



Gerald F. Bocian

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Gerald F. Bocian, age “I’m 86 today”, passed away Wednesday evening following a long illness. He was born on July 12, 1925 in Chicago, IL to Frank & Berenice (Koch) Bocian. Jerry was a U.S. Navy veteran of WWII, serving aboard the USS Silversides. Following the war, he played professional baseball with minor league teams associated with the New York Yankees. Jerry was a pilot, an avid bowler, traveler and golfer. He was a life member of VFW Post 3195 and the Knights of Columbus Council 706. Most of his adult working life was spent in the interstate trucking industry; he was co-owner of the Chicago-Miami Terminals. He married the former Kay Homoly in Muskegon on May 29, 1993. Jerry is survived by: his wife, Kay; eight children, Christine (Marvin) Lanzel, Paul Bocian, Donna Saculla (Mark Dahme), Garry Bocian, Janine (Thomas) Harder, Christine (Bernie) Wade, Rick (Debra) Homoly and Cindi Kirchenbauer (Scott Hegbloom); 13 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and 3 sisters, Dolores Lapota, Colette Buis and Alice (Robert) Stake. He was preceded in death by: his parents; sister, Bernadine and son, Neil. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at: Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 11:00 A.M. Tuesday, Rev. Fr. Anthony Britto presiding. Military Rites: will be held under the auspices of VFW Post 3195 Honor Guard. Visitation will be held at: The Lee Chapel, 6291 S. Harvey St. 231-798-1100, 5-8 P.M., Monday. Memorial Contributions: Great Lakes Naval Memorial & Museum, USS Silversides.



Events

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Visitation

 **Monday**, December 5, 2011

 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444





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Anonymous posted:

I opened this link and cried at the beautiful photo of Uncle Abigail (I don't know why I called him that but I always did)- he looks the way I will always remember him. I'm so sad to be an ocean away and I wish I could've been there to say goodbye. Goodbye, Uncle Abigail - I love you. Our deepest condolences to the rest of the family. From Deb, Dan, Monica and Sam##imported-begin##Deb LoCascio##imported-end##

December 8 at 11:19 PM



Anonymous posted:

my sincere sympathy to Kay and the entire Bocian family.my thoughts and prayers are with you.I am in Arizona for the Holidays and very sorry I could not be there for the funeral.Fr. Michael##imported-begin##Fr. Michael Olson##imported-end##

December 6 at 6:35 AM



Anonymous posted:

JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS KAY, SORRY WE COULDN'T BE AT THE VISITATION. I HAVE SUCH GOOD MEMORIES FROM YOUR HELP TO ME AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.##imported-begin##GRANT AND DONNA ALM##imported-end##

December 5 at 7:22 PM



Anonymous posted:

The world has lost a great guy! He was always a pleasure to talk to. He had some great fishing stories that really kept my interest, since I'm a avid fisherwoman. He lived his life to the fullest and was very much in love with his wife Kay! He "adored" her and I'm sure he will be watching over her. I'm sorry for your loss Kay.##imported-begin##Audrie Raap##imported-end##

December 5 at 6:54 AM



Anonymous posted:

So sorry to hear about Jerry's death. When I think of him it brings back many memories of the 4 of us and the things we did together--especially the "surprise" cruise. He was a great guy. Diane##imported-begin##Diane Ketelhut##imported-end##

December 5 at 6:43 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Our sincerest condolences to the Bocian family. We are saying prayers that Kay and the family will find some consolation during this difficult time. I'm sure that Mr Bocian is at peace and watching over all of you. Loretta McKnight##imported-begin##Loretta McKnight##imported-end##

December 4 at 5:09 AM



Anonymous posted:

I'm sorry to hear about Gerry and my sincere condolences to Kay and the rest of the family. Although I haven't been able to get to Muskegon much lately, it was always a pleasure to see him and Kay during the times I could. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Stephen Lau##imported-end##

December 3 at 10:37 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Kay and family... So very, very sorry to hear about Gerry. What a great guy- always willing to help everyone, and always a fun joke or laugh. Sending love and hugs, and hoping the good memories will help you thru this sad time.##imported-begin##Mardi Monroe Williams##imported-end##

December 3 at 4:48 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our sincerest condolences to the family. I remember Uncle Jerry as a kind and generous person. What I remember most is his taking me to my first Notre Dame football game. While I don't remember who won or lost I do remember a long bus ride and having a memorable time at the game. He will be missed by all.##imported-begin##Roy Jacob##imported-end##

December 3 at 10:18 AM



Anonymous posted:

Well, Jerry, I can honestly say, "You're the best". I'm gonna miss you.. My visits were infrequent, but I always enjoyed hangin with you and Kay. I'll be seein you, pal. Love ,Mike##imported-begin##Mike Dawes##imported-end##

December 3 at 8:14 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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