



Franklin D. Gerber

August 9, 1937 - January 1, 1753

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Eureka – Franklin “Frank” D. Gerber, 71, of Eureka, passed away at 11:50 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, at his home.

A life-long resident of Eureka, Frank was born there on August 9, 1937 to Franklin E. and Margaret N. Van Fossen Gerber. He married his high school sweetheart, Sarah “Cornelle” Sides on July 6, 1957 in Eureka, Illinois. She survives.

Also surviving are one sister and two brothers, Nancy (Gerald) Knapp, John “Jack” (Deb) Gerber and Alan “Butch” Gerber, all of Eureka, IL; one son, Bradley Gerber of Eureka, IL; one daughter, Kelly (Martin) Hynes of St. Charles, IL; two grandchildren, Stephanie and Christopher Hynes, and many nieces and nephews.

Both parents preceded him in death.

He passed away in his home surrounded by his family. Family was his top priority and he will be remembered as a loving, devoted husband, father and grandfather.

Frank found joy in his work. A car enthusiast, he held jobs at Heyl Motor Company, Brubaker Transfer, and Eureka Automotive. Due to his highly-regarded craftsmanship, Frank’s hobby refinishing furniture soon became his livelihood at Rosedale Woodworking. Active in the community Frank dedicated 33 years to the Eureka Volunteer Fire Protection District and later joined the Central Illinois Fire Investigators Association. Frank served as Assistant Fire Chief, Fire Chief and trustee to the Eureka Fire District.

A sports fan, he loved bowling, golfing, and rooting for the Chicago Cubs. Additionally, Frank rejoiced with the senior “Spirit Lifters” and was an usher at Eastview Christian Church in Bloomington. Above all, Frank loved being with people, whether friends or acquaintances. His warm, personable spirit will be cherished and deeply missed.

He was a member of the Eastview Christian Church where funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, July 13, 2009. Pastor Jim Smiley will officiate. Visitation will be from 3-6 p.m. on Sunday, July 12, 2009 at Argo-Ruestman-Harris Funeral Home in Eureka and one hour prior to services at his church. Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m. at Olio Township Cemetery in Eureka.

Memorial contributions may be made to OSF Hospice, Eastview Christian Church, or a

charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.ruestmanharrisfuneralhome.com.