



## Jerome "Jerry" J. Boda

October 18, 1941 - October 16, 2019

Jerome (Jerry) Joseph Boda, of Fond du Lac, passed away at home on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 after a battle with cancer. Jerry was born October 18, 1941 to Lawrence (Bud) and Ruth (Templin) Boda. He attended Goodrich High School where he played football and pole vaulted. Jerry loved boxing and was a member of the Golden Gloves Boxing League. In 1959, Jerry enlisted in the United States Army and was stationed in Germany until 1964.

Upon returning from the Army, Jerry began his career as a butcher at Buehler's Butcher Shop. Jerry's passion to teach and help people led him to Lauer's Food Mart. There he mentored employees on how to be the best butcher possible. At one point Lauer's opened a restaurant and Jerry managed the restaurant until 1987. The very next year Jerry's Legacy began - Boda's Restaurant and Catering was opened.

Jerry's biggest accomplishment in life was being a single parent to his 4 children. In 1980 Jerry met the love of his life, Jane Floyd and on July 4, 1990 they were married at Lakeside Park. The joining of Jane and Jerry also brought another daughter into the family.

Jerry was an avid hunter, fisherman and bowler. Hunting trips took him to Northern Wisconsin and Montana and his fishing trips to Canada. Jerry was

always the 'camp cook' and made sure all his buddies were well fed. Jerry was instrumental in starting the Forest Gun Club, organizing the Dotyville Open Golf Tournaments and creating the Oxbo Tick Races.

Jerry and Jane enjoyed traveling – Alaska, Hawaii, Florida, California and frequent trips to Las Vegas topped their list of favorites, however their travels to the UP with 'Jerry's Kids were unforgettable. They enjoyed 'sock hops' and were excellent dancers. Jerry had a passion for woodworking...from constructing Grandfather Clocks for the family to building birdhouses for the community – everyone benefited from his generosity. You could always count on Jerry to be a regular at his children's', grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's extra- curricular activities.

From a professional perspective Jerry was a lifetime member of Eagles Aerie 270, the Wisconsin Restaurant Association and the National Restaurant Association.

Jerry was a man of few words, but many actions. He was always willing to help in any way or give anything to anyone. Jerry would never ask for anything in return, but seeing people learn and succeed from his generosity was his reward. He had a huge heart that finally stopped but the legacies and influences he left behind will last forever.

Survivors include his wife of 29 years, Jane. Daughters: Lori (Gary) Lloyd, Sue (Tim) Hanlon, Carey (Dan) Zemski – all of Fond du Lac; his sons: Terry (Houston TX) and Jeff (Hong Kong); his grandchildren: Justin (Nicole) Lloyd, Karissa (Dillon) Wittliff, Gabbi (Zach) and Joseph Hanlon, and Katie and Matthew Zemski; his great grandchildren: Peyton & Alyce Lloyd. He is also survived by his brother Fritz, and sisters: Janet Sinotte and Linda Abhold. Special friends include Tim Scannel and Mike Abler ('adopted' sons) and past and present Boda employees.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Judy, and mother-in-law Katie Schafer, brother-in-law's Melvin Sinotte and David Abhold, several other relatives and special friends.

We would like to thank Stacy Haase, the Tim Scannel family, and Hospice Home Care for honoring Jerry's wishes to remain at home. A very special Thank You to Larry Roxbury from Hospice for making Jerry's journey peaceful and painless – we couldn't have done it without you!!

Visitation will be from 9:00 am – 11:30 am Saturday, October 19, 2019 at First Presbyterian Church, 1225 4th Street, Fond du Lac, followed directly by the memorial service officiated by Pastor Jack Harrison and Chaplain Karen Kraus. A military tribute will be held immediately after the memorial service at the church.

A Celebration of Life and luncheon will be held at the Eagles Club, 515 N Park Avenue immediately following the military tribute. Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made directly to Hospice Hope.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 19. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
1225 Fourth Street  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

## Service

OCT 19. 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JH

“ Jane,  
*I am very sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of you and Jerry spending time with my grandparents, Pat and Bun. Our condolences and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Jessica (Krueger) Hughes*

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**Jessica Hughes** - October 22, 2019 at 06:06 PM

TK

“ Jane, *So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. You are in our prayers.*  
*Todd & Nancy Krueger*

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**Todd Krueger** - October 21, 2019 at 02:20 PM

JB

“ Jane,  
  
*Our sincerest sympathy to you and your family. May Jerry Rest In Peace and may you always have the fondest memories of him.*

*Jeanne and Charlie Bloedorn*

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**Jeanne Bloedorn** - October 20, 2019 at 07:58 AM

CL

“ *Jane and family,  
So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. Losing someone you love and care about is never easy. Heaven is a beautiful place for beautiful people. Take comfort in knowing that those that have passed before him are welcoming him with open arms. Dad ( Daniel Schrank ) I am sure is singing a tune or playing a guitar, along with Mom ( Carol Schrank ) is part of the welcoming committee. May he Rest In Peace. Sending you many warm hugs and prayers to you and your family.*

*Cheryl, Lauri and Mark Schrank*

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**cheryl langenhorst** - October 19, 2019 at 11:29 AM

BI

“ *To the family of Jerry Boda,*

*Bill and I want to tell you how sorry we are to hear of Jerry's passing. He will be missed by all that knew him. God bless you Jane and your family!*

*Bill and Arlene Abitz*

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**Bill** - October 18, 2019 at 07:46 PM

BA

“ *Bill & Arlene Abitz lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" J. Boda*



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**Bill & Arlene Abitz** - October 18, 2019 at 07:38 PM

SB

“ *My sympathies to all of you. Jerry was a great man he will be sadly missed. He gave me my first job.*



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**Sue Bellmer** - October 18, 2019 at 04:35 PM

JS

“ *Jane and family,*

*So very sorry to hear about Jerry's passing. He was a warm and kind man. My husband Sam Shaw has alot of great memories with him while he worked at Bodas. Sam's siblings as well have fond memories, and I'm sure their grandpa Sam was waiting with open arms for his good friend! Thoughts and prayers are with you all!*

*Sam and Jessica Shaw*

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**Jessica and Sam Shaw** - October 18, 2019 at 12:02 PM

KT

“ *Jane and Family;  
Sorry to hear of your loss. Many good memories that you hold within  
will help you through your loss. Jerry has touched so many! ST.  
JOESPH Has been waiting for him. I heard there is an opening in  
the woodworking shop!!  
Karen*

Karen Thorpe - October 18, 2019 at 09:36 AM

JM

“ *From the swamp bowl to a good steak, always a good friend. RIP.*

John Malson - October 18, 2019 at 04:49 AM

LO

“ *Heartfelt prayers and our sympathy on the  
loss of such a kind man. Hugs and prayers to  
the family. I couldn't agree more with all of the  
things said in his obituary. So sorry for your  
loss. Tom and Laurie Ottery*



Laurie Ottery - October 17, 2019 at 11:44 PM

RE

“ *WAS NICE KNOWING JERRY, WAS  
ALWAYS KIND, FRIENDLY MAN. WE ARE  
SORRY TO HERE ABOUT HIS PASSING.  
HE WILL BE MISSED. REST IN PIECE  
JERRY. MAY GOD BE WITH YOU.*



REDLIN'S - October 17, 2019 at 07:44 PM

JL

“ I am sure Jim and Jerry are having a few drinks and singing “Satin Sheets” together by now. Lots of great memories of trips to Vegas and the U. P. Where we always had so much fun. RIP Jerry.

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**Judy Latva** - October 17, 2019 at 12:16 PM