



## Gerard "Jerry" G. Goodwin

December 2, 1947 - May 25, 2012

Gerard "Jerry" Goodwin, a quick-witted mind filled with useless information, life-loving, baseball and All State basketball player, was born on Dec. 2, 1947. His competitiveness, drive and determination won the six-year games against prostate cancer, CLL and skin cancer. The buzzer sounded on Friday, May 25, 2012, and he lost to metastatic melanoma. His memory will be carried on by his cheerleaders: head cheerleader, his wife, Donna (nee Kowalewski); mother, Lolita; sisters, Maureen (Rich) and Beth (Steve); mother-in-law, Bernice; brother-in-law, David (Diane); nieces, Jill (Marcus), Leanne, Katy, Karin and Lita; nephews, Drew, Ty, Brian and Chad; supporters, his boyhood best friend, Dick (Debbie) and the many friends he met along life's journey. Greeting him in his next life with a Bud Light are his grandparents; dad, Bill; father-in-law, Joe; and buddies, Brian L., Moe and Andy. A heartfelt warm thank you to Dr. Dave Slivnick and his team at North Shore Oncology/Hematology, along with the oncology team at Advocate Condell Medical Center, and the Advocate Hospice team. "You were right there with us through these turbulent times." Interment will be private. Celebration of life will be from 2 p.m. until the time of services at 5 p.m. Saturday, June 2, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Route 176), Libertyville. The Rev. Fr. John Trout will officiate. Memorials to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society or the American Cancer Society would be appreciated. For information, call 847-362-3009. Please visit and sign the guest book at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).



# Tribute Wall

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“ Jerry was the best of neighbors....always providing a great laugh as we ended our day out on the back deck. Loved his humor, wit, great jokes and most of all his smiles and laughter. Brian will miss him everytime he goes out to grill.....

*But just think how much God will be smiling now....he has Jerry to make him laugh.*

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**Brian and Jennifer Gosizk** - April 27, 2018 at 07:01 AM

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“ SO sorry 2 hear this my prayers our being said 4 u--

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**Eddie Kasch** - April 27, 2018 at 07:01 AM

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“ I grew up with Jerry in Edison Park, we lived on Oriole Ave. together. We attended the same grammar school and high school and played little league and pony league on the same team, his dad being our coach. Tried, but was unsuccessful, in covering him in many a pick-up basketball game. He had the sweetest, soft jump shot from either side of the basket, honed after shooting well into the evening hours on his driveway. He was a tremendous pitcher with a devastating curve and could punt or place kick a football a mile! Prayers go out to his family, may he rest peacefully in heaven.  
*Mike Brennan*

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**michael brennan** - April 27, 2018 at 07:01 AM

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“ I first knew Jerry from his Budweiser days in Arlington Heights and later was lucky enough to work with him again in New York City. There is no doubt he was quick-witted and had a mind filled with useless information but what I remember is his big heart and loyal dedication to his team. NYC was a tough beer market and Jerry had a young, naive, inexperienced team of recent college graduates from the Midwest (mostly Saint Louis). Jerry was their manager, trainer, big brother, kindly uncle and sometimes best friend all rolled into one. We always referred to his team as Jerry's Kids with Donna as the house mother. Though good and bad they could always count on the comfort of the Goodwin home for a refuge from the big city. Many members of his team went on to very successful careers with Anheuser-Busch and I know his mentoring of them in NYC played a role in their success and was greatly appreciated. Thanks to Jerry the Kids turned out just fine.

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**Tim Griffin and Chet Dallas** - April 27, 2018 at 07:01 AM