



Erwin P. Wittke

March 29, 1959 - June 20, 2021

Erwin P. Wittke age 62 of Waterman IL died on Sunday June 20, 2021 at the Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital. He was born on March 29, 1959 in Oak Park IL the son of Herbert and Geraldine (Freza) Wittke. Erwin worked as a chef for the NIU food service and catering at the Holmes Student Center since 1999. He married Marcia E. Foster on Jan 14, 1984 in Arlington Heights IL. Erwin is preceded in death by his wife; March 20, 2012.

He is survived by his 3 children Eric (Amanda) Wittke of Waterman IL, Evan (Luigi DeMarco) Wittke of Chicago IL, Emily Wittke of Waterman IL, 3 grandsons Grady, Ryker, and Conrad, and 1 sister Ann Roger of Beverly, IL. Visitation will be on Wednesday June 23, 2021 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM with a scripture service at 7:30 PM at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy, IL. Funeral services will be on Thursday June 24, 2021 at 10:30 AM at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy IL with burial to follow at St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy IL. Memorial donations in Erwin's memory can be made to St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Somonauk, IL. Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy IL. Online condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **23**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mihm-Jones Funeral Home, Amboy
303 East Main Street
Amboy, IL 61310
(815) 857-2611
info@thejonesfh.com
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

Service

JUN **24**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy
32 N. Jones
Amboy, IL 61310
mail@stpatrickamboy.org
<http://www.stpatrickamboy.org>

Tribute Wall



“ Hey old man. Just wanted to come by to let you know that I’ve been thinking about you lately. Remembering the times during our NIU days and those good Sunday breakfast you would make Eric and I before we headed back down to Lincoln. I hope you and your wife are resting well. Thanks for the life lessons Erwin.

Vincent Giles - September 24, 2025 at 07:26 AM



“ Erwin P. Wittke

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ Erwin P. Wittke

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ Thank you for being a great friend but more importantly for being a wonderful person.
I will miss you.
JesseTellez

JesseTellez - June 23, 2021 at 06:30 PM

CH

“ I had the pleasure of becoming Catholic with Erv at St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Somonauk. He looked so tough but had such a big heart. Enjoyed many of the fabulous meals he prepared at St John's functions including my sister in law's wedding reception at NIU. He will be greatly missed. Prayers to the family and friends of Erv. May God bless him and keep him!



Carrie Harms - June 23, 2021 at 09:09 AM

EC

“ My deepest condolences to Erwin's family and friends. I had the pleasure of working with him during my time at NIU and he taught me a lot of great culinary skills I still use today. The real thing I'll cherish are the funny memories and witty one-liners from that time.

Eric C - June 23, 2021 at 07:51 AM



Don
Purcell

“ I called Erv earlier this year to remind him that he is exactly one day older than I am.

This began a series of phone calls every week or so where we would reminisce about our high school days, the mischief we got into, as well as sharing current updates about our families. It reminded me that our friendship was as strong as ever despite not seeing each other any time in the last 20 years.

Despite our youthful indiscretions from 40 years ago, we both found our faith in God to be an important part of our lives. It is comforting to know that Erv and I will be reunited sometime in the future before our Lord. God Bless you Erv!

*Don Purcell
Inverness, FL*

Don Purcell - June 22, 2021 at 02:26 PM



KC

“ Eric, was so sad to hear of your Dad's passing. Was thinking about your family just the other day. Your Mom and Dad were special people. Karen Cribben

Karen Cribben - June 22, 2021 at 08:59 AM

EW

“*Erv’s mom and my mom were friends before they both got married and our families both ended up growing up together in Arlington Heights. We loved playing in their big old house on Dunton and eating dinner there. Erv got his cooking talent from his mom. Erv and my brother, Teddy Witthoeft, were in the same class at Arlington and we lost Teddy in 1975. Now Erv. It hardly seems fair. But I have some really great memories of those days. Sending peace to Ann and to Erv’s children.*”

Elida Witthoeft - June 21, 2021 at 09:02 PM