



## George J Galla

February 2, 1941 - October 25, 2023

George John Galla, also known as Bud, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on October 25, 2023, at the age of 82 in Lake Villa, Illinois. Bud was born on February 2, 1941, in Chicago, Illinois. He was a devoted husband, a loving father, and a cherished grandfather.

George (Bud) was known for his kind and generous nature, magnetic personality, warm smile, and infectious laugh. He was a role model and hero to his family, always providing support and guidance. He was a loyal and dedicated family man, and his love for his wife of 58 years, LaVerne, was unwavering.

George (Bud) is survived by his loving wife LaVerne. He is also survived by his daughters: Dawn (Bob) DiLullo, Denise (Bob) Conlon, and Donna (Brian) Lovitsch. Bud was a proud grandfather to Katy and Kyle Conlon, Brooke and Brett DiLullo, and Sidney and Nicholas Lovitsch. He is also survived by his sister, Gayle (Clarence) Dickey, and his cousins, Mike (Karen) Weringa and Don (Sandy) Mitidiero. George (Bud) had nieces and nephews who will miss him dearly.

George (Bud) received his education at Mendel Catholic High School and went on to graduate from the University of Illinois with a degree in education. While in college, he played baseball. His love and passion for the game started as early as little league and continued throughout his life. George's (Bud's) career as a teacher and coach began in 1964 at Niles Township, District #219. He spent the majority of his career at Niles West High School. He was a beloved teacher and head baseball coach, leaving a lasting impact on the lives of many students and players. In 1998, he was inducted into the Illinois High School Baseball Hall of Fame. He was also the golf coach at Niles West and retired in 1999 after 34 years of dedicated service.

George (Bud) was a devoted Catholic and is currently a parishioner at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Lake Villa. He was also a former member of St. Emily's Parish in Mt. Prospect.

In his free time, George (Bud) loved being the number one fan of his grandchildren attending their activities and spending quality time with them. George (Bud) and LaVerne had a very active social life and enjoyed spending time with great friends. He had a knack for fixing things and loved golfing, fishing, boating, traveling and soaking up the Florida sun.

A gathering to celebrate George's (Bud's) life will be held from 4-8 pm on Monday, October 30th, at Ringa Funeral Home 122 South Milwaukee Ave, Lake Villa, Illinois 60046. A funeral mass will take place on Tuesday, October 31st, at 10:30 am at Prince of Peace Catholic Church 135 South Milwaukee Ave, Lake Villa, Illinois 60046. Please meet directly at church. Cremation will follow privately.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to your favorite charity in honor of George (Bud).

George (Bud) walked into many lives and left his footprints on their hearts.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **30**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home  
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
info@ringafuneralhome.com  
<http://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

## Mass

OCT **31**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church  
135 S. Milwaukee Ave  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
(847) 356-7915

# Tribute Wall

NI

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have been trying to reconnect and by chance came across this sad news. Prayers lifted for the entire family. He sure was an amazing and very loved man.

*Nancy (Hawes) ilar*

**Nancy ilar** - November 23, 2023 at 03:58 PM

CS

“ Sending condolences and prayers to George's Family. I taught and coached with George at Niles West HS for many years. He always cared for and about his students and student athletes. His legacy at Niles West is well documented. He was a very good teacher and an even better friend with a smile always on his face. We will keep his memory alive with tales and stories.

**Coach Savage** - November 04, 2023 at 11:26 AM

BO

“ Bud was a great friend and teammate and a fabulous infielder with me at Mendel. He was instrumental in the teams success winning the Catholic baseball championship in 1959.

**Bill Ormsby** - November 02, 2023 at 02:21 PM

TH

“ My condolences to "Buddys" wife and family. My brother Dave (Dave Hirtz) and I knew Buddy and Wally since Roseland little League days. Buddy even had a date with my future wife Nancy (Novak). Buddy was a real nice guy ,as was his brother Wally. Again , he's in my prayers,

*Tom Hirtz ,Mendel '56*

**Tom Hirtz** - October 31, 2023 at 12:31 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of George J Galla.



October 30, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of George J Galla.



October 29, 2023 at 05:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of George J Galla.

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of George J Galla.



October 29, 2023 at 12:30 PM

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“ Glenn Anderson lit a candle in memory of George Galla



**Glenn Anderson** - October 29, 2023 at 12:25 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George J Galla.



October 28, 2023 at 03:11 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of George J Galla.



October 28, 2023 at 02:42 PM

JB

“ LaVerne and I have been friends since high school and with Bud when we met him a few years later. We enjoyed many family get-togethers, including pool parties at their Mt. Prospect home, as well as functions and parties with couples. Bud enjoyed having fun and sharing good times with family and friends. In addition to spending time with the Gallas in IL, we visited them many times in FL and appreciated time on their boat. Bud knew exactly how to attract dolphins, which added to pleasurable days. I am so grateful for many years of friendship and priceless memories with Bud and his family, and he will be greatly missed by all of us. Much love from Janet Bell

Janet Bell - October 28, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George J Galla.



October 27, 2023 at 07:48 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George J Galla.



October 27, 2023 at 06:18 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of George J Galla.



October 27, 2023 at 05:11 PM