



Gerald B. "Jerry" Krelo

August 1, 1953 - May 12, 2020

Gerald B. "Jerry" Krelo, age 66 years, a resident of Vienna, passed away Tuesday morning, May 12, 2020, at 5:30 AM at his home.

Jerry was born August 1, 1953 in DuQuoin, Illinois. He was the second of six children born to Ben and Rosemary (Giordano) Krelo.

On July 28, 1984, Jerry was united in marriage to Katrina J. "Trina" Shoemaker at the Community of Christ (Webb) Church near Tunnel Hill. Trina preceded him in death on September 1, 2017.

Jerry is survived by: his sons – Colten Krelo of St. Louis, Missouri and Austin Krelo of Vienna; his siblings – Joe Krelo, and his wife Jeanne, of Elkhart, Illinois, Kathy (Krelo) Faulkner, and her husband Mark, of Carterville, Illinois, Jim Krelo, and his wife Terri, of Elkhart, Illinois, Eddie Krelo, and his wife Angela, of Carterville, Illinois, and Kristina (Krelo) Bourquard, and her husband John, of Indianapolis, Indiana; his father-in-law and mother-in-law – Bob and Jean Shoemaker of Vienna, Illinois; sisters-in-law – Kelli Langston, and her husband Kevin as well as Kim Martin, and her husband Neil, all of Vienna, Illinois; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends, including Bill Maloney of Vienna, Illinois and Roger Rodely of West Frankfort, Illinois, and many golfing buddies throughout the region.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Ben and Rosemary Krelo, and his beloved wife, Trina.

Jerry was a 1971 graduate of Zeigler-Royalton High School. He also took courses in welding at Rend Lake Community College.

Jerry worked as a carpenter in the construction trades. He also farmed, drove a truck, and was employed as a field technician and foreman for Heartland Pump, Inc. Jerry was a former member of the Laborer's International Union of North America.

Along with his wife Trina, Jerry owned and operated the former Dolly's Restaurant in Vienna. He also supported and traveled extensively with Trina in her equestrian career.

Jerry was a Corvette enthusiast and had been a member of an area Corvette Club. He was an avid golfer and a member of both the Lake of Egypt Country Club and the former Gambit Golf Club.

Jerry was of the Roman Catholic faith.

A private memorial service honoring the life of Gerald B. "Jerry" Krelo will be held at a later date.

Contributions in Memory of Jerry Krelo are suggested to the Lake of Egypt Country Club for which a memorial will be placed. Checks can be made out to the Lake of Egypt Country Club and can be left in the care of Bailey Funeral Home, PO Box 695, Vienna, IL 62995.

Tribute Wall



“ Gerald B. "Jerry" Krelo

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ So very sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. I didn't know him well, but know his family and friends will greatly miss him. God will provide His grace.

Paula Dunlap - May 20, 2020 at 12:11 PM



“ Very sad to hear of Jerry's passing. Our prayers go out to him and his family. We had many a great times together. I will always cherish the memories. Our most sincere condolences. Bill and Martha Hadfield

Bill - May 17, 2020 at 03:16 PM



To The Entire Krelo family,
I offer my prayers and condolences during this difficult time.
Sherry Savka

Sherry - May 18, 2020 at 10:18 AM



“ We were so sad to hear about Jerry's passing. We had so many great childhood memories of him; Russian Christmas, Easter, The Du Quoin fair, and ice skating on grandma's pond. Jerry was such fun to be with. Our condolences go out to all of his family, and our prayers are with you..
Sue and Gavin Harner

Sue Harner - May 16, 2020 at 08:35 PM

RR

“ Me and Jerry had been best friends over 40 years. In that time we had a lot of fun and did many great things together. We were planning trips to Florida and Texas when he retired, just to see some of the country, have some fun and a few laughs while doing it. But as luck would have it; Jerry, got sick and I lost the best friend I ever had. Now, he's with God and Trina. My deepest condolences to the Krelo family God bless all of you.

Roger Rodely - May 16, 2020 at 06:25 PM

TM

I am so so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. We go way back to the Disco Days in Carbondale. He was known as tge Disco Cowboy! We all shared so many great times. Rest in peace Jerry. My prayers go out to his family. I never saw him without a smile! Teddy Cook Miller

Teddy Cook Miller - May 17, 2020 at 07:31 AM

SP

Just heard of Jerry's passing, then surprised to find out about Trina's passing also. I have been gone from the area but had much respect for them both. I sold food to Trina's restaurant and became golfing friends with Jerry. He remodeled my home at Lake of Egypt. I'm heart broken to hear this, they were both special people.
Steve Puckett

Steve Puckett - May 17, 2020 at 08:38 PM

RD

My sincere condolences go to Jerry's family. He and Trina's two boys were about the same age as my two boys, and we had so much in common raising them around Vienna. We all spent many days at ballfields and school gyms. I thought the world of the family. My thoughts and prayers to all of you.

Ruth Dunn - May 28, 2020 at 10:56 AM

TK

“ Tammy King sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerald B. "Jerry" Krelo



Tammy King - May 15, 2020 at 06:27 PM

PN

“ Jerry and I shared the same Birthdate of August 1st. Jerry planned a get together at the Krelo farm east of Elkville, and invited me. Unknown to me Jerry planned to celebrate our birthdays together, as I was greeted with many friends, food, and an embrace from Jerry as he said Happy Birthday Paul, I replied Happy Birthday Jerry! Jerry's heart, generosity, and kindness was unmeasurable, as Jerry placed others before himself. Prayers for the Krelo family, as Jerry will be missed!

Paul Numi - May 15, 2020 at 02:59 PM

JS

“ My prayers to Colton, Austin, Kathy, and the entire Krelo family. I first met Jerry about 20 years ago when I ran the Gambit golf course. He was a great person and a competitor at golf. He will be missed by everyone that knew him! Jamie Simmons

Jamie Simmons - May 15, 2020 at 11:17 AM

JG

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of Jerry's family. He was a great guy and will be missed by everyone who knew him. Judy (Humphreys) & Larry Glasco

Judy Humphreys Glasco - May 15, 2020 at 07:49 AM

SC

“ Sherryl Case lit a candle in memory of Gerald B. "Jerry" Krelo



Sherryl Case - May 14, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ Mike Crews lit a candle in memory of Gerald B. "Jerry" Krelo



Mike Crews - May 14, 2020 at 04:06 PM

JD

“ We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Jerry. Our prayers are with his family and friends. Joe and Debbie Kost

Joe and Debbie - May 14, 2020 at 02:41 PM

SL

“ Steve&Kathy Lay lit a candle in memory of Gerald B. "Jerry" Krelo



Steve&Kathy Lay - May 14, 2020 at 01:17 PM

DH

“ Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of Gerald B. "Jerry" Krelo



Dennis and Pat Harner - May 14, 2020 at 08:22 AM

HE

“ So happy that I got to share many golf trips with Jerry. He enjoyed our competition and was special to our group. My condolences to the family, we lost a good man.

Harold Emling - May 13, 2020 at 08:44 PM

PJ

“ Sincere condolences to the Krelo family. Joe and I went to school with Jerry and our families go way back.

Pam & Joe Jadwick - May 13, 2020 at 08:05 PM

YS

“ Oh so many memories, high school and after. Jerry took me to see Elvis in Carbondale, a highlight of my life. We danced a million miles. My heart goes out to his family.



Yolanda Fisher (Jeanie simpkins) - May 13, 2020 at 07:34 PM



“ *Terri MacDonald lit a candle in memory of Gerald B. "Jerry" Krelo*



Terri MacDonald - May 13, 2020 at 06:58 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Krelo family. Jerry was a dear friend and we spent a lot of time together on the golf course. He and Trina went to Vegas with Twyla and I when we got married. He was a true friend and will be deeply missed. May Heaven be filled with green golf courses.*

Twyla and Greg Gorden - May 13, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ *Carol Bryant sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerald B. "Jerry" Krelo*



Carol Bryant - May 13, 2020 at 04:28 PM



Sending Our deepest Sympathy and Prayers go out to Austin , Colton and Family Carol, Toby and Jordan Bryant

Carol Bryant - May 13, 2020 at 04:38 PM

SR

“ Sheri Robinson lit a candle in memory of
Gerald B. "Jerry" Krelo



Sheri Robinson - May 13, 2020 at 03:58 PM