



Mr. Gerald "Jerry" Bruining

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Mr. Gerald Carl "Jerry" Bruining, age 90, passed away Friday evening, June 29, 2018. Gerald was born August 28, 1927 in Muskegon to Clarence and Irene (Young) Bruining. He was an Eagle Scout and later proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy. Jerry earned degrees from Western Michigan University, University of Michigan, and Colorado College. On May 28, 1949, he married the former Shirley Ann Ferm in Muskegon and she preceded him in death on March 20, 2010. Gerald taught at Muskegon Community College for 37 years, retiring in 1988. Earlier on in his career, he had taught at Maple Grove Elementary School and Muskegon High School. He was a longtime member of Central United Methodist Church, where he sang in the choir and served on several committees throughout the years. He was also very active in the Civic Theatre and the Mona Shores Choir Association. He was an avid U of M Football Fan. Jerry enjoyed gardening, and also playing pool and golf with his friends on Tuesdays. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family, including his dog, Ginger. He is survived by his children, Stephen (Karen) Bruining of Ferrysburg, Daniel (Kersti) Bruining of Suttons Bay, and Ann (Ray) Martinez of Fruitport; 10 grandchildren, Nicole, Ron, Bobby, Stephanie, Patrick, Rein, Ella, Ray J., Tommy and Crystal; 2 great-grandchildren, Gabriella and Noel; a brother, Dwight (Carol) Bruining of Orlando, FL.; a sister, Patricia (Gerrit) VanDonkelaar of Muskegon; and many nieces and nephews. Gerald was also preceded in death by his son, Thomas; his parents; and a sister, Nancy DeYoung. A Funeral Service will be held 11 AM Friday, July 6, 2018 at Central United Methodist Church, 1011 Second St., with Rev. Jeff Bowman officiating. VISITATION will be from 5-8 PM Thursday, July 5th at The Lee Chapel, 6291 S. Harvey St. 231-798-1100. Memorial Contributions may be made to Central United Methodist Church. Share memories with the family at Jerry's online guestbook at www.sytsemafh.com.



Events

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Visitation

 **Thursday**, July 5, 2018

 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

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

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



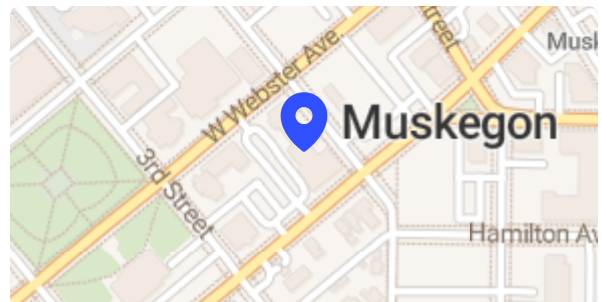
Funeral Service

 **Friday**, July 6, 2018

 11:00 AM ET

 **Central United Methodist Church**

1011 Second Street, Muskegon MI 49440





Tribute Wall

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SK

Sharon Kieft lit a candle in honor of Gerald .



July 8 at 4:12 PM

SK

Sharon Kieft posted:

Dear Annie:My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad, I know how you are feeling, as I lost my dad 3 years ago. The pain gets better, hold the special times and memories close to your heart. Always remember I am around if you need to talk or if you need a hug. Take Care & God Bless.Love & Hugs,Sharon Kieft

July 8 at 4:12 PM

RJ

Roger Joslin posted:

Sorry to hear of your fathers passing. I never had the pleasure of meeting him or your mother but I have known their daughter for nearly thirty five years. It takes quality people to raise a quality individual like Ann. Your family is in our prayers. May God comfort you.

July 5 at 5:11 AM

LF

Linda Feldt posted:

Sorry about your dad Ann he raised a great daughter who did so much for him so he had to be a great dad. I'm sure he'll be missed but now he is with mom and the Lord. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Linda Feldt

July 5 at 3:39 AM

BC

Byron E. Comin posted:

Dear Bruining Family,I'm so sorry to hear of your father's passing! I met him and your Mom some 52 years ago in Central Methodist's choir! They were wonderful people... I watched you "youngsters" grow up through the church. I'd often see Jerry breakfasting at Russ' and will miss him!My thoughts and prayers are with you!Byron E. CominNorton Shores

July 4 at 9:03 AM



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BV

Becky Vansteenkiste posted:

Hugs and prayers to you kids. Jerry was my very first boss of a full time job at Muskegon Community College in the Math and Science department back in 1967. He was a great mentor and friend. I was able to work with him for 8 years up until my marriage . I have many wonderful memories of our time together. I so appreciated the guidance he gave me. Prayers for each of you. Becky (Ceton) VanSteenkiste

July 2 at 2:44 PM

JP

Jo Privasky posted:

Thoughts and prayers for the family— Jerry will be missed by many.He and Shirley were a wonderful couple!

June 30 at 2:37 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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