



Gottlieb "Jerry" Wiegel

September 29, 1918 - May 14, 2015

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RACINE – Gottlieb 'Jerry' Wiegel, 96, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare All-Saints. He was born in Maywood, Illinois on September 29, 1918, the son of Fred and Elizabeth (nee: Gorr) Wiegel. Jerry was united in marriage to Ann Helen DeLuca on May 19, 1945 in Racine. He was a longtime member of Holy Communion Lutheran Church. Jerry was also a member of Racine Elks #252, former member of Racine Masonic Lodge, VFW, American Legion Post 310 and Belle City Malleable Iron Co. 25 Year Club.

Jerry was proud to be part of the "Greatest Generation." He enlisted and proudly served in the United States Army, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment during World War II. Jerry was wounded in the "Battle of the Bulge," and was awarded the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart for his actions while serving in Belgium, December 23, 1944.

Jerry excelled in the sport of boxing while in high school in Medford, WI, and was a finalist in the Golden Gloves Tournament in Chicago, IL. While serving in the army Jerry continued to box earning many awards and trophies.

Jerry was a general foreman and had been employed with Racine Steel Castings/Belle City Malleable Steel Co, (Evans Corp). He was an avid golfer who once shot a 33 at Washington Park Golf Course on Father's Day. Jerry also enjoyed fishing with family and friends "up north" and on Washington Island. For twenty years Jerry with his wife Ann wintered in Tarpon Springs,

Florida where they made many lasting friendships, including friends from Canada. Most importantly he loved spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Surviving are his sons and daughters-in-law, Donald J. (Kathy) Wiegel of Green Bay and Richard T. (Doris) Wiegel of Racine; grandchildren, Paul (Cindy) Wiegel of Berlin, WI and Beth (Jeremy) Falish of Green Bay; great grandchildren, Adam, Laura, Sam and Claudia; brother, Alex (Bobbie) Wiegel of Sacramento, CA. and sister-in-law, Dorothy Wiegel of Medford. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Jerry was preceded in death by his wife, Ann on January 22, 2013; brothers, Fred, Jr., Henry and David Wiegel; sisters, Katie Wiegel, Sophie Carter and Lydia Rasmussen.

Visitation will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Friday, May 22, 2015 from 11 am until 1 pm. Memorial service will follow at 1 pm, concluding with full military honors.

Jerry will be laid to rest at Southern Wisconsin Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in a private ceremony at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Jerry in a special way may direct memorials to St. Monica's Senior Living (Activities Fund) or Holy Communion Lutheran Church-Food Pantry.

The Wiegel family takes this opportunity to express their profound gratitude to St. Monica's for their compassionate and loving care given to Jerry over the years. Jerry established many meaningful relationships during his time at St. Monica's.

Cemetery Details

Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery

21731 Spring Street
Union Grove, WI 53182

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

MAY 22. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gottlieb "Jerry" Wiegel*



Sturino Funeral Home - May 20, 2015 at 02:08 PM

HW

*Beautiful, just beautifully done, so many memories, laughs, family togetherness!!
I love this video! Thank you for sharing and it will be my keepsake forever!!
Love, Hugs - Heidi Wiegel*

Heidi Wiegel - May 21, 2015 at 12:23 PM

CV

What a beautiful tribute to Uncle Jerry. And so many memories for us to be blessed with. Had tears but I couldn't help but smile. I'm truly blessed to have you as my Uncle! Love ya, Cindy Voges xxoo

Cindra Voges - June 01, 2015 at 04:33 PM

CV

“ *Going to miss your precious smile and getting that Christmas card this year. Rest in Peace Sweet Uncle Jerry! Always and Forever I love you, Your Niece Cindy Voges*



Cindra Voges - June 01, 2015 at 03:27 PM

PS

“ My deepest sympathy Rick to you and all your family on the loss of your father! Peggy from The Hair Connection

Peggy Svoboda - May 22, 2015 at 08:24 AM

EH

“ Edythe H. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Gottlieb "Jerry" Wiegel.



Edythe H. - May 21, 2015 at 02:28 PM

EH

“ Edythe Hanna lit a candle in memory of Gottlieb "Jerry" Wiegel



Edythe Hanna - May 21, 2015 at 01:41 PM

HW

“ Heidi Wiegel lit a candle in memory of Gottlieb "Jerry" Wiegel



Heidi Wiegel - May 21, 2015 at 12:36 PM

HW

“ On behalf of the David Wiegel Family, we would like to extend our sincere love and condolences. Uncle Jerry was loving and caring to us all. His humor and smile will always be remembered. He will always hold a special place in our hearts.
Heidi Wiegel - Wausau, WI (niece)

Heidi Wiegel - May 21, 2015 at 12:36 PM



“ 75 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sturino Funeral Home - May 20, 2015 at 01:22 PM

PF

“ Pauline Fountain purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Gottlieb "Jerry" Wiegel.



Pauline Fountain - May 20, 2015 at 01:27 AM



“ *Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Gottlieb "Jerry" Wiegel.*



May 19, 2015 at 01:36 PM



“ *What a wonderful person to have as your great Uncle growing up. Uncle Jerry and Auntie Ann hold such special places in my heart and in the hearts of so many. Many of my fondest memories involve Uncle Jerry and his ability to keep you on the edge of your seat until the last words of his story were told. His wit was unmatched and I still laugh at things that he shared and that we shared together. Frugal garage sale techniques, chasing would be robbers from his home and discount backyard haircuts (in a cloud of cigar smoke) only start to scratch the surface. “Straight as an arrow Uncle Jerry” straight to Auntie Ann. She’s been waiting for you in Heaven and please give her a hug from me. And when you see Gramps and Grandma tell them I love them too. Uncle Rick and Uncle Don, I’m sorry I can’t be there with you physically but know that I’m there in prayer and spirit. All Our Love,
Eric, Jamie, Brooke & Blake*

Eric Wiltfang - May 19, 2015 at 12:25 PM

PF

“ All of the California relatives would like to extend our condolences to Rick and Don and their extended families over the passing of our Uncle Jerry. We may be far away geographically, but our thoughts and prayers are with you in Wisconsin. I remember several road trips to Wisconsin over the years, and no trip would be complete without the wonderful humor of my uncles Jerry, David, and Norman. It was as if they had created a comedy routine for us - except no one was ever the straight man. I would laugh until my stomach hurt. When I was a kid, Uncle Jerry and Aunt Ann gave me a jar to catch fireflies in their backyard and a quarter so I could walk to the nearby store and buy a strawberry-flavored Big Hunk candy bar. When I was older, he shared stories of growing up with my mother, Sophie, who called him "Gulp." Our families seem to share a special bond with each other and this is what helps us get through the sad times - knowing that we have the support and love of our relatives no matter how far away they may be.
Love, Pauline Fountain (one of Jerry's many nieces)

Pauline Fountain - May 18, 2015 at 10:33 AM

KC

“ Rick and family,
I am sorry for your loss. You have my deepest sympathies. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers.
Kathi Chvilicek

Kathleen Chvilicek - May 18, 2015 at 12:29 AM

DD

“ *My Father, Duka, worked with Jerry for many years at Belle City/Racine Steel as a foreman. My father liked and admired Jerry very much. I recall Jerry and his wife visiting our home when I was a child. They were both so nice and kind. My deepest and sincere sympathy to the Wiegel family. May your precious memories bring you comfort. -Dee Djurovic & Family*

Dee Djurovic - May 17, 2015 at 08:29 AM