



Jerry "Wiz" Wierzbicki

May 14, 1959 - January 31, 2017

Albany - Gerard J. Wierzbicki passed away suddenly Tuesday, January 31, 2017 in the arms of his loved ones.

Jerry was born in Albany, NY and proud of being from "North Albany." He graduated from Cardinal McCloskey HS and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from UAlbany. His best reminiscing always included his grand passion for football and time on the field while playing Pop Warner, CMHS Cardinals and Great Danes. True and lifelong friendships were developed on a football field. Jerry's credo of respect, loyalty, courage, toughen up and never quit were all drills from great coaches and became his way of life that he passed on to his son and all those who met him.

Jerry retired as a Probation Officer, former Parole Officer and Nueva Vista for Boys Counselor.

Jerry cherished trips with Nell and friends to Myrtle Beach and side trips to Uncle Jim's. He loved time spent with his son and daughter in law, Michael and Ali, and his nieces Lila, Jazz and Jalyn. Wiz was a Steelers and Orioles fan and enjoyed kayaking and ping pong with Jack & Mary, football nights with Scott, horseshoes with Eric and crew, and Flood's dart league and Martel's softball. His love will always be with us.

Jerry leaves behind his beloved wife Nellie (Perez) and son Michael (Alison Musella) and Bones the Monster cat. He is predeceased by his parents Alice and Ronald Wierzbicki. He is survived by his siblings Eric and Michael Wierzbicki, Gretchen (George) Riley, Gail (Don) Riley, and Karin (John) Thomas. Also survived by all those loved in the Perez and Wierzbicki/Engel extended families.

In lieu of flowers memorial gifts may be made to the football program at UAlbany, payable to The University at Albany Foundation at UAB 226, 1400 Washington Ave, Albany, NY 12222 or online at www.albany.edu/giving in memory of Jerry Wierzbicki.

Relatives and friends are invited and may visit with Jerry's family on Monday, February 6, 2017 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Funeral services Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 8:30 am from the funeral home, thence to Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 33 Walter Street, Albany at 9:30 am where a funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Interment will immediately follow the Mass at St. Agnes Cemetery.

To leave Jerry's family a message on their guestbook, light a candle, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit www.mcveighfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
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Service

FEB 7. 9:30 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
33 Walter Street
Albany, NY

Tribute Wall



“ Jerry "Wiz" Wierzbicki

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *"Live today in such a way that when tomorrow comes, the memories of yesterday will all be cherished ones."*

Words just cannot convey the emptiness that all that knew him are feeling with his passing. My sons and I will miss you SON. May God Bless and keep you under his wing the rest of your days until you are both reunited Nellie.

Uncle "JIMMY"

James Wierzbicki - February 09, 2017 at 08:48 AM



“ *jerry was an inspiration to all of us younger than him growing up... he was a great guy,,,, I'm sorry for his loss. he will not be forgotten*

joe sharer - February 07, 2017 at 09:52 PM



“ *I Remember Jerry growing up in North Albany, every time we ran into each other he was always a Gentleman and was very kind to me. Cindy Bishop*

Cindy Bishop - February 07, 2017 at 08:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry "Wiz" Wierzbicki.*



February 06, 2017 at 06:22 PM



“ *Jerry was always a gentleman who treated everyone with respect. He'll be missed by many, many people. Eric and family please accept my condolences at this time for your loss.*

Frank Flynn

Frank Flynn - February 06, 2017 at 02:42 PM



“ *As young kids growing up in North a Albany Jerry was one of those great guys that always made times fun and adventurous. Always the great athlete and leader. Will be missed by all and it was an honor and pleasure to have known and had the opportunity to have Jerry a part of my life in my years in North Albany. Rest in Peace my friend.*

Peter Van Deusen - February 06, 2017 at 10:36 AM



Van Deusen

Peter VanDeusen - February 06, 2017 at 10:37 AM

MA

“ Nellie,
Jerry and I attended UAlbany and played football together for 3 years. Jerry was one of those friends I rarely saw but often thought of. His laugh, his great sense of humor and the practical way he looked at everything always gave me reason to laugh or think but always made me look forward to seeing him again and catching up. Meeting up with Wiz was one of the reasons I would travel back to Albany to see games, as I always knew he would be there. Please accept my prayers and heart felt condolences to you and your family. You are in the thoughts and prayers of so many of us.
Michael Arcuri

Michael Arcuri - February 06, 2017 at 05:22 AM



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February 06, 2017 at 01:09 AM

SS

“ Nellie, Tony and I are so sorry for your loss. Sending hugs. Susan And Tony Signoracci

Susan J Signoracci - February 05, 2017 at 07:53 PM

BD

“ Wiz was a fictive at UALBANY home game tailgates. His great sense of humor will be greatly missed. A great friend, a great teammate and a great man... RIP Wiz, Bob Downey

Bob Downey - February 05, 2017 at 02:41 PM

SP

“ I met Jerry a few years back when I was a brewer at the Albany Pump Station. Him and his amazing wife Nellie used to come in pretty frequently. We got to talking and it turned out that we both played under Bob Ford at U-Albany. From then on we became great friends. Always loved Jerry's passion and ability to communicate with everyone. He will be sorely missed at the future tailgates, but never forgotten. The Purple Family never dies... RIP, friend.

Sam Pagano - February 05, 2017 at 01:54 PM

MY

“ The world lost a great one this past week. Wiz was one of a kind! Kind man, great friend, father, husband and a truly Great "Great Dane". Many of us went to battle with Wiz on Saturday's. Most of the time we won. In the wins and the loses Wiz gave all, all the time. We will miss you brother.
Nellie and family.....thoughts, prayers, and fond memories. Stay strong, we all love you!

Fio and Share

Mike Fiorito and Share Young - February 05, 2017 at 11:06 AM

KW

“ Kay & Jim Williamson lit a candle in memory of Jerry "Wiz" Wierzbicki



Kay & Jim Williamson - February 05, 2017 at 10:50 AM

JK

“ *Wiz, it was an honor to share the field of battle with you At Cardinal High. You always gave it your all. John Koreman*

John F Koreman - February 05, 2017 at 08:28 AM

JD

“ *Nellie & family I pray that God may ease your grief and bless you with strength. Please know the hearts of UAlbany Football Brethren are heavy upon hearing of the passing of our Teammate. We embrace the memory of Jerry as player, committed alumnus, friend and Great Dane. Our thoughts and prayers are that God welcomes Jerry into his kingdom of everlasting life. Rest in peace Little Brother.*

John D'Anna - February 05, 2017 at 06:49 AM

CB

“ *To Nellie, Michael, Gail and the whole Weirzbicki and Perez family, words cannot express our sorrow for your loss of such a wonderful man. Our hearts are breaking for you all. We always enjoyed every minute of the time we spent with Jerry (aka Joe) from North Albany to Myrtle Beach and he will forever be in our hearts. We were blessed with his friendship and love. His was a life to definitely be celebrated. We wish we could be there with you all. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Much love, Cathy (aka Carol) and Donny Barrows

Cathy and Don Barrows - February 05, 2017 at 06:42 AM

MW

“ *Nellie, Karin and entire family and friends,
I am so saddened to hear of Jerry's sudden passing. Although it has
been years since I have seen him, I still remember the football
player. Also how he referred to Karin and I as Frick and Frack as he
tried to make sure we weren't causing any trouble. Almost an
honorary big brother. Take comfort in your memories of a life well
lived but too short. RIP Jerry. Mary Ward, Florida*

Mary Ward - February 04, 2017 at 11:15 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Jerry "Wiz" Wierzbicki.*



February 03, 2017 at 06:35 PM

AR

“ *To Nellie and son...my deepest condolences
on your loss. My thoughts and prayers are
with you*



Anna M. Rodriguez - February 03, 2017 at 08:19 AM

RS

*My condolences to all of Jerry's family, he left us way too soon. I recall
when Jerry first moved to NA and his first day at Sacred Heart School.
He looked like an athlete and he sure was. He was the type of guy you
always wanted on your team and hated to go up against because he
always gave 100%. I hadn't seen Jerry in the last few years but he was
always a guy I knew was a friend for life. Rest in peace, my friend.*

RAY SMITH - February 05, 2017 at 10:58 AM

MT

“ Mary And Glen Thompson lit a candle in memory of Jerry "Wiz" Wierzbicki



Mary and Glen Thompson - February 02, 2017 at 08:32 PM

WJ

I went to grade school with Jerry at Sacred Heart School. Played basketball with Jerry ,haven't seem Jerry since 1974 but never forgot his friendship and never will.

Walter Jones

walt jones - February 05, 2017 at 01:25 PM

JM

To Nellie, Big Mike, Little Mike, E and all the Wiz family my deepest sympathy in your loss. I will miss seeing Jerry's smile and his good cheer, and will always remember our great times together...Martel's, Elbo Room, Smitty's Pit...softball games, cold ones and so many laughs. It was my honor to call Jerry my friend.

Jim McQuade

Q

Jim McQuade - February 06, 2017 at 08:01 AM

KL

My deepest sympathies to Jerry's family. I was the secretary in the football office when Jerry played there. One summer I wanted to get my house painted Coach suggested Jerry could do it and he did (back in the '80's). Always saw him at the home games, always a gentleman and at the Ford retirement dinner. Once a Great Dane, Always a Great Dane! Remembering you and your family in prayer, RIP Jerry.

Kathy LeRoux - February 06, 2017 at 02:11 PM