



## Gerald Goplin

April 29, 2012

Gerald "Jerry" George Goplin, age 92, of Muscoda was called to eternal peace on April 29, 2012 surrounded by his loving family. He was born on August 23, 1919 to Matt & Josie Goplin at home in Richland County. He married Lorraine Prochaska on November 17, 1943 at the Lone Rock Catholic Church. From this union came six children. Jerry & Lorraine spent sixty years on Goplin Hill Road at their family farm. In 2006, they decided it was time to move to town & purchased a home in Muscoda. In addition to farming, Jerry was part owner of Goplin Insurance Agency in Richland Center and Muscoda. He also served as a member to several boards which included; Riverdale School Board, the REC CO-OP board, as well as the Richland County Board. Some of Jerry's favorite pass times were watching baseball, softball, playing euchre, and bowling. He always wanted to be on the winning team. He liked to tell a quick joke and loved telling stories of times gone by. Above all these things Jerry prided himself as a father and grandfather. He enjoyed spending countless hours with his family. He very much looked forward in his later years, to going to his son Jim's farm & planting his vast garden to which we all enjoyed a plentiful harvest. Jerry was a character to say the least, and will be truly missed by us all.

He is survived by his six children, Jane (Kyrie) Kinney of Blue River, Fred (Patricia) Goplin of Muscoda, James (Bobbi Ann) Goplin of Muscoda, Susie (Terry) Ziebarth of Avoca, Rhonda (Scott) Meister of Muscoda, Becky (Dave)

Hillman of Milton; 16 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren; a sister, Theresa Heidtman of Oconomowoc; sister-in-law Mary Pechan of Avoca; brothers-in-law, Harold Cupp of Richland Center, Jim (Elaine) Prochaska of Waunakee and Donald Martin of Dodgeville.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife Lorraine, parents Josie and Matt, sisters Maurita (John) Lovas, Bonita Cupp; father-in-law Ed Prochaska & mother-in-law Agnes Prochaska; sister-in-law Kate Martin; brothers-in-law Donald Pechan & Russell Heidtman.

Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 11:00 AM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center. Burial will be held at St. John's Nepomuk Catholic Cemetery, Castle Rock with Pastor Duane Thomas officiating. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home and also on Thursday from 10:00 AM until the time of services. On line condolences can be made at [www.clarymemorialfuneralhome](http://www.clarymemorialfuneralhome)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Clary Memorial Funeral & Cremation Service  
26777 Jelland Drive  
Richland Center, WI 53581

## Funeral Service

MAY 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

PC

“ *First of all my Sympathy to the Family. Gerald was very special to me. He actually gave my first job in the Ins. Office in Muscoda; He knew I needed employment and was very good to me. His Mom and my Mom(Odessa Elder) were sisters. I remember in my very early years many of reunion and get to gethers up on Goplin Hill. When I worked for Gerald I was very much afraid of storms and he teased mercilessly ever after about that.*

*I am so sorry I was unable to attend the Funeral. I had knee replacement on April 13 and am not getting around too well yet.*

*I know Gerald was indeed very proud of each and everyone of his children and Grandchildren. Hang to all the good memories.*

*Love, Cousin Pat (Elder) Severson*

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**Pat (Elder)Severson - Oregon, WI - First Cousin - May 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

SA

“ Jerry was a wonderful person, great friend, relative and associate. The 8 years that we shared together in the agency and getting to know you kids growing up, was almost like a 2nd family. Jerry would do anything that was in the best interest to help anyone and it was that way working with him. The gollies, jeeminies, you nutheads and yeaahos, were just a few quick ones that i heard many times. His desire to talk sports and watch was a passion very deep and we all enjoyed being a part of it. I'm really happy we had that short visit a few weeks ago and sorry i did not make that sandwich trip after i heard he was not feeling well But he lived life to the fullest and was very proud of his family.  
i know his strength will carry you all on as you were very proud of him also.  
Our thoughts and prayers with you all, and you are welcome at our house anytime,  
Stan, with the E not the I  
he said i didn't know how to spell my name!

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**S tan - Richland Center, WI - 3rd cousin, friend, associate - May 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

JF

“ My sympathy and prayers are with all of you for your loss. Jerry was always a part of my life when I lived in Muscoda. He was a wonderful man and certainly has a wonderful family.  
I'm sure he will be greatly missed and my thoughts are with you.  
Janet Post Linscheid

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**Janet K Linscheid - Saint Francis, WI - Friend - May 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

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“ Thinking of your family during this difficult time. I remember coming up to the farm with my Grandma (Marietta) and it being the highlight of my summer. One time when I was up there, I was in about 5th grade, I got poison ivy all over my legs (and my leg slipped down a hay bale in the barn) - needless to say, I was a mess. Uncle Gerald concocted some paste to stop the itching and tended to me. Whatever was in that cream worked! He was such a wonderful person. I have such fond memories. Rest in Peace, Uncle Gerald.

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**Elizabeth (Lovas) Jacobson - Minneapolis, MN - Uncle Gerald was my Great Uncle** - May 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Becky, Dave, and all of the Goplin Family;*

*We are truly sorry for your loss. It has been fun listening to the tails told about your family & the love you share.*

*I love the closeness that you have had with your parents.*

*I laugh at the way you would speak of your father / father-in-law, how he gave such detail to the stories he would tell.*

*I am sure he will be greatly missed & know that our hearts are with you.*

*Kathy, Pat, Devin & Logan Runde*

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**Kathy, Pat, Devin & Logan Runde - Milton, WI - Friend of Becky & Dave Hillmann** - May 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *So sorry for your lose.....may he always live on in your memories.*

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**Karen & Steve Reed** - May 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Your Dad was a very special person. I have many good memories of the time I spent on the farm. Love, Nick and Carol Ann

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**Carol Ann and Nick Germano - Brown Deer, WI - niece** - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ So many wonderful memories of time spent up on the farm with Uncle Gerald and Aunt Lorraine and the entire Goplin family. Aunt Bonita Goplin and I were just 5 months apart in age, and after Grandpa Goplin died, we spent even more time together between Richland Center, Blue River and Milwaukee. I remember going to the one room school house with Bonita and thought the hot lunch of pork and beans on a slice of bread was to die for. Walking home from school one afternoon we came across Uncle Gerald's watermelon patch and what did we do but smash and eat every single one of them. And Uncle Gerald never even got mad at us for being so mischievous. He was such a gentle soul. And what a beautiful family that he and Aunt Lorraine can be so proud of. They were so good to Marieta too, after Daddy died. When we left Milwaukee over 40 years ago, we missed out on the whole family thing except for weddings and funerals. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family during this difficult time. Uncle Gerald will truly be missed by all but I'm sure he is happy to be with Aunt Lorraine again! Our love to all! Dick and Lenore Krieg

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**Lenore Lovas Krieg and husband Dick Krieg - Charlotte,, NC - Niece** - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ My heart goes out to the family. I have so many wonderful memories growing up of our families spending weekends together, vacations up north, going to baseball games and etc. Uncle Jerry always had so many stories and he would laugh so hard telling them I would look over at Aunt Tootie and she would be shaking her head. I am sure Uncle Jerry is up there enjoying Aunt Tootie's fried chicken and her yummy pies. I was very blessed to have had wonderful Godparents, thank you Uncle Jerry and Aunt Lorraine. Give my mom a big kiss for me. Love, Linda

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**Linda Stoddard - Spring Green, WI - relative - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

BW

“ We are sorry for your loss, but due to Family Differences, we will not be able to attend any of the services. Please understand your families are in our thoughts & prayers and have our condolences.

*Beulah, Ed and Ted Kinney  
Reedsburg, Wisconsin*

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**Beulah Ed and Ted Kinney - Reedsburg , WI - April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

JN

“ Uncle Jerry, Grandpa, Gerald George...my favorite Norwegian uncle. You lived a long life. A very good life. You and mamma, aka: Aunt Lorraine brought a fine family into this world. You were a man of principle, good values and you were there for so many people in life. You allowed me to bring my friends and family into your life and you accepted us, but you held us accountable. The love of hunting you extended to me. My the times we had on Goplin Hill Road!! Whereas my heart is saddened at your physical presence no longer being with us, your spirit lives on through your family, the many, many grandchildren and great-grand children. You will rest beside your momma but your spirit has joined her. Say hello to her and my dad and all of the other loved ones who are greeting you. I know that God has a special place for bull-headed Norwegians and that you will fit in nicely, sharing a joke or two and looking at all the chickens. I love you. I miss you and I hope I can do as much for my family and loved ones as you did for yours.

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**John R. Pechan - Nephew** - April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ I will always remember Jerry with a smile, what a gentleman he was. I have fond memories of him on the Irish Bowling League. RIP Jerry. Blessings to your family.

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**Pam Spies - Muscoda, WI - Friend** - April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM