



Virgil G. Werner

October 7, 1949 - August 16, 2024

Virgil G. Werner, age 74, of Ireland, Indiana, passed away surrounded by his loved ones on Friday, August 16, 2024, at the Linda E. White Hospice House in Evansville, Indiana.

He was born in Jasper, Indiana on October 7, 1949, to Roman and Helen (Schroering) Werner. He married Mary Jean Vollmer on November 6, 1971, at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

He graduated from Dubois High School in 1967. He is a United States Army Veteran and proudly served his country in the Vietnam War.

In 1984, Virgil and Mary proudly founded Werner Sawmill Incorporated, a legacy that is now carried on by his four sons. His dedication to growing the business has made it what it is today.

Virgil's love of playing cards started with his dad and brothers and sisters, especially playing cinch and sheephead. This became his biggest hobby and sparked his love of poker. Virgil loved playing poker with friends and in tournaments. He also loved fishing and hunting with his family. Spending time with family was very important to him as well.

He was a supporter of his kids' and grandkids' sports and loved going to games to cheer them on.

He was a member of Saint Mary Catholic Church, VFW Post #673, and Ireland Sportsman Club.

Surviving is his wife of 53 years, Mary Jean Werner; four sons Kevin (Gretchen), Tim (Brandy), Luke (Jenny), and Maurey (Lori) all of Ireland, Indiana; and one daughter Shannon Werner-Purkey (Ryan) of Evansville, Indiana; 14 grandchildren; two brothers Edward (Rosie) and John (Mary); six sisters Marian Lampert (Melvin), Cindy Lampert, Diane Kempf (Tim), Sue Schmidt (Greg), Pam Prechtel (Scott), and Alice Broughton.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Roman and Helen Werner, and two brothers Mike and David Werner.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the nurses at the DaVita Jasper Dialysis, everyone at Heartland Cardiology, the nurses at the Linda E. White Hospice House, and the Doctors and nurses at the ICU: Kristina, Isaac, and Erin for their exceptional care.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Virgil G. Werner will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The VFW Post #673 will conduct military grave site rites.

A visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Funeral Home in Jasper.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Mary Catholic Church or DaVita Jasper Dialysis.

Online condolences may be made to www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery

2829 North 500 West
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4071

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 20. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown
214 East 7th Street
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4141
email@becherkluesner.com

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
2829 N 500 W
Ireland, IN

Tribute Wall

CP

“ *For Virgil
My friend, a heart of gold,
A sawyer by trade, a story untold.
From Ireland, Indiana, a spirit so free,
Poker nights endless, just you and me.
Your sawmill’s hum, a rhythmic sound,
Crafting wood’s beauty, all around.
For kids, you’d saw, with joy in your eyes,
A gentle soul, beneath the skies.
Cards ‘til dawn, our nightly affair,
Your appetite waning, I’d show I cared.
Healthy fare forced, you’d groan and sigh,
But deep down, grateful, you’d reply.
A booming “Petey!” was your battle cry, let’s play cards you eagerly
would reply.
Your laughter, your bad beat stories, a cherished keep,
A bond unbreakable, our friendship so deep.
Though you’re gone, your memory lives on,
In every card dealt, every log sawn.
Rest easy, my friend, in eternal grace,
You’ll forever hold a special place.
Till we meet again, on that other shore,
I’ll cherish our moments, forevermore.
I will miss you!
Signed
Petey
“Chris “Petico” Peters*

Chris “Petico” Peters - August 20, 2024 at 10:53 AM

CP

I’m sorry I’m not there to see you off but I hope someone can read this out loud to you before you leave. Petey

Chris “Petico” Peters - August 20, 2024 at 11:01 AM

SH

*Petey. Beautifully written.
Stu*

Stu Holland - August 28, 2024 at 12:25 PM

SH

“ *To Mary and the Werner family -- Virgil will truly be missed in the poker world. Stan Hohl*

stan hohl - August 20, 2024 at 09:14 AM

LM

“ *You will be missed at Bally's poker room. I enjoyed dealing to you over the many years you played. Prayers for the family and may peace be with all.*

Lisa Moseley - August 19, 2024 at 07:25 PM

KM

“ *Shannon, my heart goes out to you and your family! -Kayla Market (CHS)*

Kayla Market - August 19, 2024 at 10:43 AM

MD

“ *Mike Linette And Donna lit a candle in memory of Virgil G. Werner*



Mike Linette and Donna - August 19, 2024 at 10:29 AM

BS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time!* 🙏

Beth Seidl - August 19, 2024 at 08:54 AM

KR

“ *Virgil was a kind man and I was always happy to see him. The poker world will miss him.* ❤️

Karyn Reams - August 18, 2024 at 05:44 PM

KW

“ *Kristy Wagner lit a candle in memory of Virgil G. Werner*



Kristy Wagner - August 18, 2024 at 02:20 PM

KH

“ *Very sweet man - truly loved his family.*
Kathy Purkey Helmke

Kathy Helmke - August 18, 2024 at 12:25 PM

JS

“ *Julia E Schutz lit a candle in memory of Virgil G. Werner*



Julia E Schutz - August 17, 2024 at 04:49 PM

PR

“ *thoughts and prayers to the whole family....patrick renner*



patrick renner - August 17, 2024 at 04:40 PM

MS

“ *Mark And Ann Schulte lit a candle in memory of Virgil G. Werner*



Mark and Ann Schulte - August 17, 2024 at 01:26 PM