



## Jerry A. Hotchkin

June 15, 1939 - July 11, 2021

With a sad and heavy heart, we announce the passing of Jerry Arnold Hotchkin on July 11, 2021 after his long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Jerry was born on June 15th, 1939 and lived in Plymouth, Michigan, all his life. His parents were George and Harriet Hotchkin, with siblings Gene Hotchkin and Janet Blaesing. He married his high school sweetheart, Lois (1940-2017) in 1959. Their children are Jerry Hotchkin and Elaine Hotchkin, with grandchildren Kaitlyn Hotchkin and Megan Hotchkin.

Jerry started working at Burroughs in Plymouth, and in 1965 was hired as a Cost Estimator by Ford Motor Company. He retired after 30 years and worked an additional decade as a consultant with Arvin-Meritor, an automotive supplier.

Jerry's career in the automotive industry was always more than a job. He was always interested in cars, especially the classics from the 1950's and 1960's.

He loved playing and watching golf, and was overjoyed to see his own children and grandchildren take an interest as well. He enjoyed taking time to watch the local sports teams, especially Tiger's baseball, Piston's Basketball and Lion's Football. As a young married man, he owned a boat and was an accomplished water skier. For a brief period later in life, he even rode motorcycles.

Jerry was dedicated and supportive of his children and granddaughters. To Jerry and Elaine, he was active as a baseball and basketball coach, as well as founder and active participant of the Plymouth Music Boosters. In addition, he provided many family road trips to the beaches of Florida for family vacation. Jerry and Lois traveled across the country for numerous summers together, and were the most dedicated fans at their granddaughters' softball games.

Jerry loved his family, and was always there as a loving husband, caring father, and proud grandfather.

There will be a private family committal service arranged by the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, Plymouth at Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorials can be made to 1). American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, Midwest Affiliate, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, Illinois 60674, 2). Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103-8944 or 3). Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter,

25200 Telegraph Road, STE 100, Southfield, Michigan 48033-7443.

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“ I had the honor to live next door to George and Harriet Hotchkin on Blunk St - for over 12 years, which allowed me the opportunity to meet all 3 of their wonderful "kids", Gene, Jerry and Janet and their families. George and Harriet were hard working, kind, honest, helpful people and they raised their children to have the same high qualities. I loved hearing stories of what the "kids" did growing up in Plymouth!! (I can still picture Miss Harriet shaking her head!!)

Over the years, I welcomed Gene, Jerry, Janet and families as friends. They each brought different experiences and qualities to the family and were always a FUN group!

My Deepest Sympathy in the passing of Jerry. He was always and upbeat, friendly man, and he will be missed by everyone who knew him

Hugs, Peggy

**Peggy Gerou** - July 16 at 10:24 AM



“ I will always have fond and wonderful memories of my "aunt" Harriet and "uncle" George. No relation but still considered family to me and my sister Marsha.

I will always remember Jerry taking me for a boat ride out to Burroughs farms.

My sympathy goes out to Jean and Janet and all the family for his loss.

David Lent

Son of Marion and Glenn Lent.

**David Lent** - July 16 at 06:23 PM



“ Jerry was always there for me and we were there for each other. He was kind and thoughtful. The best memory that we shared was him being Santa at Christmas and asking everyone if they were good that year. We shared many meals together as adults on all Holidays and big dinners at Mom and Dad's in their basement. We had a great childhood and had all we needed.

Jerry will be missed terribly. Love you always.

Janet "Hotchkin" Blaesing

**Janet Blaesing** - July 17 at 02:57 PM