



Jerome "Jerry" W. Soukup

June 20, 1930 - October 21, 2024

Jerome W. Soukup passed away on October 21, 2024, at the age of 94. He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia, in 2011.

Jerry, as he was called by all who knew him, was born on June 20, 1930 in David City, Nebraska to Charles and Emily Soukup.

He grew up in Crete, NE and joined his father's hardware store in York, NE upon graduating from high school. He married Patricia on April 10, 1950, and they spent 61 years together until her death. Together, they had six children, all born in York, NE.

In 1962, Jerry and his father stood on the banks of the Poudre River and made the decision to move to Fort Collins, opening Soukup's Apparel for Men. Jerry and Patricia proceeded to raise their family, instilling a competitive nature and the desire to succeed. This resulted in all the children graduating from college and developing successful careers.

Jerry served as President of the Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce and is credited with the initial beautification of Old Town through the planting of trees in front of his store along College Avenue. From there, Fort Collins changed the streets of Old Town into what they are today.

Jerry will be known for his love of family, hiking, the mountains, and fishing.

He is survived by his sons Mark (Jenny), Brian (Janice), Kevin, Kent (Cynthia) and Kurt (Linda) and daughter Sharon Baeverstad (Harry); as well as 16 grandchildren.

Family and friends are invited to join us for a Rosary beginning at 9:00 a.m. and a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Fort Collins. A reception will follow in Meredith Hall in the basement of the church.

His family requests that any memorial donations please be made to SAMARITAN HOUSE FORT COLLINS, (<https://ccdenvver.org/larimer/>) 460 Linden Center Dr., Ft. Collins, CO 80524 or at Catholic Charities of Denver (<https://ccdenvver.org/donate/>)

Previous Events

Rosary

NOV 5. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (MT)

Saint Joseph Catholic Parish
300 Mountian Ave
Fort Collins, CO 80521
stjosephfc.org

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 5. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
300 W Mountain Ave
Fort Collins, CO 80521
<https://www.stjosephfc.org/>

Reception

NOV 5. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (MT)

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300 Mountian Ave
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Tribute Wall

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“ We know you will intensely feel the loss of your dad/ grandad, but we are praying for many happy memories to comfort you. God bless, Dennis and Kathy Modellmog

kathy Modellmog - November 04, 2024 at 02:35 PM

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“ I hope this note finds you surrounded by love and support. I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest condolences during this difficult time.

Jerry was a truly remarkable man—kindhearted, strong, and full of integrity. I will always remember the days of my youth when I shined shoes in front of his store. His gentle reminders not to block the customers showed how considerate he was, always looking out for others, yet he had such a generous spirit. The tips he occasionally offered me went beyond monetary value; they reflected his warmth and kindness.

Jerry’s presence will be profoundly missed, but I take comfort in knowing that he has touched so many lives. I can only imagine that upon his arrival in heaven, he is being welcomed with the words, “Well done, my good and faithful servant.”

Wishing you peace and strength in the days ahead.

*With heartfelt sympathy,
Ray Martinez, former mayor of Ft Collins*

Ray Martinez - October 30, 2024 at 10:23 AM

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“ *Rest in Peace, Uncle Jerry.*
So sorry for your loss, Colorado cousins. 🤍



Sandy Riede - October 25, 2024 at 07:53 PM