



## Jerald Lee Swarthout

August 7, 1944 - April 11, 2025

Jerald Lee Swarthout, age 80, a longtime Center Line resident died suddenly on April 11, 2025, at Henry Ford Hospital in Warren. Jerry was born in Detroit, Michigan to the late Dorman and Emogene Swarthout. Beloved husband of Sharron for 59 years. Dear father of Jerald Lee (Margarita Matous) Swarthout II, Karen Sue (Joe) Ferro and the late Steven Edward Swarthout. Proud grandpa of Kaylyn, Colin, and Brennan Owings. He is also survived by his sisters Julia Childress, Jean (Ron) Plotzke, and was predeceased by his brothers, Joel, John, Jim, and Jay. Jerry had served in the Army 101st airborne division and was an honorably discharged veteran. A member of the Teamsters, he was a retired truck driver primarily hauling cars. His love of being outdoors had his lawn and flower garden the envy of his neighbors and passerby's. In his earlier years he enjoyed bowling, riding his Harley and a cold glass of beer. He liked watching hockey and football as well. Most of all he loved his family. Unselfishly he became a Gift of Life Donor. Burial with military honors at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan will take place on Friday, June 6, 2025 at 9:30 AM. Please come early and line up by the building inside the cemetery gate. You will be directed by the marquis which lane to line up in. Afterwards, memorial luncheon will be held at 12:30 PM for family and close friends at his daughter's home at 36536 Crimson Lane, New Baltimore, MI. Memorials in his name to St Jude Hospital. Please visit [www.rudyfuneral.com](http://www.rudyfuneral.com) to light a candle or to share a memory



# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd  
Holly, MI 48442-9444  
(248) 328-0386

# Previous Events

## Burial

JUN 6. 9:30 AM (ET)

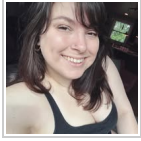
Great Lakes National Cemetery  
Holly, MI

## Memorial Luncheon

JUN 6. 12:30 PM.

His Daughter's Home

# Tribute Wall



“ *My grandpa LOVED his squirrels* 💕💕



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**Kay Owings** - April 14, 2025 at 11:08 AM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Kathleen J Samulski** - April 13, 2025 at 12:51 PM

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“ *Jerry and I met at the alley fence when we were about 10 years old. Eventually became next door neighbors. Our kids grew up together and remained friends. We shared many happy and fun times in our yards with the pool and barbeques, plus little league baseball and cub scouts. RIH "Big Jerry".*

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**Kathleen J Samulski** - April 12, 2025 at 11:15 PM

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“ *Kathleen J Samulski lit a candle in memory of  
Jerald Swarhout*



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**Kathleen J Samulski** - April 12, 2025 at 11:08 PM