



## Ervin G. Pander

March 27, 1957 - October 1, 2025

Ervin G. Pander, age 68, of Lowell, IN, and a former longtime resident of the Chicago Hegewisch neighborhood, passed away Wednesday, October 1, 2025.

He was born in Chicago, IL to the late Joseph & Loretta Pander. Preceding him in death was his wife, Mary. She was the love of his life, and together they raised three sons. Kenny (Amy) Norlock, Bobby (late Tanya) Norlock, and Tony Norlock. Ervin was a proud grandfather to Kendall, Samantha, Jessica, Alyssa, Sarah, Anthony and Landon. He is also survived by his two brothers, Jim (Georgia) Pander, and Greg (Candee) Pander.

Ervin was a proud union boilermaker. He loved fishing, camping and tending to his large vegetable garden. Ervin was also an avid Chicago Bears and Chicago Blackhawks fan.

Private family services will be held at Holy Cross Cemetery in Calumet City. Arrangements by Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee.

# Cemetery Details

## **Holy Cross Cemetery**

801 Michigan City Rd.  
Calumet City, IL 60409

# Tribute Wall

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“ My mother thought the world of him and she would be devastated. I have spent most of today thinking about so many things so long forgotten! To say we had fun growing up is a total understatement!!! The years of mayhem we created running the streets of Jeffrey Manor and the East Side, fishing at Cal Park and Wolf Lake, hiding in Auntie Laurie’s basement listening to Wally Phillips when there were tornado warnings (no, even tornado watches) and going with Auntie Mary on the bus to Michigan to see the Newman’s where she taught us to gig frogs. The list goes on and on. We truly lived “The Wonder Years”. We haven’t seen much of each other recently but for those who don’t know, Erv was every bit my big brother growing up and he was absolutely the best! He was also a fantastic friend who always watched out for me, mentored me and protected me. He was my Confirmation Sponsor and in 1970 when my finger was amputated, he spent the whole night with me at South Chicago Hospital. Later in life, as much of our family did, we worked together at U.S. Steel where Erv had the plant wide reputation as a great worker and a truly gifted craftsman; something that always made my dad so proud to tell folks they were related. Ervin was without question one of the most honest, generous compassionate and decent people I have ever known and I feel honored to have known him so well. The world is truly an emptier place without him.

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**John Hughes** - October 04, 2025 at 01:08 AM