



## Jerry L. Erxleben

August 20, 1945 - May 17, 2017

Loving Husband, Dad, and Papa

Jerry L. Erxleben, 71, of Rockford died on May 17, 2017 in his home. Born on August 20, 1945 in Stillman Valley, son of Walter and Lois (Hain) Erxleben. Graduate of Stillman Valley High School. United in marriage to Lana Kline on October 10, 1964 in Monroe Center. Jerry was the co-owner of Office Outfitters in Rockford. He was a huge Chicago sports fan, always carrying the sports page in his back pocket. Jerry was Bears season ticket holder for 40 years. He enjoyed golfing and was known as the "Commish" on the Chrysler Retiree Golf League. Member of Heartland Community Church. Survived by his wife, Lana; children, Brett Erxleben of Rockford and Krista (Brian) O'Malley of Omaha, NE; beloved grandchildren, Marin and Finley O'Malley; siblings, David (Judy) Erxleben of Montrose, IA, Alan (Brenda) Erxleben, of Green Bay, WI, Kathy (Tom) Johnson of Eugene, OR; brother-in-laws and sister-in-laws, Dick (Janaan) Harms, Jim (Mardell) Harms, Tom (Kathy) Harms, and Louan Dallman. Preceded in death by his parents. Visitation on Sunday, May 21, 2017 from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Heartland Community Church, 1280 S. Alpine Rd. Rockford. Celebration of life on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Gordy Smith will officiate. Interment in Monroe Center Cemetery. In Jerry's memory, expressions of sympathy will be donated to his favorite organizations. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. Share a memory or condolence at [www.graceFH.com](http://www.graceFH.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Monroe Center Cemetery

Monroe Center, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 21.** 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Heartland Community Church  
1280 South Alpine Road  
Rockford, IL

## Celebration of Life

**MAY 22.** 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerry L. Erxleben



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - May 21, 2017 at 12:26 PM

DS

“ My sympathies to the family. We had so many good times tailgating & attending Bear games. Prayers to you all.....Diane Stahl, Mt. Morris.

Diane Stahl - May 21, 2017 at 04:31 PM

RC

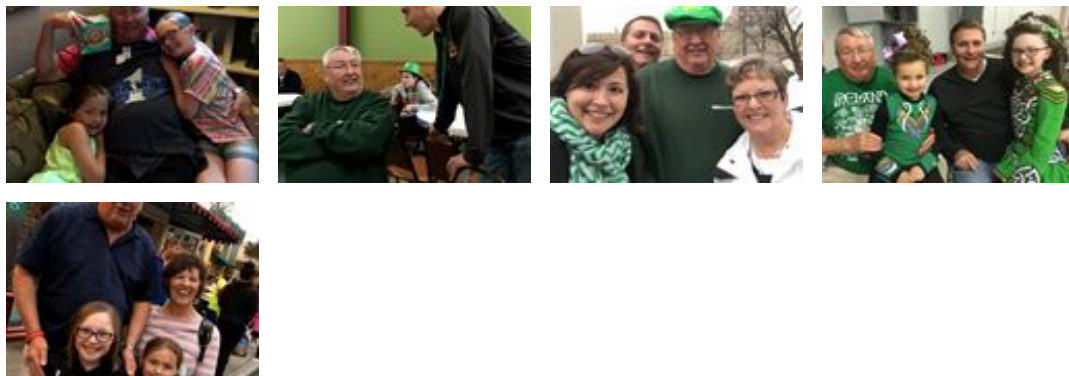
“ Sending our deepest condolences to you, Lana, and your beautiful family. Jerry has touched the hearts of many and will be dearly missed. May God provide you His comfort, strength, and peace.

Roger and Sue (Frisk) Cramer - Peoria, AZ

Roger & Sue (Frisk) Cramer - May 21, 2017 at 12:43 PM



“ 167 files added to the album LifeTributes



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - May 21, 2017 at 11:34 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Jerry L. Erxleben.*



May 21, 2017 at 09:38 AM

JM

“ *We are so sorry and shocked to hear of your very sad loss. Sending our deepest sympathy to the entire family. We hope your fond memories will help get you through this sad time. Verlen & Joan Morphey*

Joan Morphey - May 21, 2017 at 07:10 AM

BR

“ *Jerry was an amazing person. I will forever remember him. He was so positive and a genuine kind person. He would always ask me about how my boyfriend and I were doing and advise me to get married, so that I would have the same happiness that he shared with his wife.*

brenda - May 20, 2017 at 07:53 PM

DL

“ *Krista, we are so very sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time*

Dawn Lauricella - May 19, 2017 at 02:20 PM

JH

“ *Jerry will be missed. We have been friends since 1965. Used to sell fire wood together and had lots of fun over the years. Lana my thoughts and prayers are with you, I know what your going through.*

*Jim Hedlund - Summerfield Florida*

Jim Hedlund - May 19, 2017 at 12:20 PM

MM

“ *My thoughts are with you all at this time. I will be praying for the family. Sending love from TN  
~Michel Ann (Holder) Maroney*

Michel Ann (Holder) Maroney - May 19, 2017 at 09:01 AM

MD

“ My sincere sympathy to the entire Erleben family during this difficult time.

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**Marilyn Duhigg** - May 18, 2017 at 06:10 PM