

Gerald Joseph "Jerry" Kreger

January 9, 1939 - November 29, 2015
Resided in Waverly, IA

Obituary

Gerald Joseph "Jerry" Kreger, age 76, of Waverly, died Sunday, November 29, 2015, at Allen Memorial Unity Point Hospital in Waterloo.

Jerry was born on January 9, 1939, in Waverly, Iowa, the son of Joseph and Mildred (Corwin) Kreger. He was raised in Waverly where he was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church and later graduated from the Waverly High School in 1957. Jerry then attended Loras College in Dubuque before being drafted into the United States Army in 1961. He was honorably discharged in 1963, and returned to Waverly. Jerry then went to work for John Deere in Waterloo where he worked for 33 years, retiring in 1995. On October 30, 1965, Jerry was united in marriage to Dorothy "Dolly" Geertsema at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waverly.

Jerry was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waverly, Knights of Columbus, and the United Auto Workers Union. He'll be remembered for volunteering at the Waverly Health Center, finding candy Dolly had hidden around the house, daily coffee with friends at Hy-Vee, riding bicycles backwards, playing golf, collecting golf balls people had lost on the course, and traveling, often taking the road less traveled even if he didn't know the way to his destination. His greatest enjoyment in life, however, was his family, especially his grandchildren.

Jerry's memory is honored by: his wife, Dolly of Waverly, Iowa; two daughters, Connie (Joe) Wishard of Omaha, Nebraska and Kelly (David) Kennedy of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and five grandchildren, Maria and Matthew Wishard and Olivia, Zoe, and William Kennedy. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Darlene Dornbusch.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 2, at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home from 4 to 7 p.m. with a rosary service at 4 p.m. and a scripture service at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, December 3, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waverly. Burial will follow lunch at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Waverly. Memorials may be directed to St. Mary's Catholic

Guestbook



[Kay Olson](#)

Created: December 04, 2015

Connie & family....Treasure all the special times you shared with your dad/grandpa. May the memories make this difficult time a little easier. God's peace be with you.



[Angel Jacobo](#)

Created: December 03, 2015

We met Jerry quite a few times after becoming great friends with Dave and Kelly Kennedy. Jerry always had a smile on his face and you can tell how much he enjoyed being with his family. We're so sorry for your loss and will keep you family in our prayers.

The Jacobo Family



[Bill and Karla Hunt](#)

Created: December 03, 2015

You have our sympathy. Jerry will be remembered in our prayers.



[Eileen Lupkes](#)

Created: December 03, 2015

Dolly, You and Jerry and our families go way back. Jerry will always be remembered as fun, caring, and of course getting the woods ready for the picnic. Our sympathies with the entire family.

Jim Eileen, Nadine and family, Tom and family.



[Pat Knowski](#)

Created: December 03, 2015

Connie & family - I'm so sorry to hear about your dad. Please know that you're in our thoughts and prayers. Hold the memories close to your heart. Pat & Kurt



[Bill Fruehling](#)

Created: December 02, 2015

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Dolly. Jerry was a terrific classmate through the early years, always a smile on his face. I enjoyed visiting with him at Hy-Vee in recent years with you or with the guys at the "wisdom" table. Jerry

added something to my day, and he will truly be missed.
Bill Fruehling



[Richard Vasquez](#)

Created: December 02, 2015

Connie and Family - We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. We remember the good times we had visiting with him and your Mom when you and Joe lived in Decatur. We still miss you very much.
Rich & Susan



[Dawn McGuire & Family](#)

Created: December 02, 2015

Kelly & family - So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. It is such a hard thing. I hope that the presence of God will help you and your family have strength and support during this difficult time. Many blessings. Dawn, Jeff, Peyton and Mallory McGuire



[Tom, Lori, Kailey and Taylor](#)

Created: December 02, 2015

Dollie, Connie, Kelly and the rest of the family, You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Although not having had the opportunity to know Jerry very long, from your stories, he seemed to be a very unique person. He enriched so many lives and made your family what is today. May God bless you during this difficult time and know that someday all will be together again in God's love. Tom, Lori, Kailey and Taylor



[Shelley Miller, Derek, Dillon](#)

Created: December 02, 2015

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad time. Always enjoyed seeing Jerry at coffee with the guys when we were in town visiting. He was a friend to many and will be missed!



[Russell Meier](#)

Created: December 02, 2015

I was greatly shocked when I received the call from John. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you in this sad time. He was my second cousin and was 20 days older than I.
Russ and Ilse Meier



[Kenny & Phyllis Jones](#)

Created: December 02, 2015

May you find comfort in your fond memories of Jerry that never fade away. We are sure you had many happy memories at Donna's with laughter and fantastic food. Jerry will be missed but not nearly as much as he will be remembered.



[Kay & Lewie Olson](#)

Created: December 02, 2015

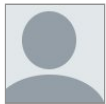
Jerry had such a dry sense of humor...sometimes it didn't hit until later the joke he had made. Jerry suffered his disability with stoic good humor. We admired the way he kept on going...it had to be difficult at times but he never let us know that. Our deepest sympathy at Jerry's passing. He will be missed but you have a wealth of good memories to help you through. Our prayers and thoughts with you and the family.



[Ted Lanske, Post 79 Commander](#)

Created: December 02, 2015

Dolly and Family, Jean and I are so blessed that Jerry shared a portion of his life with us. Your family was so much a part of our lives as our children grew up. I wish to say "Thank you for serving" and sadden that another Veteran is now in our Lord's hand. God Bless.



[Mary Dunkin](#)

Created: December 01, 2015

So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. What a great guy. I'll never forget the great memories we had snow skiing. He was a great skier and always wore his long green trench coat instead of any typically fashionable ski wear. He had a style and humor uniquely "Jerry".



[Jim and Bonnie Graser](#)

Created: December 01, 2015

Dolly and family, so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. Please know you're in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time!



[John and Eleanor Grapp](#)

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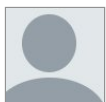
Dolly and family, may God give you comfort and be with you.



[Louise Mahony](#)

Created: December 01, 2015

Dolly, Connie, and Kelly, My condolences, sympathies, and prayers on Jerry's passing. May he rest in peace. God bless his soul and you all. Take care, Louise (Pudwill) Mahony



[Rick and Jinny Schwartz](#)

Created: December 01, 2015

Dolly and Familyl,
A fall on Sunday. Joining our Lord Jesus Christ the following Sunday. Jerry was a

one of a kind. A kind, gentle and witty man. He will be missed.
Rick & Jinny Schwartz



Dan and Paulette Norton
Created: December 01, 2015

Dolly and family,
Thoughts and prayers to you all at this very difficult time. Jerry will be missed but his memory will live in your hearts forever.
With deepest sympathy,
Dan and Paulette Norton



Jim Barta
Created: November 30, 2015

I include the Kreger family in my thoughts and prayers.

Photos



Services

Funeral Home

**Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes,
Inc.-Waverly**

218 2nd Street SE P.O. Box 215
Waverly, IA US 50677-0215

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Visitation

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 **Wednesday, December 2, 2015**
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Service

St. Mary's Catholic Church

2700 Horton Road
Waverly, IA US 50677



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Thursday, December 3, 2015
10:30 AM

Cemetery

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery- Waverly

1004 12th Street SE
Waverly, IA US



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Thursday, December 3, 2015
12:30 PM