



## Dr. Gerald F. VerMeulen

May 9, 1931 - November 5, 2019

LAKE FOREST, IL- Dr. Gerald F. VerMeulen age 88 of Lake Forest, IL, formerly of Norway, passed away Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at Bickford Independent & Assisted Living Center in Bourbonnais, IL.

Dr. VerMeulen, known to friends and family as Jerry or Zule, was born May 9, 1931 in Norway, the son of the late Julius and Elsie (Vanden Heuvel) VerMeulen.

Jerry graduated from Norway High School, received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine with high honors from Michigan State University in 1955 and went on to start and own a practice for 37 years.

He married Carol A. Schulte on June 20, 1953, and had three children Michael VerMeulen, William (Sylvia) VerMeulen and Ann (Michael) O’Gorman.

Jerry was an avid Green Bay Packers and Cubs fan and enjoyed arguing with any Bears fan nearby. His grandchildren will remember him for his sacred bowl of peanut butter M&M’s of which he always allowed them only two. He was happiest at his farm in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, where he enjoyed visiting with friends and family and taking trips to the DeYoung Family Zoo.

He is survived by his son William (Sylvia) VerMeulen and daughter Ann (Michael) O’Gorman; grandchildren Michael, Eileen, Nicole, Kevin and Allison; sister Carol Moraska; along with the many wonderful caretakers and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Carol, son Michael VerMeulen, parents Julius and Elsie VerMeulen, and his sisters Lorraine and Laverne VerMeulen.

Visitation will be held on Monday, November 11 from 12-1 p.m. at the St. Mary's Church in Norway.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday at 1 p.m. at St. Mary's Church with Fr. Michael Kowalewski, presiding.

Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery.

The family suggest memorial contributions may be made in Jerry’s name to the DeYoung Family Zoo.

DeYoung Family Zoo, N5406 County Road 577, Wallace, MI 49893

# Cemetery Details

## Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 11. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Church  
401 Main Street  
Norway, MI 49870

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Church  
401 Main Street  
Norway, MI 49870

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Bill,

*I was so saddened to hear of your father's passing. Please know that my thoughts are with you and your family at this difficult time.*

*I send my deepest sympathy. May each new day bring you renewed strength of spirit and being.*

*Sincerely,*

*Marie Speziale*

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**Marie Speziale** - November 16, 2019 at 09:58 AM

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“ Remembering Jerry as a wonderful Bickford next door neighbor and friend to our parents, Ruth and Leo Buck. Such a kind and loving family we are grateful to have known.

*Thinking of you in your sorrow - the family of Ruth and Leo Buck*

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**Ann Schramm** - November 11, 2019 at 06:20 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Gerald F. VerMeulen.



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November 08, 2019 at 07:51 PM