



## Jerome Richard Iwinski

October 18, 1930 - October 19, 2023

Jerome Richard Iwinski, 93, of Downers Grove, passed away at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee on Thursday, October 19, 2023, surrounded by his family.

Jerome was born on October 18, 1930, the son of Charles and Regina Iwinski. He married Barbara (Novak) in 1956, in Chicago, IL. He retired from the civil engineering industry after many years, was a proud veteran who served in the U.S. Army, and was affiliated with the catholic church.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Joanne Iwinski; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Mark Koronkowski; a daughter, Patti Iwinski; and 3 grandchildren Katie Sadou, Kevin Koronkowski and Nicole Sinzinkayo.

A private service and burial will take place at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside, IL., at a later date.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

# Tribute Wall

“ Grandpa –

*I miss you so much already. I am so glad that I got to spend my almost 37 years with you – for that I am blessed. In a way, I am glad I was not there to witness your last days because I want to remember all the good memories we've shared. You purposefully shielded me from that, I know. I also know that you're up in heaven with Grandma now, the love of your life. I will always cherish when we went up to the Farm and stayed overnight for Christmas morning. I remember the pull out couch. Bridey & Tara and Patch's brother pup that you had, all siblings from your neighbor. I remember the Dairy Queen drives, cooking with Grandma, painting with Grandma at the kitchen table. The sunsets on the farm. The beauty of the snow on the farm. You always encouraged and supported the creative sides of us. I remember sleeping in the cool lofted bedroom (at the home you designed and had built) at the Farm and playing cards together. You taught me Rummy and crazy eights. I will cherish how I learned how to maneuver "driving" in the golf cart around the pastures with you in the beginning and eventually I would venture out on my own. I remember picking raspberries from the bushes along the fence line, making sure to beware of poison ivy with the 5 leaves. I remember hearing coyotes at night on the farm, there was a peace and eeriness to it that reminded me of nature's beauty and your love for nature.*

*You taught me how to clean the stalls, feed the horses, and you and grandma taught me how brush the horses; I even remember the one night the foal was born. I remember riding Ernie, Wendy, Davey with your and Grandma's guidance; I remember riding in the horse carriages with Grandma; the love you and Grandma shared of horses was wonderful. The love you and Grandma had for each other was something for the books and to be admired. You set such a beautiful standard and emblem of what a loving relationship should be – for all of us. I will always be grateful that you were there as another father figure in my life and one I could turn to for advice. I have saved so many of your handwritten notes to me for birthdays, from my engagement and bridal shower and beyond because your*

*words always struck happy feel good chords, at the perfect times. In time I will re-visit those notes and will always hold those close to my heart. Thank you for always supporting me and Menad from the get-go and being there as a confidante, a sounding board and always listening and loving; this meant so much to me beyond words. I love you. I am so grateful that you got to meet Menad in person, got to know and love him as part of our family, since Grandma was not able to do so here with us. Menad said he misses you already as well, that you were always so kind; we will always remember, honor & cherish you and the time we've had with you- until we meet again. I am at peace that you are now reunited with your love. Please give Grandma the biggest hug and kiss from me. Xoxoxo Love always, Katie*

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**Katie Sadou** - December 06, 2023 at 09:30 PM

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“*Your father was a wonderful man. I loved his warm smile that he always greeted us with. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Bart and Carol Burger*

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**Bart and Carol Burger** - October 26, 2023 at 05:34 PM

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“ Love you Grandpa Jerry, Jazzy, Laura and I are going to miss you around here, but know that you are in heaven watching over us with Grandma by your side. I'll cherish all of the great memories we've had over the years on the farm where I learned so much about hard work and using the tools around you to solve any problem that may arise, where I learned how to drive by mowing the yard with the tractor, or taking breaks from our chores to ride horses or visit the "pond" down the road to go fishing. It was a really great childhood and so glad that I was able to spend so much time with you and Grandma over the summers growing up. I'll always remember our annual family trips to Upper Cullen, MN where I learned that you can catch any type of fish using an Ambassador 5000, plain hook and nightcrawler, or a red & white lucky13 (no need for all that fancy tackle!). I'm still not quite sure how we all fit into one cabin all those years! :) I'm so glad that you and Grandma got to meet Laura and make it to our wedding in the City 7 years ago now, it means so much to us that you were there. You and Grandma really set the bar high for all of us with your love for each other and we hope that we make you proud with everything our futures have in store for us. 93 was a heck of a run and we are so fortunate that we had your guidance and support for so much of our lives. I'm glad that Grandma has you up there with her now and that you are no longer in pain and I know that you both will continue to watch over our families. Until we meet again, we love you Grandpa, rest in peace.

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Kevin Koronkowski - October 24, 2023 at 11:05 PM