from the day he was born on September 14, 1936 until he passed away following a brief illness on September 15, 2017.

He was born to Joseph and Julia Speth in Verona, Wisconsin. While at home he enjoyed working on the family farm. The work ethic that began there followed him his whole life providing a great example for his children. After high school, he joined the United States Navy and served his country for three years.

He was an outdoor enthusiast who enjoyed hunting and fishing and those hobbies aligned well with his 36-year career with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). After his retirement in 1994, he enjoyed golf, golf and more golf and was lucky enough to have four hole-in-ones!

Through his work at the DNR, he met and later married Judi Jones in 1986 and together they enjoyed 32 years of marriage and made a home in Dodgeville. Jerry was a simple man in the best sense of the word and enjoyed being at their home more than almost anything.

Sports were a life-long passion both as a spectator and a player. He loved everything about the Brewers, Packers and Badgers. In fact, he believed if a game was worth watching once, it was worth watching again and he could often be found enjoying a "vintage" game. He was most proud watching his children and grandchildren participate in all kinds of sports and was the most loyal fan attending many of their games from youth sports through college.

He is survived by his wife Judi Speth; four children: Steve Speth of Tucson, AZ, Paul (Andrea) Speth of Evansville, WI, Stacy (Lori) Jones and Jason (Lisa) Jones both of Dodgeville; six grandchildren Hailey, Nicole, Courtney, Shelby, Sean Jones and Samantha Campuzano as well as a younger brother, Joseph in Houston, TX and many other family members and lifelong friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Francis, and a daughter, Leanne.

Funeral services / Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville. Rev. Jim Droste will officiate. Burial will be held in East Side Cemetery with Military Rites Accorded by the Dodgeville Area Veterans. Friends may call from 9:00 a.m. until time of services on Thursday at the funeral home. A lunch reception will follow at Dodge Point Country Club in Mineral Point.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Jerry's name to the Iowa County Cancer Coalition, PO Box 36, Cobb, WI 53526 or Upland Hills Health Foundation, 800 Compassion Way, Dodgeville, WI 53533.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jerome J. "Jerry" Speth*

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“ *He was a wonderful man. So glad I got to know him. Thoughts and prayers for the family*

Vicki Dufty-Sprinkel - April 28, 2018 at 01:18 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I have great memories of visiting Jerry with my parents. Many Sundays were spent with the cousins getting into trouble while the adults played cards. Jerry was always looking out for me, when my older brother would pick on me! He truly was a quite man, and a man of God, just like his father. Hoping that his family will find peace in the fact that he is truly home now! Rose Krantz Boehnen*

Rose Boehnen - April 28, 2018 at 01:18 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss as Jerry was such a very nice man and will be sadly missed by so many. Hold on to your memories which we are such you have so many. Our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers. Kris & Jeff Borne*

Kris & Jeff Borne - April 28, 2018 at 01:18 AM

JS

“ It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to Our Dear Jerry We will miss him dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with our family as they deal with their loss. May our memories keep him close to our hearts. Jolene Betancourt (Niece)

Joseph Speth - April 28, 2018 at 01:18 AM

LS

“ So sorry to hear about Uncle Jerry. My heart goes out to all of the family. He will be truly missed. Linda M. Speth-Holte

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CB

“ See you in Heaven Uncle Jerry. My heart goes out to those family members left behind. You have my deepest condolences.

Cheryl Byers - April 28, 2018 at 01:18 AM

PK

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Jerry but from the stories I have heard, he was a great man, father, and husband. My sincerest condolences go out to the family for their loss. Remember though that you are not mourning the loss of Jerry, but rather celebrating the great life he had. RIP Jerry. And in true Wisconsin fashion: Go Brewers! Go Badgers! And above all, Go Pack Go!

Phillip Kashin - April 28, 2018 at 01:18 AM

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“ *Count myself as lucky to have the opportunity to work with Jerry within WDNR. Our sympathies to Judy and his family.* Tom & Mary Jon Hauge

Tom Hauge - April 28, 2018 at 01:18 AM

DR

“ *Jerry was a wonderful mentor to me and kept me out of trouble in negotiating the purchase processes and financial protocols of the Southern District, DNR. I've always had the highest respect for his integrity and principles. I'm so grateful he was a part of my career and so sorry he will no longer be here to guide others.*

Doris Rusch - April 28, 2018 at 01:18 AM