



## Jerry Lee Lowey

December 20, 1938 - June 30, 2021

Jerry Lee Lowey, honey-do list accomplisher, snack sneaking, wood crafting, bear hugging, hardest working, ladies' man, passed away on June 30, 2021, signing off on a life well-lived.

Jerry was born December 20, 1938 in Kankakee, IL to Paul and Della Mae (Smith) Lowey. He was one of seven children, making for a house full of loudness and laughter. Preceding him in death are his parents, brothers Owen, John and Albert Lowey, sisters Frances Cotton and Daisy Schoon. Surviving are his brother Robert (Sandra) Lowey and sister-in-law Judith (Harris) Lowey. Jerry married his main squeeze, Judith Ann Beach, on August 1, 1959, celebrating over 60 years of wedded bliss, give or take a few days. Through his marriage is where he learned what a honey-do list was and his great skill of sneaking snacks before, during and after mealtime.

Together, Jerry and Judy had three children, Brian (Jill) Lowey, Lisa (Bob) Bodemer, and Lorie Lowey. Jerry had a long and illustrious career of 55 years working at Ford Stamping Plant in Chicago Heights, IL. Jerry also served 7 years in the Army National Guard. While working 6 days a week was pretty typical for him, he always made time for his kiddos between attending after-school and weekend activities, making the best bowls of buttered popcorn and picking out the most sugary candy and pop possible for Saturday night movie and game night, making memories on yearly summer vacations and teaching

his kids all about swimming and camping because mom wasn't the most outdoorsy woman. But the job he loved most of all, was being a grandpa. He and Judy shared 6 grandchildren together: Rebecca Bodemer, Kristine (Zackary) Charbonneau, Bethany Bodemer, Daniel Bodemer, Ashley Wilkins (special friend David Juergens) and Jacob (Kayla) Lowey, most of whom were particularly ornery but exceptionally loved, and 4 great-grandchildren: Hadley Wilkins, Beckham Juergens, and Bradley and Hayes Lowey. Grandpa loved teaching them how to build wood projects, smothering them with his prickly beard kisses, cheering them on at all their sporting events, singing together to all the oldies songs and having sleepovers well into their early adult lives. He was the best Grampy they could have asked for.

Jerry had a life-long love affair with sausage and egg mcmuffins, chopped steak, ice cream bars, butterscotch candies, buttered popcorn, and Diet Coke. He took fashion cues from no one. His signature every day look was all his: a plain T-shirt designed by the fashion house Fruit of the Loom, his drawstring sweatpants, and a pair of old school New Balance tennis shoes. Jerry excelled at building furniture in his workshop, carrying the bags on all the girls' shopping trips, memorizing directions anywhere within a 400 mile radius and giving scruffy-face kisses. He enjoyed playing cards with friends, watching sports, and attending all the Chicago Bears camps imaginable.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. Tuesday July 6 until the noon funeral service at Jensen Funeral Home 3639 IL-17, Kankakee. Interment will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Uplifted Care, 482 Main St NW, Bourbonnais, IL 60914.

# Cemetery Details

## All Saints Cemetery

1839 W, State Route 102  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home  
3639 E IL-17  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-4001  
<https://www.jensenmemorialchapel.com>

## Service

JUL 6. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry Lee Lowey*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Tom Mallaney lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Lowey*



Tom Mallaney - July 13, 2021 at 10:51 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Jerry's passing. He was a good man. I catered with Judy for many years. You have my sympathies*

Joyce Frank - July 05, 2021 at 08:33 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Lowey.*



July 05, 2021 at 03:21 PM

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“ *Sending our deepest sympathies. We have very fond memories of Jerry when picking Michael up when he was young. It has been >25 years, but never forgot that time in our lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Mark, Donica and Michael Messier - July 02, 2021 at 07:58 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Lowey.*



July 02, 2021 at 06:26 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathies to Judy and family. I had the pleasure of sending my children to them when they were little while I worked. They loved my kids like their own and my kids loved them! I'm so sorry to hear about Jerry's passing, he was a vey good man. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Mary Jo Wilcox - July 02, 2021 at 12:34 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Lowey.*



July 02, 2021 at 12:18 PM

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“ *Sending our deepest of sympathies to Judy and all of the Lowey Family. We were neighbors in our very first home that we bought. Will never forget how meticulous and well cared for their yard and home were kept. Jerry and Judy set the perfect example of how to be such good neighbors. May all of your cherished memories help you through this difficult time. Our thoughts and Prayers are with you.*

*Rod & Tina Andrews*

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**Tina Andrews** - July 01, 2021 at 09:02 PM