



Jerome Modzelewski

February 6, 1940 - May 5, 2017

On May 5, 2017, at 7:30 a.m., Jerome Anthony Modzelewski, born on February 6, 1940, passed on to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

His mother, Sophia, and father, Frank, predeceased him. His surviving family are a brother, Ernest of Phoenix, AZ; his daughter, Michelle Timmons; his grandsons, Ryan and Nicholas; and son-in-law ,Trey Timmons of Worton, MD.

Jerry lived a full and exciting life split between six months in Fort Lauderdale, and six months in Minocqua, WI. He had a passion for the water. He enjoyed fishing , boating, waterskiing and most of all the "VIEW."

Jerry graduated from Bloom T.H.S in Chicago Heights, IL, and the University of Illinois with a degree in Urban Land Economics. But his profession was self-taught and instinctive. He had an entrepreneurial talent for creating beauty out of swampland and dense forest. During his early years in Minoqua, he worked at Bosacki's BoatHouse and then for 15 years with Bill Yescheck and Pat Stone. The Olde Minocqua Boardwalk shopping center and medical center are prime examples of his vision. He had a knack for seeing potential when others saw only problems. His creative talent was not limited to real estate. He designed a men's cologne "Surf;" owned and operated a bar and grill on Lake Minoqua; and purchased and refurbished numerous boats at the Bahia Mar in Fort Lauderdale. Jerry's motto was BUY RIGHT--Don't be greedy, leave some

for the next owner.

He was unique in having friends as business partners. These special people became his family and lasted for decades.

A rare form of Parkinsons (cortico basil degeneration) over the last six years slowly stole his mobility and ability to communicate. The last 2.5 years, he was cared for by Michelle and Trey in their home, surrounded by lively antics of Ryan and Nicholas, constant presence of Lilly the chocolate Labrador, and loving assistance of caregiver Pat Leager. Jerry was blessed with the highest level of loving care. Until the very end, Pat would drive Jerry to the Chestertown Marina to have lunch and feed the ducks.

Jerry prayed daily for his family and especially for his grandsons. He wanted the boys to love and respect each other and bring happiness to their parents.

Jerry's body has been donated to " Cure PSP/CBD." In lieu of flowers, you can make a memorial donation to www.curepsp.com. or call 800 457 4777.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jerome Modzelewski*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Jerome Modzelewski*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Jerome Modzelewski*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Best man at my wedding June 30, 1962. A friend over all the years since. My thoughts and prayers go to you Michelle and all of your family. Please tell Pat Leager thanks for her caring and love for Jerry.*

Joe Dyke - May 23, 2017 at 08:59 AM



“ *Michelle, I had the pleasure of meeting you and Jerry when he was a patient at Holy Cross Hospital on the rehab floor. I have thought of him often and prayed for his comfort as he endured the journey of CBD. He often said he was going to fight this disease and always had Hope. Deepest sympathy to you and your family. Jerry is now free from this disease and enjoying the view. God Bless.*

Lois Bonelli

Lois Bonelli - May 11, 2017 at 05:17 PM

JM

“ Jerry was a good man by all accounts. I knew him as a cousin, and he was also a fellow alum of the University of Illinois. I saw him last at the 2012 family reunion in his beloved Minocqua. He lived a vigorous life and will be remembered well. He now enjoys eternal life.



Jack Modzelewski, Chicago, IL

Jack Modzelewski - May 11, 2017 at 04:43 PM

SM

“ We are so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing and of your loss. We are making a donation in his name to CurePSP.
~ Steve and Karen Modzelewski, Crete, IL



Steven Modzelewski - May 10, 2017 at 03:54 PM

DA

“ Debbie Allen lit a candle in memory of Jerome Modzelewski



Debbie Allen - May 10, 2017 at 01:02 PM

DA

Michelle,

My deepest sympathy at the passing of your father.

God Bless

Debbie Allen - May 10, 2017 at 01:04 PM

MR

“ *Max & Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Jerome Modzelewski*



Max & Maryann Ruehrmund - May 09, 2017 at 10:52 AM

BF

“ *Betta Fraccaroli lit a candle in memory of Jerome Modzelewski*



Betta Fraccaroli - May 09, 2017 at 08:02 AM

JJ

“ *Dear Michelle and Family,
Our deepest sympathies for the loss of your father, Jerry.
He was the youngest of 14 cousins raised in Chicago Heights. His engaging, spirited and independent nature was always on display and he was admired and loved by all who knew him. He is fondly remembered as a special person.
We are thankful he now is at peace in the House of the Lord.
Jack and Lee Johnson*

Jack johnson - May 09, 2017 at 07:19 AM

PS

“Michelle, You know how I feel about your Dad. You know how I feel about you. I was blessed to have so many years of memories with him, so much joy, laughter, support, and love. We have all been through so much together, seeing you grow and your family made it ever so special. He will always hold a special place in my heart. I know he's happy now, at peace in his final journey. You're a wonderful daughter, he loved you with all his heart.



pamela jayne snow - May 08, 2017 at 07:24 PM

JB

“Jessica Bush lit a candle in memory of Jerome Modzelewski



Jessica Bush - May 08, 2017 at 11:12 AM

PS

“Michelle and Trey: I was sorry to learn of your Dad's passing but know he is finally at peace. Your family's loving care was inspirational to all.
With Love and Sympathy,
Pat Smith

Pat Smith - May 08, 2017 at 08:12 AM

MT

“ *Michelle Timmons lit a candle in memory of Jerome Modzelewski*



Michelle Timmons - May 07, 2017 at 08:29 PM

RW

“ *Richard Walters lit a candle in memory of Jerome Modzelewski*



Richard Walters - May 07, 2017 at 08:02 AM

JL

“ *John M Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Jerome Modzelewski*



John M Larrimore - May 06, 2017 at 10:03 PM

TZ

“ *The Zottarellis lit a candle in memory of Jerome Modzelewski*



The Zottarellis - May 06, 2017 at 04:12 PM

DS

“ *Donell Smith lit a candle in memory of Jerome Modzelewski*



Donell Smith - May 06, 2017 at 03:04 PM