



Gerrit H. Vanderwerff Sr.

May 19, 1935 - November 3, 2017

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Gerrit Vanderwerff, Sr., 82, of Liverpool, passed away after an extended illness on Friday at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse. Born in Appingedam, Holland, he was the son of the late Klaas and Gebiena (Bouwes) Vanderwerff. After coming to the US in 1957, Gerrit met Maria Hemmes, also from Holland, and they married in 1963.

Gerrit retired after 27 years from Unisource International in Liverpool, where he was employed as a warehouse supervisor. Previously, he worked for seven years at Eendracht, a paper mill in Holland. Gerrit was a member of the National Railway Historical Society (NRHS) and loved travelling and going on cruises, both international and domestic.

In addition to his wife of 54 years, Maria, Gerrit is survived by his son, Gerrit Vanderwerff, Jr., of Liverpool; grandson, Gerrit Vanderwerff, III, of Jamesville; granddaughter, Amber (Virgilio) Payano of Jamesville; and sister, Johanna Fey of Skaneateles.

The family will receive friends at a memorial gathering from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 4612

S. Salina Street, Syracuse, NY 13205. Inurnment will be at a later date in Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gerrit's name to Roswell Park Cancer Institute at rowellpark.org, or to another cancer charity of your choice.

To express sympathy, please visit www.ballweg-lunsford.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

HK

“ *Maria and family, we are saddened to hear our good friend passed away. Gerritt was one of the nicest people we have ever had the pleasure of meeting. We will miss him, his sense of humor and his dedication to his family and his projects.
Dinners at train shows will not be the same.*

Holger Krogemann and Robin Cook

Holger Krogemann - November 08, 2017 at 07:40 AM

SN

“ *Gerrit & family, we are so sorry for your loss. One of my favorite memories from our 'younger' days was when you had a gathering of friends at your parent's home and your Mom & Dad were kind enough to depart for awhile so we could all have fun. Wonderful people, your family. They raised you well, and we will miss your father. God bless!*

Steve Napoli - November 06, 2017 at 06:29 AM

JC

“ *Geritte and family,*

You are in our thoughts and prayers. We are very sorry to hear of your loss. I'm sure he was a wonderful, caring person like his son.

Joanne Cutri and Jack Knowlton

Joanne Cutri - November 05, 2017 at 11:04 AM

LL

“ *Linda Legg purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gerrit H. Vanderwerff Sr. .*



Linda Legg - November 04, 2017 at 04:38 PM

SH

“ *My condolences for your loss Gerrit, Mama Vanderwerff, Gerrit III, Amber and the entire family. He will be missed but always carried in the hearts of all he met. May peace be with you during this difficult time.*

Sandy (Bubel) Hemmer - November 04, 2017 at 03:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerrit H. Vanderwerff Sr. .*



November 04, 2017 at 02:13 PM

DA

“ *Gerrit, Mrs. Vanderwerff, & entire family, my deepest sympathy & prayers are with you in this time of sadness & grief. Although his physical presence is no longer with you, his spirit will continue to burn brightly in your hearts. Celebrate your love and memories of this wonderful man as time passes & your healing begins. You'll be in my thoughts and prayers.*
Darlene LoPresti

Darlene - November 04, 2017 at 01:40 PM