



Carl S. Granetzke

June 7, 1939 - December 20, 2024

Carl Stephen Granetzke, 85, resident of Racine, passed away peacefully on December 20, 2024, in Florida.

He was born in Racine, WI on June 7, 1939, the son of Clarence and Eugenia (nee: Dombrowski) Granetzke. Carl was a graduate of Washington Park High School "Class of 1957".

He was united in marriage to Janyce Peterson at First Baptist Church in Racine on April 4, 1959.

Carl was a faithful and longtime member of Faithbridge Church.

Over the years he was employed at American Motors, Walker Manufacturing and was the proud owner of Marathon Marketing and Hawk Distributing.

Carl was an avid runner, cyclist and triathlete. He was the consummate salesman.

Carl truly loved his family and friends and will be dearly missed by all.

Carl is survived by his wife of 65 years, Janyce, children, Kim (Steve) Banker, Lisa (Dr. Daniel) Toutant, grandchildren, Jessica (Christopher) (nee: Rhodes) May, and Jacob (Kim) Rhodes. He is further survived by great grandchildren, Ford R. May, Galveston L. May, brother, Dennis (Mary) Granetzke, nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends throughout the United States and well as around the world.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents, and sisters, Barbara and Adele.

Visitation will be held at Faithbridge Church, 10402 Northwestern

Ave, Franksville on January 9, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. until service time at 12

noon.

Carl will be laid to rest at Caledonia Memorial Park in a private ceremony.

Carl's family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff of E.W.

Lucille Cates House of Marion County Florida for the incredible care and love given to Carl and his family in his final days.

A super special thank you to nurses Maria and Lindell...they are truly angels.

Special thank you to Carl's nieces, nephews, and neighbors for all their assistance during this most difficult time.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

FaithBridge United Methodist Church
10402 Northwestern Ave
Franksville, WI 53126

Funeral Service

JAN 9. 12:00 PM (CT)

FaithBridge United Methodist Church
10402 Northwestern Ave
Franksville, WI 53126

Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carl S. Granetzke*



Sturino Funeral Home - January 08, 2025 at 10:36 PM



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Carl S. Granetzke*



Sturino Funeral Home - January 08, 2025 at 04:53 PM

JG

“ Dear Janyce.

We share your loss but treasure everlasting memories of Carl. From the first time he welcomed us to his circle of friends at a trade show in Chicago some twenty years ago, we have shared his boundless hospitality and endless smile. Thank you for lending him to us too.

His open enthusiasm for life was shared with us from the top of the Sydney Harbor Bridge to airshows in Oshkosh Wisconsin and trade shows across Europe and the USA.

He lived his Christianity without compromise.

Lots of love and sympathy from,

John and Lyn, David and Susan, Zachary and Grayson Gerber of Sydney, Australia.

John Gerber - January 09, 2025 at 04:10 PM

MB

“ *Carl Granetzke was one of a kind! His smile could light up a room the moment he entered. We've been good friends for countless years and met through running. He had a zest for life, like no other and loved everyone he met. Although Carl has left us, his enthusiasm and kindness will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.*

Marcia Balthazor

Marcia A Balthazor - January 08, 2025 at 10:16 PM

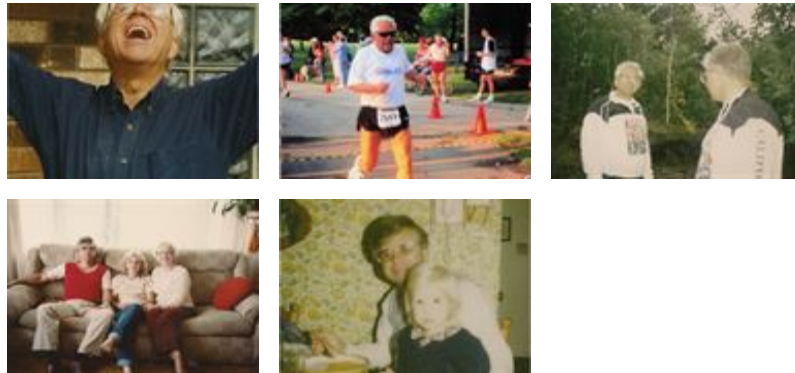
NB

“ *Carl was so kind to me and everyone doing the when the 5k events. I will miss him cheering me on and I will miss cheering him on too!*

Nancy Bridgeforth - January 08, 2025 at 06:03 PM



“ 223 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sturino Funeral Home - January 08, 2025 at 05:28 PM



“ The Dolan Family. purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Carl S. Granetzke.



The Dolan Family. - January 08, 2025 at 05:00 PM



“ Alexandrina B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl S. Granetzke.

Alexandrina B. - January 08, 2025 at 06:38 AM

AM

“ No simple words can describe Big G. His heart was bigger than life itself. He loved fiercely his family and friends, carried God in his heart, and lived life with passion, joy and great positive energy. He kept running until the very end (literally) and inspired the rest of us.

I was blessed and privileged to be accepted as part of the family. He and Jan answered an ad they saw in their church hallway 30 years ago to host an international college student. They greeted me with open arms, a beautiful room for me to stay, and a warm bowl of chili. Not only that, they welcomed me into their family life as a daughter. They celebrated my wins, worried about my challenges, and supported me to find God and build my faith. They showed me what makes this amazing country great and the kind of person and parent I want to be.

Big G has left his mark on my heart and life with his boundless, selfless love, warm smile, and passion to stay active, strong, and enjoy every moment of life, with all its ups, downs, and turns.

Alexandrina Marz - January 07, 2025 at 04:47 PM

KR

“ Janyce, I was saddened to learn that Carl had passed. Over the many years of contact I had with him in my office it was always a joy to have conversation. He had a unique personality which was always pleasant and direct. The word dedication comes to mind as an appropriate foundation of the values he championed. Recognizing his strong faith will be a gift of peace and comfort as you journey through a reservoir of stored memories. Sincere condolences, Ken Rubin

Ken Rubin - January 07, 2025 at 08:19 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carl S. Granetzke.*



January 07, 2025 at 06:52 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carl S. Granetzke.

January 04, 2025 at 11:06 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Carl S. Granetzke.*



January 04, 2025 at 11:06 PM



“ *Carl was one of a kind man. He was always so welcoming and made you feel so special. He loved fiercely. Our family has fond memories of him and are so blessed he was a part of our lives for over 20 years. Our deepest condolences to Jan and the rest of his family. Pete and Michelle Halstead*

Michelle Halstead - January 03, 2025 at 07:47 AM

DP

“ Carl was the kind of person that considered everyone his friend. As soon as he'd walk through the door, you knew you were going to be having a friendly conversation. Rest in peace my friend. You will be missed.



Diane M Penzkowski - December 29, 2024 at 07:16 PM

JW

“ Mr Carl, as the kids called him, volunteered at our Cops 'N Kids Christmas book give a way. He did so much to get books to children.
Thank you so much for all you did for children to enjoy reading.
Rest in peace, Mr. Carl.

Julia Witherspoon

JULIA WITHERSPOON - December 29, 2024 at 10:18 AM

JG

Carl loved so much working with the boo give-away, it was great fun for him. Carl looked forward to that time with the kids. Janyce Granetzke

Janyce Granetzke - December 30, 2024 at 06:21 PM

MS

We met Carl at our first 5Kevents.org race about 7 years ago. He always greeted us a smile and was so kind to our family. Now Carl is in heaven praising Jesus.

Martha Sostre - January 10, 2025 at 09:45 PM

DP

“ *He was a very outgoing friendly man who made everyone feel welcome, A man of faith who shared his love of Jesus. He and Janys brought their great grandsons with them to Faithbridge We will miss his smiling face and his friendship*

Darleen and Bob Pattison - December 24, 2024 at 08:04 PM