



Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek

March 21, 1936 - August 20, 2025

Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek, 89 year old resident of Little Falls, MN, passed away Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at his home. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 11:00 AM, at First United Church in Little Falls, with Pastor Tony Romaine officiating. Visitation will be on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at First United Church from 4:00-8:00 PM, and again on Wednesday from 9:30-11:00 AM. Burial will be in Oakland Cemetery in Little Falls. Caring for Jerry and his family is the LeMieur Funeral Home in Little Falls.

Jerome "Jerry" Benedict Wiczek lived a life as big as the Montana sky he loved. Born in 1936 in Pike Creek Township, he grew up working hard, laughing often, and carrying a twinkle in his eye that never faded. He embraced his Polish heritage with pride, cherishing the large family he grew up in and the one he built of his own. Jerry was a dedicated businessman, proudly owning and operating Wiczek's Carpet and Furniture for 47 years. His son Joe took over the business in 2001, but Jerry continued to work alongside him right up until the day he passed. Jerry always made sure there was a chair at the table for anyone, and his presence, work ethic, and one-of-a-kind way of connecting with people left a lasting mark on family, friends, coworkers, and a network of people across the country who knew him through his work and reputation.

Though his formal schooling ended after eighth grade, Jerry never stopped

learning. In his 60s, he completed auctioneering school, and in his 70s, he earned his GED—adding yet another skill to a life defined by tenacity. That was Jerry: unstoppable once he set his mind to something. Whether it was running a business, helping family, or tackling any challenge, Jerry approached life with relentless determination and a hands-on grit that inspired everyone around him. He wore many hats over his lifetime—hunter, fisherman, outdoorsman, and the unofficial “Sausage King of the Midwest.” A holiday or gathering wasn’t complete without Grandpa’s Polish sausage on the table. Known for his skill in crafting sausage, Jerry turned a family tradition into an art form, delighting friends and relatives alike with each carefully made batch. Jerry was deeply community-minded, proudly serving in organizations such as the Masons, Lions, Jaycees, and Moose Lodge. Early in life, he took joy in horseback riding with his family and friends, participating in the Sunset Riders. Life with Jerry was never ordinary. Every outing could turn into an adventure, every conversation a lesson. He believed in firm handshakes, shared his wisdom often, and ended the day with a simple, strong scotch—straightforward, honest, and unmistakably Jerry.

Jerry loved fiercely. He showed up for people, whether that meant lending a hand, sharing a story, or passing along one of his many lessons.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Sylvia, who passed away in 2022; his son Mike in 2012; and his siblings Eugene, Tom, Pete, Jack, Billy, and Mary.

He is survived by his children, Steve (Donna) Wiczek of Nisswa, MN, Chuck Wiczek of Cushing, MN, Debbie Rosas of Anaheim, CA, Julie (John) Witucki of Little Falls, MN, Joe Wiczek (Michelle Parker) of Little Falls, MN, Jim (Mary) Wiczek of Little Falls, MN, Jenny (Benji) Wiczek-Bertsch of Stillwater, MN, and Ben Wiczek (Carey Hilderbrand) of Park City, UT. Jerry and Sylvia were blessed with 24 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren, all of whom brought him immense pride and joy. He is also survived by his dear friend,

Gen Zimmerman; his sister-in-law, Ardy Coenen; and his brother-in-law, Gerhard Boser. He will be dearly missed by many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

His lessons, his stories, and his unwavering love will carry on for generations. In his honor, Jerry's family invites you to do what he would have wanted most: raise a glass, share a story, and "live life up in the bridle."

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

14820 138TH ST
Little Falls, MN 56345

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **9**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First United Church
1000 1st St SE
Little Falls, MN 56345-3418

Visitation

SEP **10**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Church
1000 SE 1st Street
Little Falls, MN

Memorial Service

SEP **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Church
1000 SE 1st Street
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - September 05, 2025 at 09:57 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Mr. Wiczek. Met him a few times at the store and he was always gracious, and good natured. Our condolences to the family Ken and Gail Hoffman, customers*

Gail Hoffman - September 10, 2025 at 05:21 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek.*



September 08, 2025 at 02:43 PM

DW

“ This and the video are from the Cousin Rumble at Uncle Billy’s in 2014! - Dar



Darlene Wiczek - September 08, 2025 at 12:30 PM

JW

Thank you for sharing Dar. ❤️

Julie Witucki - September 08, 2025 at 06:08 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek.



September 08, 2025 at 12:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek.

September 08, 2025 at 12:10 PM

DW

“ From a family reunion at Uncle Bill's - I wish I had the date! Darlene



Darlene Wiczek - September 08, 2025 at 11:41 AM

DC

“ Divine Home Care purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek.



Divine Home Care - September 08, 2025 at 11:37 AM

JB

“ Joe and Bridget purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek.



Joe and Bridget - September 07, 2025 at 12:29 PM

JA

“ Jim and Courtney Alvord purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek.



Jim and Courtney Alvord - September 06, 2025 at 02:04 PM



“ 53 files added to the album LifeTributes



Lemieur Funeral Homes - September 05, 2025 at 09:52 AM

SV

“ I'm really going to miss my visits with Jerry when I drop paperwork off at Divine Home Care. The last visit was when he was sitting out in front of the store after work and I gave him a hard time that when he sees me pull up he could at least come get the papers to put in the mail slot so I don't have to get out of the car. I usually talked to him about his great grandchildren and how we were both doing. Rest in peace Jerry! You've earned it!



Sheila VanDenheuvel - September 01, 2025 at 12:26 PM

RN

“ Sympathy and prayers to all the Wiczek family and friends. Rest in peace Jerry your work on earth is done. There was always alot of fun and laughing when Jerry was around. Will miss you! praying Jesus comforts you all



Ruth and Norb - August 31, 2025 at 02:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek.



August 30, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek.

August 30, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ Jen,
My thoughts are with you and your family.
Take care,
Shari

Shari Force-Smith - August 29, 2025 at 09:32 AM



“ Jerry and I have been friends for 71 years what a fun guy Good bye jerry see you when i get to heaven

Jane williams - August 28, 2025 at 09:54 PM



“ Julie Sievert lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek



Julie Sievert - August 27, 2025 at 03:40 PM

JS

Wiczek Family! I'm so sorry for your loss of Jerry. I can hear Dad, Jack, and Jerry in heaven laughing it up and clinking their glasses!

Julie Sievert - August 27, 2025 at 03:42 PM

CM

“ *My deepest condolences to the Wiczek family over Jerry's passing. He made all smile who had an opportunity to be around him.*

Charlie Morse and family

Charles Morse - August 26, 2025 at 10:43 PM

BP

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



becky Pietrowski - August 25, 2025 at 05:42 PM

BP

“ The Nelson hearts were broken last week with the news of Jerry’s passing. What a treasure and beloved life long family friend. We found ourselves crying one minute and laughing the next recalling the many life lessons, words of wisdom, and hilarious “Jerryisms” he shared with us all. His ability to make people laugh and feel loved was extraordinary. On behalf of the entire Nelson family we extend our deepest sympathy to the Wiczek family. May Jerry rest in peace (or more likely, instigate some Heavenly shenanigans). We love you Jerry; you will be deeply missed!!



becky Pietrowski - August 25, 2025 at 05:36 PM

NP

“ Northern Pines purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek.



Northern Pines - August 25, 2025 at 12:21 PM

HS

“ Jerry shared the best life experience stories. His laugh and knowledge are missed. The love for his grandchildren shone through in his stories and smiles, (and while wiping his forehead). ;) Jerry carried a sprinkle of magic that came alive when he shared his stories. That light lives on in the stories, laughter and hearts he touched.



Heidi Strong - August 25, 2025 at 12:15 PM

MP

“ Minnesota Power purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek.



Minnesota Power - August 25, 2025 at 08:50 AM

RL

“ Rick & Donna Lundgren lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek



Rick & Donna Lundgren - August 25, 2025 at 12:29 AM

RL

Our sincere condolences to all Jerry's families, we will dearly miss him
❤️

Rick & Donna Lundgren - August 25, 2025 at 12:30 AM



Thank you so much. Jenny

Jen Bertsch - August 25, 2025 at 08:12 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek.



August 24, 2025 at 05:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek.

August 24, 2025 at 05:46 PM



“ Jerry was a great guy to be around. I worked for Jerry at the furniture store, along with my brother Kenny. Jerry was a fun guy to work for.

Jerry hunted deer with us on the home farm, along with his brother Billy. He was fun and exciting to hunt deer with. A great deer hunter during the hunt and visits and stories, after the hunt . Our sympathies goes out to the entire Wiczek family. Tony Wenzel

Tony Wenzel - August 24, 2025 at 04:30 PM



Thank you Tony, love the memories! Dad always enjoyed the Wenzel's.

Jen Bertsch - August 25, 2025 at 08:13 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to the entire Wiczek family. May God's peace be with you all at this time of great sadness. —Roxy Orr

Roxy Orr - August 24, 2025 at 03:41 PM



Thank you

Jen Bertsch - August 25, 2025 at 08:13 AM



“ *Brad Hilmerson sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek*



Brad Hilmerson - August 24, 2025 at 11:34 AM

DQ

“ *Deb Axel Quinn lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek*



Deb Axel Quinn - August 24, 2025 at 11:31 AM

JH

“ *Jean Holm lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek*



jean holm - August 24, 2025 at 10:37 AM

JL

“ Growing up next door to the Wiczek’s meant you were a part of their big, loving family and is some of the fondest memories of my life. My Dad, Dick Joseph, shared many good and rowdy hunts with Jerry over the years. Now they can plan some new adventures together in their new after lives! Julie has been my best friend since we were toddlers, and I will always cherish that I had Jerry, Syl, and all the siblings as my extended family.

My soul is warmed when I got to reconnect with Jerry and family in July.

We WILL see him again one day...until then...Rest in Peace Jerry! Much love and BIG warm hugs from Jody and John Lee and all the Joseph family.



Jody Joseph Lee - August 24, 2025 at 08:52 AM



Amen, Jody! Oh sweet, that you got to have this visit recently.

Jen Bertsch - August 25, 2025 at 08:14 AM

JU

Thank you Jody, John and family. We do have the best memories. ❤️

Julie - August 25, 2025 at 10:08 PM

DW

“ Duane Witucki lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek



Duane Witucki - August 24, 2025 at 07:15 AM

DJ

“ Sincere sympathy to all the families.



Debbie Jelinski-Harakel - August 24, 2025 at 05:34 AM

MB

“ We loved you, big Jer— and we thank you for giving Jenny to our family —she shines as a bright star!.....Bob and Marilyn Bertsch

Marilyn Bertsch - August 23, 2025 at 08:37 PM



Jen Bertsch - August 25, 2025 at 08:15 AM

LB

“ Lauren & Kathy Bentler lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek



Lauren & Kathy Bentler - August 23, 2025 at 03:56 PM

TL

“ Sending our sympathy and prayers to the family on their devastating loss Charlie and Dianne Ledbetter



The Ledbetters - August 23, 2025 at 03:41 PM



Thank you

Jen Bertsch - August 25, 2025 at 08:15 AM

RS

“ Deepest sympathy to the Wiczek family. May Jerry RIP! 🙏❤️🙏



Rena Schneider - August 23, 2025 at 12:02 PM



Thank you 🙏

Jen Bertsch - August 25, 2025 at 08:15 AM

BD

“ Becky Derheim lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek



Becky Derheim - August 23, 2025 at 09:24 AM

CW

“ Carrie Coots Woolbright lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek



Carrie Coots Woolbright - August 23, 2025 at 08:42 AM

SW

“ *Sandy Wright-Olson lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek*



Sandy Wright-Olson - August 23, 2025 at 01:40 AM

NS

“ *Nichole Stotz lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek*



Nichole Stotz - August 22, 2025 at 09:38 PM

SO

“ *Stick And Shirley Olson lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek*



Stick and Shirley Olson - August 22, 2025 at 09:21 PM

RL

“ *Rick & Donna Lundgren lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek*



Rick & Donna Lundgren - August 22, 2025 at 08:32 PM

DP

“ *Deb Pederson lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek*



Deb Pederson - August 22, 2025 at 06:04 PM

MR

“ *Mary Jo Retka lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek*



Mary Jo Retka - August 22, 2025 at 04:49 PM

JF

“ *Judi & Darrol Ficek lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek*



Judi & Darrol Ficek - August 22, 2025 at 02:54 PM

RR

“ *He loved a good Rocky Mountian Elk hunt more than anyone I know.*

Randy Radziej - August 22, 2025 at 02:53 PM



Right on! 🏔️

Jen Bertsch - August 25, 2025 at 08:17 AM



“ *Judy Berger lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" B. Wiczek*



Judy Berger - August 22, 2025 at 01:38 PM

FE

“ *Thinking of you all at this very sad time. Jerry liked living here at Evergreen! Rest in peace Jerry!
Peace in your hearts soon!
Dan & Connie Fenske*



Fenske - August 22, 2025 at 01:30 PM



Thank you 🙏

Jen Bertsch - August 25, 2025 at 08:17 AM