



Clell Thomas Perotka

May 19, 1923 - March 8, 2013

Dateline: Godfrey

Clell Thomas Perotka, 89, died quietly and peacefully March 8, 2013, surrounded by loved ones in the Godfrey home he built for his family. He was born on May 19, 1923, in East St. Louis, to John Thomas and Lennie Lee (Beaver) Perotka. On November 2, 1944, he married Dorothy Jean Heinlein. She survives. Clell was a US Navy veteran of both theaters of WWII. He was in business as a general contractor and a 65-year member of the Carpenters Union. He was also a lifetime member of the Godfrey Lions Club and the Caseyville VFW. He was a loving family man who also enjoyed woodcarving and woodworking. He displayed simple acts of kindness that left permanent smiles on the memories of many. He is survived by two sons, a daughter, and their spouses; Robert (Ted) and Betty, Rodger (Tom) and Karen of Alton, and Dr. Susan Perotka and Rylan Rydberg of Springfield, MO. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, seventeen great –grandchildren, and four great -great –grandchildren; two sisters, Dorcas Jahn of Mulberry Grove, and Joyce (Roger) Stough of Webster City, IA; and a brother Zack (Carole) Perotka of Edwardsville, and numerous nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Lee Fern Russell, a brother, Wayne Perotka, and an infant granddaughter, Katherine Ann Perotka. As per his wishes the body will be donated to Washington University School of Medicine for education and scientific research. Memorials may be directed to Godfrey

Lions Club. The Perotka family would like to give special thanks to the staff of Southwestern Illinois Dialysis Center who treated him like family. Also to BJC Hospice nurses and staff for their respect and kindness in caring for Clell's end of life needs. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Clell Thomas Perotka*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Clell Thomas Perotka*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *grandpa,i miss u so very much!! I have bee a part of your family for sometime,and am honored to be your grand daughter...i loved the time we've spent together,and most of all the "stories"...the girl's Autumn and Destiny,wow you was the only grandpa they had,they ever knew,thank you for the time,love,and just being the best grandpa ever!!! we all love you and miss you deeply!!!!*

valerie crain - March 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our heartfelt condolences to the Perotka Family. Grandpa Thomas (and his great stories) will surely be missed.*

Mitch, Janelle, Ashli, Jason Hargis - March 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *To the best Grandpa ever--we will miss you. One less vet from the greatest generation--lest we not forget.*

Dawn (Perotka) Schubkegel - March 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *Our sympathy to the Perotka family.*

Don / Barb Kruse - March 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *C T You will be missed. It was a honor and a pleasure to have shared time with you.*

We will miss your stories and laughter.

Barry & Nancy Trotts - March 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Tommy worked on our Mom's house in Elsay for Ed Keller (landlord) many years ago. He was a very happy go lucky man whom will be missed by all who knew him! Our heart felt wishes go out to you and your families.*

Donna and Elizabeth Gent - March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *My sympathy to the family.*

Dave Wickenhauser - March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *So sorry for your loss. RIP CT.*

Charles & Norma Wickenhauser - March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ C.T. was my grandpa, and I couldn't of asked for anyone better. He has done more for me in my life than any other man that I know, and I am very lucky to have had him in it. He took me fishing as a child, he taught me about carpentry, we went on trips together, he let me bang on my drums in his basement, he gave me advice on life, and later he gave me advice on raising my own children. C.T. was well liked and respected by all of my friends that knew him, and I'm sure that many of them have their own personal stories of little things that he did for them or times that he made them laugh. Many of my friends called him Grandpa because that was the kind of man that he was. I am very sad that he has passed, but I have been very fortunate to have had the best grandpa that I could of possibly had.

John Perotka - March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ He was special to many. Our sympathy to all. Hugs

The Freer Family - March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ I so sorry for your loss. I have lots of great memories of him while growing up with him as our next door neighbor. He was always so sweet. Prayer are with all of you.

Pam (Hoffman) Buchanan - March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Praying you will feel God's touch and His comforting presence. So sorry for your lost

Dan Pace Sr - March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Our condolences to the family, especially to his Granddaughter, Asylum Jarvis.

Raymond and Sheila Hargis - March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Sorry for your loss. It was good to bump into Susan and Dorothy at Farm and Home last year. I will always remember the Cardinals game that I went to with Susan and your parents when we were in jr. high.

Kip Shewmaker - March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Dorothy I am so sorry that I missed the service for Clell but I only read the obituary this morning. I will never forget the two of you and your sons that I babysat with when we all lived on Norton St.

You are in my thoughts.

Janice (Glenn) Pullen

Janice Pullen - March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ CT always had a smile and a helping hand to offer. His skills were many and his company unforgettable. His light will continue to shine from those that knew him.

Daniel Pace , jr. - March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM