



# Gregory Potrafka

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**O**n the morning of March 20, after having devotions read to him, Greg was granted eternal peace, comfort, and love with his Savior.

Born in Boody, IL November 5, 1958 to William and Betty Potrafka, Greg lived and worked close to the family he loved so very much. He was the third-generation owner of Carl's Auto Sales, having worked there since he was 19 years old. He often said, "It's not a job if you love what you do." Throughout his life he enjoyed classic rock music, hunting up a good deal, traveling with friends, and most recently "debating" with the Kania Democrat cousins.

Mourning his loss, but grateful for his Heavenly Perfection are his wife of 32 years, Marcia; beloved daughter and kidney donor Emily (Brandon) and granddaughter Audra; sons Erik (Lorena) their daughter Victoria; and Jared; mother; sister Karla (late Doug) Miller; parents-in-law Fred and Sylvia Kania; sisters-in-law Cynthia (Matt) Cashman; Gloria (late John) Brennan; Kathy (late David) Kania; all his nieces and nephews whom he dearly loved, especially god-daughter Lauren; and Faith (Peter) Sherry and daughters; and the Potrafka cousins whom he recently reconnected with. And many, many dear friends.

Greg was preceded in death by his father, his three brothers-in-law, and his grandparents Carl and Frieda May and Hank and Frieda Potrafka.

We are so very grateful for the prayers and support from our family, friends, and neighbors; and we extend much love and appreciation to Pilgrim Lutheran Church pastors, brothers and sisters who faithfully provided prayers of healing and comfort during Greg's years of illnesses.

In these difficult social times, the family has no public memorial plans. Please consider the following memorials to Pilgrim Lutheran Church Decatur, IL or to Warren Park Fund PO Box 211, Boody, IL 62514.



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The Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Greg. Condolences may be left to his family at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).



## Tribute Wall

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WB

**William E Burns** posted:

So sorry for your loss. I remember a lot of times we hung out and I think we all tried to get in trouble. It was fun and I will always remember those times. Billy Burns

April 7 at 4:32 PM

RA

**Ron Austin** posted:

Marcia and Betty:I wish to express sincere condolences from the Austin family. We have always held Greg in the highest regard. He was my dad's best friend, and dad thought of him as another son. Greg was a great friend to so many and it is gratifying now to see the outpouring of love directed toward him and the support for those left behind. Marcia and Betty, God bless you and may you be comforted by the wonderful memories that remain. Like all who knew him, we will miss him very much.Ron & Lynn AustinCharles & Joanne AustinViki & Frank Hubbard

March 24 at 10:40 AM

DB

**Dennis Barnard** posted:

Hi Marcia and family. I have a lot of memories of Greg as we both went to Boody together. He was not in my grade but we all knew each other well in such a small community. We played together at recess and had a lot of fun. After school I saw him often at Carl's and would talk to he and Bill. I know it's a sad time for you but there are a lot of great memories. You have my sympathy. Dennis Barnard

March 24 at 6:22 AM

BR

**Bill Robinson** posted:

For Betty Potrafka:I am so sorry to hear of Greg's passing. Marge and I spent many good times with you and Bill. God bless you now in your loss of Greg.Sincerely,Bill Robinson

March 23 at 3:35 AM

SS

**Shelly Stansfield** posted:

Dad and I are saddened by the news of Greg, praying for the family. Our Lord has taken him home where there is no pain, tears, or sorrows.Litchfield basement times with Greg, Steve and Scott, Francie, and our dog had some fun times.May your grief be turned to comfort as the days to follow progress. Big hugs to you Betty and Karla!

March 22 at 6:46 AM



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**Gloria Blackwell** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this sad time. He will be greatly missed by all. He is a special guy and was a pleasure to be around. Jerry & Gloria Blackwell

March 22 at 5:37 AM



**Rhoda Hiller** lit a candle in honor of Gregory .

We knew Greg's sister and his Mother. They loved him dearly and we offer our sympathy to his family. It sounds like he was a very caring person and he is now in the arms of God. May you rest in peace Greg. From Mike and Rhoda Hiller



March 22 at 4:03 AM



**Christine Hart-Foster** lit a candle in honor of Gregory .

My name is Christine Hart-Foster. I was one of the "Hart" girls that lived in Boody. I babysat occasionally for Greg's children and my Father Paul Hart helped me buy my first car from Greg. I did not know Greg for very long but he was always so nice to me and my family. He worked with me to get a car that I could afford and was safe. I'm am sorry for your loss of this kind man. Prayers Christine



March 21 at 6:32 PM



**Marcia** March 27 at 5:07 AM

Tina - remember you very well. Greg is like the Hart family very much!! Thank you for your kindness.



**Kori Rinb** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. My memory of Greg is the one time I met him. He made it a point to bring a lovely bouquet of flowers to me after the passing of my beloved... along with kind words. He said he couldn't bear the thought of losing his love, Marcia 😊 A touching moment. Prayers to you all.

March 21 at 5:43 PM



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JG

**Jane Griffin** lit a candle in honor of Gregory .

Betty, My most sincerest thoughts and prayers to you and Greg's family. Jane (Meisenhelter) Griffin

March 21 at 2:32 PM



CM

**Cyndi Massey** posted:

So sorry for your loss. Greg was always a great guy and helped where he could. Cyndi Massey

March 21 at 2:24 PM

MP

**Mike Pritchard** posted:

My condolences to the Potrafka family. Greg was a great man to whom I had the pleasure of being neighbors and a great friend with while I was growing up in our small rural town. I will always cherish the memories growing up and glad to have known him during that time. I pray for peace for your family and comfort as you all grieve the loss.

March 21 at 12:24 PM

CC

**Cynthia Cashman** posted:

Marcia and Family, We can't express how much we miss Greg. We pray that God will comfort you and give you strength, courage and faith as you travel through this miserable time. We wish Greg farewell in his journey to eternity. He will never be forgotten, rest in Peace by Brother. Love, peace and sympathy, Cynthia and Matt

March 21 at 7:10 AM



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**Cynthia Cashman** lit a candle in honor of Gregory .



March 21 at 7:03 AM



**Marcia** March 27 at 5:07 AM  
I remember..."The Brady's" :)



**Vickie** March 25 at 4:59 AM  
Marcia, So sorry to hear of your loss. It's been a long time since I've seen you. I was a waitress at the Wharf. Miss Vickie B.



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Gregory by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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