



Jerald Everett Otto, Sr.

December 1, 1943 - April 2, 2020

Age 76

Of Arden Hills, MN.

Long-time Mounds View Physical Education Teacher.

Passed away unexpectedly April 2, 2020 at his home in Arizona.

Survived by son, Jerry, Jr.; brothers, John (Marilyn), Jim and Jeff (Judy) Otto; nieces, nephews and many friends.

Visitation and Service to be held at a later date.

Memorials preferred to Como Park Lutheran Church, American Diabetes Association or Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

Complete notice will be announced when services are able to be planned.

Tribute Wall

MI

“ Hello, I just wanted to share something I noticed. I was on the MOUNDSVIEW Class of 94 Facebook page when I saw the link to the obituary. I just thought you should know that it was filled with comments from former students talking about how they loved your dad.

People mentioned his tube socks, and the shorts he used to wear. How they would have "Free Day Fridays", where your father played Michael Jackson songs, and one student mentioned that your dad loved the song "Eye of the Tiger"; there were a bunch of likes on that comment.

Anyways, I didn't move into that school district until I went to Chippewa, but I just thought you should know that a lot of people really loved Mr. Otto. And that was just from the class of 94! Just thought you'd want to know Mr. Otto was loved by many.
XOXOXOXO

Michael - June 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Jerry Otto, a man who influenced generations through out his career. One of our first mentors in our journey called life! This man is a legend to all who knew him. Everyone I know who knew him has nothing but positive memories and influences from him. I remember Jerry at every grad party I have ever attended in the moundsview school district. You can't coach what he was to our community. More humans need to wake up and follow the example he lead for us. Jerry was one of a kind, I only dream that I have a similar positive ripple affect that Jerry provided this world. RIP as the angel you always were on earth. I can't wait to see your ripples lap for years to come! Tommorow is a mile run! And Jerry will be waiting at the finish line with a stop watch encouraging you with any result you finish with. Always asking you to do better than you did before with a smile!

Benjamin Nagan - October 25, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ My deepest condolences to the Otto family. Mr. Otto was my PE teacher at Snail Lake Elementary. He was always smiling and so nice to all of us kids. He was one of the best. RIP Mr. Otto.

Ginnie (Wynkoop) Muehlbauer - April 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Mr. Otto was my Phy-Ed teacher at Snail Lake and I'll never forget his softball shorts and tucked-in shirt. Best guy ever! Everybody liked him, always smiling, just the best. I also remember doing scoliosis checks and he discovers a curve in my spine that would later turn much worse. Crazy what you remember from ages 7-11! Congrats on a great life and know that he helped shape my life and I'm sure thousands others.....how many of us can say that?



Brent Selden - April 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM



Thanks...❤️❤️

Jerry Otto - April 19 at 08:09 AM

TC

“ The man, the legend! Rest In Peace 🙏



Terry (T-bone) Clarkin - April 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Rest in Peace, Jerry. Great friend to all. Our children (Jeff, Deb, and Craig) all had the opportunity of Jerry's phy ed teaching at Snail Lake. Lynda worked as a teacher's aid at Snail Lake and enjoyed working with Jerry. Remembering Jerry's great dedication to the girl's soccer program. He will be missed. Prayers and hugs to Jerry, Jr. and the family.

Lynda & John Miller - April 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

J1

“ Family & friends, I remember Mr Otto like it was yesterday. He was always so nice, and his quick smile I can still remember so vividly even after all these years, he helped make a day a whole lot brighter. His enthusiasm and dedication to keeping children fit while teaching them sport activities and his life skills lessons are something I have used throughout life. If you aren't the winner today, lose with grace and dignity, and try even harder to succeed tomorrow. I took that to heart inside and outside of the gym. I'm thankful I was blessed to have Mr Otto as a teacher, he was a wonderful person. God bless him and his loved ones. He will be greatly missed, but he lives on in our hearts and memories.

*Ms Julie Miller
Class of '83 & Snail Lake Elementary student*

Julie Miller, Class of 1983 - April 14, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Sorry for your loss Jim. I miss talking to you.
Mark

Mark Hughes - April 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ We learned this morning that Uncle Jerry had passed. So sad to hear this. He was always so kind to us when we were kids. I remember so many Christmas day dinners at his place with all the family and cousins around. He'll be missed.

Tom and Andi Moffatt - April 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Jerry, Thanks for opening the gym all those Sunday nights! It kept us off the streets doing who knows what.....
You were such a great person to spend so much of your time with us, also the times at lake Owasso I will never forget.
You will be missed by all of us!
*****Rest in Peace*****



Matt Rizzo - April 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ jerry_warren15@yahoo.com

Jerry Warren - April 12, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Jerry taught all our children (Joel, Kady & Suzie) Physical Ed. at Snail Lake Elementary School. He instilled in them a love of sports and encouraged them to succeed.
Blessed be his memory.

Roger & Connie Hickman - April 10, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Our condolences to the entire Otto family. Jerry was a neighbor (next street over), friend, fellow confirmand, classmate (for 10 years), teammate on softball teams and organizer. I will miss him as a good guy and a life-long friend to us and many.

Jim & Paula Freeman - April 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ He was an all time great! He made every day fantastic!

Kathy Corkle (Charles) - April 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ Prayers to Jerry Junior and the rest of the Otto Family. What a pleasure to have known Jerry Senior and to play ball for him and Junior. God Bless you all.

Eddie Whaley - April 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ My condolences to the entire Otto Family. I have known Jerry since our days at Hamline U in the late sixties. We played on the hockey team and many intra-mural sports together. After graduation we were involved in softball for years.

Jerry was always so outgoing and upbeat and knew everybody and his friendship meant a lot to me.



Bob Eng - April 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Was a pleasure volunteering at Snail Lake School, especially for Mr. Otto...all 3 of my kids enjoyed his Phy Ed classes...definitely kind to everyone.

Sue (Soucheck) Glazewski - April 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ One of my favorite teachers ever. RIP Mr. Otto. (Snail Lake Elem. '80-'86)

Neil Duncan - April 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM