



Jerry G. Crossman

June 23, 1958 - December 21, 2020

Jerry Crossman, age 62, of Appleton, passed away unexpectedly on Monday morning December 21, 2020. Jerry was born on June 23, 1958 in the city of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, of the late John Crossman and Ione Wellman Crossman. Jerry was a proud graduate of Winnebago Lutheran Academy, in Fond du Lac, WI, Class of 1976.

On October 5, 1985, he married Mary Steffen at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Fond du Lac. They were married 30 years, and had 2 beautiful daughters together, Lexi and Abbey.

Jerry retired from Thrivent (formerly AAL) in 2018 after 35 years. He also enjoyed his part-time work as a bartender at Van Abel's of Hollandtown and The Appleton Yacht Club.

Jerry was an avid volunteer through Thrivent and throughout the Fox Valley. While he was employed with Thrivent, Jerry was many times referred to as "Mr. Volunteer". Some of his causes included The American Cancer Society Sole Burner Run, Fox Cities Marathon, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics and many more too numerous to mention. However, Jerry's true passion was youth soccer. He coached teams throughout the Fox Valley. Teams from Fond du Lac, Oshkosh and all throughout Neenah and Appleton. Jerry dedicated more than 30 years of his life to Youth Soccer and to the kids.

He coached boys and girls alike and of all ages. But where his passion truly took hold was when he proudly had the opportunity to coach his own two daughters in soccer from the age of four to high school. He then became a supportive soccer dad and volleyball dad, taking on a new role as a proud spectator when both girls entered the world of high school sports.

Jerry truly loved his family and friends. He enjoyed sharing memories of the good old days, whether that was his own carefree days of himself playing soccer, his hunting escapades, or just reminiscing about “The Moon and Klotz's Bar” days with his close buddies. He was a fun-loving guy who loved to have a good time. He loved to play pranks and would always have a joke ready. Everyone that knew him, knew they would constantly be laughing whenever they were with him. He will definitely be missed deeply by all those who loved him.

Jerry is survived by his two daughters: Lexi (Brandon) Briones and Abbey (Brody) Hurtis. His Brother John (Lana) Crossman, his sisters: Joan (Randy) Bader and Rose Ann (Wayne) Morris, special nephew Jesse (Kristi) Sook, and former wife Mary Crossman. Jerry is further survived by his Aunt Eva Wellman, many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews, and cousins and friends.

Jerry was preceded in death by his loving mother lone Sook, his father John Crossman, his step father Sylvester Sook Sr., his step brothers, Sylvester (Duff) Sook Jr., and Clifford Sook.

Due to Covid restrictions, there will not be a funeral. The family does plan on having a celebration to honor Jerry at a later time yet to be determined when gathering is safe for everyone.

In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to Special Olympics of WI.

Tribute Wall

DK

“ Lots of memories of Jerry from the Klotzs days. He always had such a cheery aura around him. So sorry for the loss of such a great person and volunteer. Prayers for his family and friends. RIP Jerry.

Diane krist - December 31, 2020 at 11:59 PM

KS

“ John & Lana, I'm so sorry to hear of your brother's passing. Sincerely Kathi Schetter (your retired dental hygienist).

Kathi Schetter - December 30, 2020 at 09:28 PM

CS

“ Mary, Abbey and Lexi,
Sending you prayers and thinking of all of you. Our memories of Jerry center around that wonderful smile of his and way back to those soccer days. So sorry for your tragic loss. He was such an affable man and hope that your memories of that wonderful smile and lightheartedness bring you comfort. Sending prayers. Carol Schubert and the Schubert family

c Schubert - December 30, 2020 at 08:15 AM

SL

“ I am so sorry to learn about Jerry. I worked with Jerry for many years at AAL/Thrivent. Jerry was a wonderful, fun and beautiful person. My sincere sympathy to you. I cannot even imagine how much he will be missed. God's peace, Sandy LeMoine

Sandra LeMoine - December 29, 2020 at 08:04 PM

MJ

“ *Mary, Abbey and Lexi, may God give you His peace and comfort you with His love at this difficult time. We love all of you so very much. Mike and Jeanne Klotz*

Mike and Jeanne - December 29, 2020 at 04:40 PM

SR

So sorry for your loss I truly will miss Jerry as we had many great times. Much love you all. If any of you need anything please call.

Scott Rudebeck - December 29, 2020 at 07:36 PM

JO

“ *Mary, Abbey and Lexi, there are no words that I have that will ease your heartache. I hope your memories will bring each of you comfort and hopefully loving smiles. There was never any three people he loved more than the three of you. Remember that. He spoke of you proudly. He was proud of you. May God guide you through this sad time. With deepest sympathy Jackie and Martin O'BRIEN.*

jackie o'brien - December 29, 2020 at 01:53 PM

AL

Lexi-Abbe,

So sorry for your loss, he was a great Father who loved his girls, With deepest sympathy,

AJ van Lith

Adrian Van Lith - December 30, 2020 at 08:40 PM