



Robert Lee Gerst

June 4, 1933 - December 10, 2024

Robert Lee Gerst, 91, of Evansville, passed away on December 10, 2024. Bob was born on June 4, 1933, in Evansville to Hazel (Culley) and Elmer Gerst. He attended Mater Dei high school, Notre Dame University, and graduated in 1959 from Washington University in St. Louis with a degree in Architecture.

His passion in life was golf. It started when he was thirteen years old and was instructed by his father who won the Evansville City Tournament in 1942. He played high school golf and college golf at both Notre Dame and Washington University.

Some of his golfing accomplishments include winning the Fendrich Open in 1953, the Tri-State Amateur in 1954, and the State Knights of Columbus tourney in 1964. He placed third in the Midwest Amateur at French Lick in 1953, was the runner-up in the Evansville City Tourney in 1955, and went to the quarter finals of the Indiana State Amateur two times. He continued playing golf well into his eighties, "shooting his age" more than 200 times.

He met his wife, Marilyn Benchoff, at Washington University and they were married in 1958. They moved back to Evansville briefly, then to Indianapolis in 1960 to start Bob's architectural career. Bob retired in 1999 from Ed Hafer & Associates architectural firm. He was a past member of the Kennel Club and

past president of Oak Meadow Country Club.

Bob is survived by his children Eric (Charlotte) Gerst, Rachael Gerst Marret, Paula (Rob) Reilly, Brenda (Mike) Capuano, and the children of his long-time companion Kathy, Tim Ewing and Greg (Laura) Ewing. He is also survived by grandchildren Katie Reilly, Margaret Reilly, Erica Reilly, Sophia Marret, Noah Capuano, Emma Capuano, Jay Ewing and Sara Ewing and great grandchildren, Kamilah Hawks, Koda Williams and Lincoln Ewing.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Marilyn, brother Charles, and his loving companion Kathy Ewing.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, December 20, 2024 at Pierre Funeral Home, Rev. Lowell Will officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. The funeral service will be livestreamed at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Friends may visit with the family from 11:00 AM until service time on Friday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Catholic Charities of Evansville, 2111 Stringtown Road, Evansville, IN 47711.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 20. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
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Funeral Service

DEC 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Robert Lee Gerst*



Pierre Funeral Home - December 20, 2024 at 04:25 PM



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Lee Gerst*



Pierre Funeral Home - December 16, 2024 at 10:37 PM

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“ *Rachael, Eric, Paula, and Brenda, I have such fond memories of your Dad & Mom being a part of the Big Chill group, and in sharing the many holidays over the years. May your many loving memories of them be a source of both comfort and strength for you all as you grieve the loss of them.*

*Peace & Love,
Beth Reitz*

Beth Reitz - December 22, 2024 at 10:48 AM

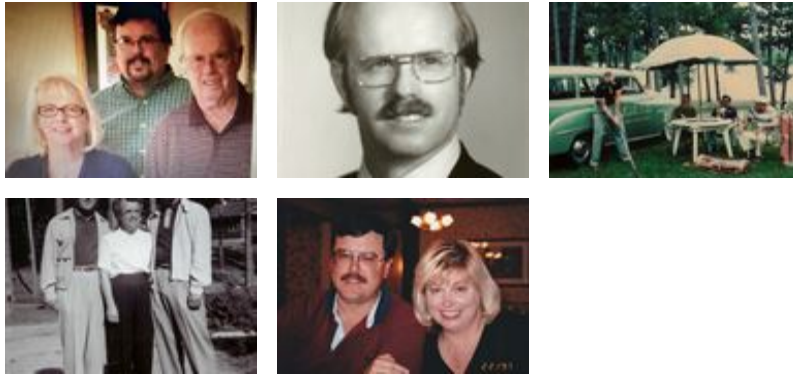
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“ Bob and Marilyn lived such wonderful lives with Eric, Rachel, Paula, Brenda and extended family and friends creating so many wonderful memories over the years. Such a bedrock in all of our lives and inspirational in how he lived the American dream. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Gerst family and so many of us who can count ourselves blessed to have been a part of Bob and Marilyn's lives.
Nick and Alicia Bittner

Nick Bittner - December 18, 2024 at 01:40 PM



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Pierre Funeral Home - December 16, 2024 at 05:34 PM

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“ Eric, wishing you all the peace and comfort possible. I am here for you. *Evelyn Hays*

Evelyn Hays - December 12, 2024 at 11:35 PM

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“ Gersts and Elliott’s have always gone together like PB&J- so many Christmas Eves, holidays, and Chill events spent together. I was so sorry to hear about your dad’s passing. I always loved his sweet spirit and quick wit! Keeping you all on my heart during this difficult time. Sending all my love! - Nora 💕💕

Nora Krienke (Elliott) - December 12, 2024 at 04:57 PM