



Jerome "Fritz" Schramm

September 7, 1928 - August 2, 2020

Jerome "Fritz" Schramm, age 91, of Early, Iowa died on Sunday, August 2, 2020 at his home in Early.

Private Funeral Mass will take place on Saturday, August 8, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Early. To watch the live stream of the funeral, please use the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81677570988>.

Friends are welcome to gather with the family at the committal service in the church cemetery following the mass. Public visitation with social distancing encouraged will be held on Friday, August 7, 2020 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. with a vigil service at 7:15 p.m. and a virtual KC Rosary at 7:30 p.m. all at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Jerome "Fritz" William Schramm, the son of Gustov and Gertrude (Henrich) Schramm, was born on September 7, 1928 in Odebolt, Iowa. As an infant, he was baptized at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Odebolt and later confirmed at the same church.

His education was varied as he attended country school his first 2 years before moving to St. Martin's Catholic School for grades 3-7, then completing his elementary education at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Early. It was here that he met the love of his life, Ramona Jean Gard. Continuing on at Early

High School he excelled in sports, especially basketball, and earned his high school diploma in 1946.

Advice from his mother was “you should never get married until you are at least 20”, so on September 9, 1948 (2 days after turning 20), Jerome and Ramona were married at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Early. The couple was blessed with five children: Karen, Joyce, Gary, Mary Jo, and Jean.

Jerome was a long-time member of Sacred Heart Church where he served on the finance board and was an usher. He was also active in the St. Mary's Booster Club and a 4th Degree Knight for the Knights of Columbus. As well as serving his church, Fritz served his community by participating on the REC Board.

Although Jerome had the reputation of being one of the hardest working men around (farming, milking cows, and shelling corn) he still found time to LIVE life. In his free time, you would find him playing cards, playing softball, bowling, fishing as well as selling seed corn. It was the interactions with others that added much value to his life. Upon meeting “Fritz”, one could not help but notice he had extremely large hands; however, they soon came to realize his heart was just as large. He would do anything for anyone and was always open to helping those in need. Above all, he cherished the time spent with his family and was thankful for all the blessings he had been given.

Those who will miss him dearly include his wife of 71 years, Ramona (Gard) Schramm of Early, Iowa; children: Karen Cusick of Lake St. Louis, Missouri; Joyce Schramm (Steve) Moss of Anchorage, Alaska; Gary (Nancy) Schramm of Early, Iowa; Mary Jo (Larry) Dellwo of Early, Iowa; Jean (Larry) Walker of Cherokee, Iowa; grandchildren: Christie (Michael) Haynes; Kevin (Erin) Cusick; Christina (Michael) Taylor; Stevie (Liana) Moss; Andre (Roxanna) Moss; Nikki Moss; Courtnee (Derrick) VanOrd; McKenzie (Chris) Lallish;

Nathan (Elizabeth) Schramm; Valerie Schramm; Stephanie Schramm; Joe (Sherae) Dellwo; Tom (Janelle) Dellwo; Alison (Chris) Evangelisti; Emily (Justin) Gutzmann; Justin (Julia) Walker; Jason (Juli) Walker; Brandon Walker; Brett (Abigail) Walker; 35 great grandchildren; extended family and friends.

When his heart could beat no longer, he flew "On Eagles Wings" to join God and those who had preceded him in death. Those include his parents, brothers, Robert and Donald Schramm; sisters, Delores Determan and Betty Lou Schramm (infant); parents-in-law, Albert and Kathryn Gard; brothers-in-law, Joe Determan and Bill Nielsen; sisters-in-law, MaryAnn Gard and Ruth Schramm and son-in-law, Ray Cusick.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery -- Early, Iowa

Church St.
Early, IA 50535

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Vigil Service

AUG 7. 7:15 PM (CT)

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Rosary

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PRIVATE SERVICE

AUG 8 (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church --Early, Iowa
501 Church Street
Early, IA 50535
<http://www.nemahaweb.com/sacredheart/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerome "Fritz" Schramm*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 06, 2020 at 02:56 PM

BS

*What a wonderful life!
Bobbi and Bill Seier*

Bobbi Seier - August 08, 2020 at 12:43 PM

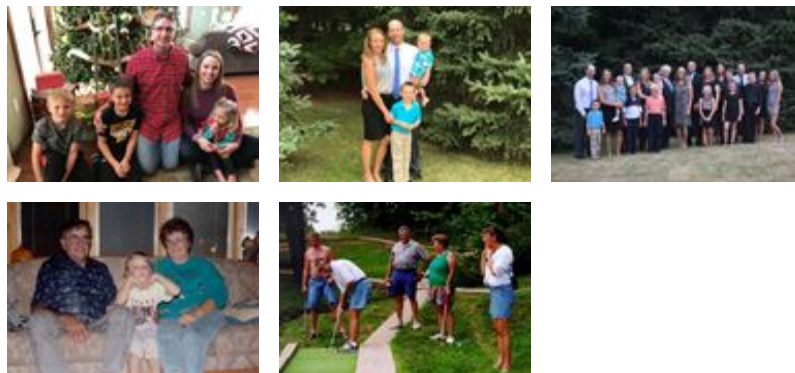
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Wonderful family memories...

Mary Determan Hagen - August 08, 2020 at 09:29 PM



“ *7 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 11, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Mass*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 10, 2020 at 04:54 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Tom Determan - August 08, 2020 at 02:32 PM

NS

“ *Grandma & Grandpa Schramm at our wedding.*



Nate Schramm - August 07, 2020 at 07:48 PM

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“ A few more memories from Branson, Mo



Nate Schramm - August 07, 2020 at 07:36 PM



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Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 07, 2020 at 12:18 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jerome "Fritz" Schramm.



August 07, 2020 at 07:52 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Jerome "Fritz" Schramm.



August 06, 2020 at 10:52 PM



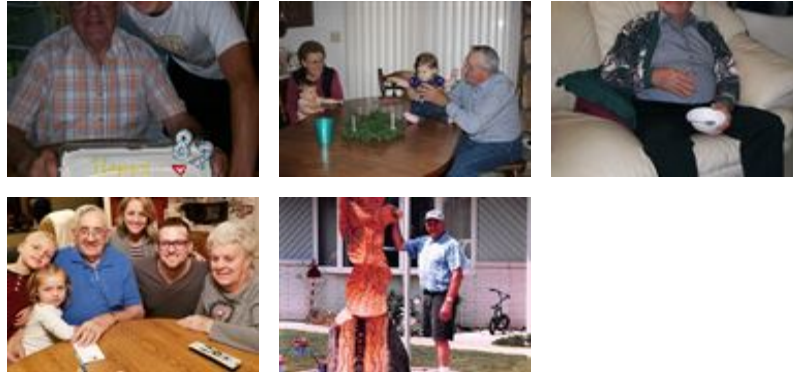
“ ~Averian & Tracey Parrish ~Richard & Nyla Predmore purchased the Eternal Paradise for the family of Jerome "Fritz" Schramm.



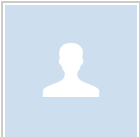
~Averian & Tracey Parrish ~Richard & Nyla Predmore -
August 06, 2020 at 03:11 PM



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Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 06, 2020 at 02:45 PM



“ Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Jerome "Fritz" Schramm.



August 06, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 06, 2020 at 11:38 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Jerome "Fritz" Schramm.



August 06, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Jerome "Fritz" Schramm.



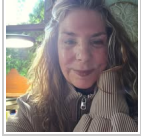
August 05, 2020 at 08:41 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Jerome "Fritz" Schramm.



August 05, 2020 at 08:19 PM



“ I will miss not seeing Fritz in town. He is one of the originals of Early and without him this town loses one more icon. He was always nice to us. Annie and Kevin O'Dell



Ann O'Dell - August 05, 2020 at 05:58 PM

TD

“ Uncle Fritz was a very kind, well respected and greatly admired man. He was Mom's last surviving brother and I had hoped he would stay with us for several more years.

Thank you Uncle Fritz for the loving memories, your big heart and for the enjoyable "coffee talks" we had sharing my ideas for new products and patents.

You are already missed. Heaven is a better place & I look forward to seeing you again.

Tom Determan

Tom Determan - August 05, 2020 at 04:35 PM

BT

“ Bruce and Karen Timlin purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Jerome "Fritz" Schramm.



Bruce and Karen Timlin - August 05, 2020 at 01:30 PM

KP

“ *Karla Pickhinke lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Fritz" Schramm*



karla pickhinke - August 05, 2020 at 12:39 PM

KP

“ *So sorry to hear of Fritz's passing. We have So many great memories on our trips we took together, especially drinking "Dirty Monkeys" on the beach! He was a Great friend, will miss him 🥺*

karla pickhinke - August 05, 2020 at 12:39 PM

CF

“ *Christine Myrtue and Family purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Jerome "Fritz" Schramm.*



Christine Myrtue and Family - August 05, 2020 at 07:33 AM

MB

“ *Fritz was a great guy! The very first guy I met when I moved to Early. Never to busy to stop and say hi. RIP!*

Mark Berry - August 04, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Jerome "Fritz" Schramm.



August 04, 2020 at 12:58 PM



“ White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Jerome "Fritz" Schramm.



August 04, 2020 at 09:30 AM



“ A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF FRITZ SCHRAMM. TO HIS FAMILY, WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY. MAY FRITZ RIP.



PEACE, LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE
STORM LAKE, IOWA

PATTY GUNVILLE - August 03, 2020 at 05:25 PM



“ Wow.....so very,very sorry for all of you. So many memories of Fritz....from childhood to being an adult. His heart was as big as he was in so many ways. I will smile when I think of him. God Bless Fritz.

Tim and Pegi Cavanaugh - August 03, 2020 at 04:32 PM