



## Theodore M. Janecyk

December 2, 1929 - November 12, 2020

Theodore M. Janecyk, 90, of Calumet Park, passed away Thursday, November 12, 2020 at Franciscan Health in Dyer, IN.

He was born December 2, 1929 in Chicago, a son of Theodore and Mary Janecyk. He married Radianne Hagen and was a truck driver.

Theodore is survived by two children, Cheryl (Donald) Pearson of Beecher and Brian (Michele) Janecyk of Youngsville, NC ; a sister, Gail (Robert) Normoyle of Levington, MI; grandchildren, Don, Tara, Robyn, Jeffery, and Jami; as well as four great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife; a son, Bruce Janecyk; his two siblings, Laurence Janecyk and Virginia Wiersma.

Ted was an avid racecar driver and loved watching Nascar. He also enjoyed playing guitar.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, November 15, 2020 at Hack-Jensen Funeral Home from 1pm until 4pm. Service is private.

We ask that you please follow the state's guidelines where masks/face coverings and distancing are concerned. On behalf of the family and the

funeral home staff, we would like to thank you for your cooperation.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **15**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SL

“ Mom, Dad and I took a trip to Illinois in 2017. Some of the highlights included driving by our old Lockport house, grabbing burgers at White Castle, and going to visit Uncle Ted. I hadn't seen him in many many years and it was so nice to spend time with him. Since I was such a young girl at the time I don't have much firsthand memory of actually watching the races, but I always knew it was a big deal. I do remember spending the night at Grandma Mary's house and as we went to sleep in an upstairs bedroom with the window open, I could hear the exciting sounds from the track. To Cheryl and Brian and your families, my sympathy for your loss. I prayed for his healing. It's tough... we are just never ready to say goodbye to our parents. Love, your cousin Shelly; Chuck and Virginia's daughter.

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**Shelly L** - December 03, 2020 at 01:15 AM

RW

“ I am sorry for your loss, pain, grief, and the void felt whenever one of significance leaves us. Some of my special memories are of numerous nights at Raceway watching Uncle Ted compete, hearing and feeling the roar of powerful engines, the squeals and smell of tires pushed beyond their limit, the passionate voice of Wayne Adams above the engines, and running around the grounds with Bruce and Brian. Another vivid memory is Uncles Ted and Larry playing guitars at family gatherings.

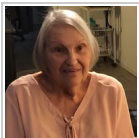
My last visit with Uncle Ted was about 15 years ago. I was showing my wife the old stomping grounds. I called Uncle Ted, he was available, and we stopped in for introductions and a chat. He was very gracious and congenial. However, it was sad to see his old playground across the street turned into a retail outlet. "Progress" isn't always progress.

We will continue to pray that God will give you supernatural peace during this challenging time.

Love, Rich

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**Rich Wiersma** - December 02, 2020 at 09:25 AM



“ Sorry for your loss. I remember him fom Raceway Park, and hanging out at The Rainbow restaurant. He was always kind and had a great sense of Humor. May his memory be Eternal !!!

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**Kathryn Mouzakis** - November 18, 2020 at 06:35 PM

MR

“ *Condolences to the Janecyk family. Enjoyed seeing Ted take thousands of laps at Raceway Park over the decades. A true champion and a nice guy! Rest in Peace.*

*Mike Rogers, Raceway Parks Superfan.*

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**Mike Rogers** - November 16, 2020 at 07:06 PM

EP

“ *Cheryl, Brian and family members, I was sorry to hear of your fathers' passing. It's never easy when a father dies. When your father dies, people say many things to you, much of it the same thing. Sorry for your loss. Condolences. May he rest in peace. Your loss is unique, profound. May you have comfort in memories of your father along with any shared memories from others. I would like to share some of the memories I have of your Dad. I recall the night he became Raceway Parks' Track Champion in 1965, broken foot and all... One of the most vivid memories I have of your father was when he would sit on the screened porch and play his guitar. He was very good. When I was told of his passing, the music was the first thing I remembered and I smiled.*  
*Eileen Pallisard-Brannan*

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**Eileen Pallisard-Brannan** - November 14, 2020 at 07:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Theodore M. Janecyk.*



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November 14, 2020 at 10:19 AM

JK

“ I am so sorry to learn of Teddy's passing. When he was racing, it was always fun to tell everyone, that he was m cousin. My condolences to his children and family. I'm sure he will be missed.  
Judy Janecyk Kopp

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**judy Janecyk Kopp** - November 14, 2020 at 09:44 AM