



## Otto Franz Gehrig

August 31, 1927 - September 5, 2019

Otto Franz Gehrig, 92, of Merrillville, Indiana, passed away on Thursday, September 5, 2019 with his loving family by his side. Otto was born in Berlin, Germany on August 31, 1927. During his teen years, he was mandated to join the German Army and served as a German soldier during WWII. He was later captured and spent a few years as a POW in France.

Otto came to America in April 1959, and his family came to America in the Fall of 1959.

He is survived by his children: Angelika Gehrig (Bob Cretney), Cordula Gehrig, and Lothar (Debbie) Gehrig; his grandchildren: Christina, Patricia, Deanna, Daniel, Gregory, and Eric; his great grandchildren: Max & Fletcher. He is also survived by his brothers: Rudolph and Gerhard Gehrig; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Anita Gehrig in 1995; and his brothers: Lothar and Adolf Gehrig.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Memory Lane Funeral Home, 6305 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30), Crown Point, Indiana. The entombment service will immediately follow at 2:00 p.m. in the Memory Lane Mausoleum. You may contact the funeral home for further information (219) 322-2050. [www.memorylanepark.com](http://www.memorylanepark.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Lane Memorial Park

6305 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30)  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
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# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 7. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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## Burial

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Memory Lane Memorial Park & Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Otto Franz Gehrig*



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**Memory Lane Memorial Park & Funeral Home** - September 07, 2019 at 12:17 PM

GS

“ *Dear Lothar, Debbie and the Gehrig Family,  
So sorry to hear of Otto's passing. He was a kind and gracious gentleman. Otto lived next door to me for almost 10 years. We shared many a conversation about his life experiences, his family that he was so proud of and his many trips back to Germany.*

*Treasure the memories and may God bless your family during this trying time.*

*Gloria Stapleton*

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**Gloria stapleton** - September 07, 2019 at 12:11 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Otto Franz Gehrig.*



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September 06, 2019 at 11:30 AM

LF

“ Love, The Masteller Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Otto Franz Gehrig.



Love, The Masteller Family - September 06, 2019 at 11:26 AM

CO

“ In memory of my loving DAD gone too soon. You will truly be missed. R I P.

Cordula - September 05, 2019 at 06:42 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Otto Franz Gehrig.



September 05, 2019 at 06:15 PM

CG

“ CORDULA GEHRIG lit a candle in memory of Otto Franz Gehrig



CORDULA GEHRIG - September 05, 2019 at 05:25 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Otto Franz Gehrig.*



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September 05, 2019 at 03:42 PM



“ *My beautiful Grandfather “Auto” as I used to spell his name, was one of the strongest, most loving and and kind men in my world who invested so much of himself including his time and love into his family and especially his grandchildren. From the HBO video cassettes he used to send me to the flowers he had delivered the day my son Fletcher was born. My Opa had an inner guiding strength and stability that had a huge impact and is the reason I’m here today. Opa, your light, strength and love lives on in each one of us. Your story has been and will continue to be told. I love you so much. Sweet restful sleep Opa.*

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**Patty Aldridge** - September 05, 2019 at 02:53 PM



*Beautifully said. Thank You so much for the kind words*

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**cordula gehrig** - September 05, 2019 at 05:21 PM



*I met Otto in June of 2018 at Cardiac Rehab where he worked out religiously for the past 22 years. I am of German descent and a history buff of WWII. My father was in the Army Air Corps and flew on B-17's during WWII. Otto had a memory as sharp as a tack and I greatly enjoyed spending time with him telling me about his life experiences in Germany during and after the war when he moved to the United States. I could and did talk to him for hours at a time. He was a kind gentleman whose smile could light up a room. He was loved by all at Cardiac rehab. I will miss him greatly. Auf wiedersehen my friend until we meet again. Your friend, Dave Henschel.*

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**Dave Henschel** - September 06, 2019 at 03:30 PM