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Oct. 15, 1936 - Sept. 23, 2016

SOUTH BEND - Norman "Jerry" Hubner, 79, passed away peacefully in his home with family at 12:50 pm, just 22 days shy of his 80th birthday.

Jerry was born on October 15, 1936, to Norman J. and Audrey (Jaeger-Sramek) Hubner of LaPorte, IN. He was Honorably Discharged from the Army National Guard of Indiana in August 1965. He was a graduate of LaPorte High School and the driving force behind the creation of the "Norman J. Hubner Athletic Hall of Fame" which continues to honor his father's coaching and athletic director legacy. He was a proud graduate of Indiana University, a founding member of the IU Chapter of the Chi Phi Fraternity and arguably one of IU's most passionate fans; so much so that he made the decision years ago to donate his body to the Indiana University Anatomical Educational Program as his proud gift.

Jerry leaves behind a professional career and a long list of volunteer and community based accomplishments dating back to 1968 when he began his employment with Allstate Insurance Company. He earned many professional designations in the insurance and financial industry, most notably the Chartered Life Underwriter, Chartered Financial Consultant, and the Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow. Together with his son Steven, they formed Hubner Financial Services many years ago, which continues to be an Exclusive Allstate Agency now for over 48 years and is located along the river in the historical district of Lincoln Way East in South Bend.

He was president of the Parks Department and the Potawatomi Zoo in the late 70's and was instrumental as one of the creators of the East Race Waterway and the Potawatomi Zoo expansion that includes the current bear exhibit, which is where his passion for bears originated. He was an impassioned volunteer who served on many boards ranging from the Board of Recreation, Southold Historical Preservation, the Potawatomi Zoological Society, the Irish Youth Hockey League, and the local chapter of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors as its president and as a State Trustee. He was also awarded the area's top distinction in 2002 as its Life Underwriter of the Year.

Some of Jerry's passions included spending time with his children and grandchildren, watching his son play hockey, IU Basketball, the San Francisco Giants, the Chicago Bears, Notre Dame Hockey, the New York Rangers, reading and walking.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Ruth A (Corn) Hubner, his two beloved children, Steven (Holly Simeri) Hubner of South Bend, and Melinda (Charles) Phillips of Knox, IN. His two grandchildren, Katelyn and Dylan Phillips, and his brother, Tom (Karen) Hubner of Denver, CO.

The family would like to say a special thank you to all of the wonderful people of Hospice. The family also requests that any memorial contributions be directed towards the Center for Hospice Care, 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637

There will be a celebration of life held on Sunday, October 2nd, from 1-4 pm at Simeri's Old Town Tap, which is located at 1505 W. Indiana Ave., South Bend, IN 46613.



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