



Gerald "Jerry" C. Vanden Branden Jr.

August 25, 1951 - December 6, 2025

Gerald "Jerry" Carl Vanden Branden, Jr, passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of December 6, 2025, at the age of 74.

Born on August 25, 1951, in Sheboygan, WI, Jerry moved with his family to Racine as a child. He graduated from William Horlick High School in 1970 and married his high school sweetheart Sandy in 1972. Other than a few years living in Illinois for work, Jerry called Racine home throughout his life.

Jerry was loved dearly and will be forever missed by his children Jeremy (Laurie) Vanden Branden, Derek Vanden Branden, and Alissa (Jeffrey) Senzig; his grandchildren Bailey Aviles, Cecelia Senzig, and Joseph Senzig; his siblings Paula Hoornaert, David Vanden Branden, Wendy (Perry) Thornton, and Tammy (Tim) Venegas; and his step-dad Slavo "Mike" Rozic. He is further remembered by his ex-wife Sandra "Sandy" (nee: Christenson) Seitz, uncle Steven Rosenstein, his nieces and nephews, and many other family and friends.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Patricia Rozic (nee: Rosenstein) and Gerald Vanden Branden, as well as his brother Patrick and sister Patricia.

Helping people and animals in need were Jerry's passions. Jerry loved people. He enjoyed meeting, conversing with, and helping people whenever

he could. His desire to help others showed through in his support for his children's interests and in his careers in law enforcement with the Zion Police Department and then later in sales at Badger Uniforms in Racine. One of Jerry's great joys in life was finding unique treasures for family and friends at discount stores, garage sales, and flea markets.

Jerry had a lifelong appreciation for nature and animals. He had innumerable reptilian, amphibian, avian, and mammalian pets over the years. He really loved turtles and dogs, especially his trusted companion Maggie, but he had room in his heart (and aquariums) for all creatures.

Jerry's other interests included listening to music, cheering on the Packers, and reading the paper while drinking a hot cup of coffee, preferably a large from McDonald's with two creams and two sugars.

A visitation will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Burial to follow immediately after at West Lawn Memorial Park in Racine, WI.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
3014 Northwestern Avenue
Racine, WI 53404
(262) 632-4479
info@sturinofuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Laczkowski Family and Friends purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gerald "Jerry" C. Vanden Branden Jr..*



The Laczkowski Family and Friends - December 14, 2025 at 04:31 PM

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“ *The Laczkowski Family and Friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald "Jerry" C. Vanden Branden Jr..*

The Laczkowski Family and Friends - December 14, 2025 at 04:31 PM

LG

“ *REST IN PEACE Jerry.*

Lee Gottfredsen - December 11, 2025 at 03:30 PM

JD

Rest in peace old friend

JACQUELINE DRESEN - December 12, 2025 at 12:49 PM

LB

*Rest in Peace Jerry
Lori Barth (Miller) and Jerry Miller (Rockledge, FLA) and Johnny Miller*

Lori Barth - December 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" C. Vanden Branden Jr..*



December 11, 2025 at 09:29 AM



“ *Mike and Rachel Fisk planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald "Jerry" C. Vanden Branden Jr..*

Mike and Rachel Fisk - December 11, 2025 at 09:29 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" C. Vanden Branden Jr..*



December 10, 2025 at 07:52 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" C. Vanden Branden Jr..*



December 10, 2025 at 06:17 PM