



Gerald Louis David

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Gerald Louis David passed away peacefully on March 27th, 2021 at the age of 69. Jerry was raised in Nunica, Michigan in a large family with his 7 siblings. As a young man, he spent time working on the SS Badger as well as working on a boat on the Mississippi River. Jerry spent most of his career in the construction industry, where he took great pride in quality work while keeping the job site in tip top shape. While he was cranky at times, under that grumpy surface was a kind heart. He would do things like make a ramp for an elderly person's blind dog or grow flowers to cut for his bride. Jerry enjoyed 23 years of marriage with his bride, Laura Jean. Jerry & Laura liked Sunday drives, hikes, volleyball, and golfing together. He loved living life with Laura, his friends, and family (especially the grandkids). The day to day life with the grandkids gave him much joy. Whether Papa was attending a sporting event, teaching the kids to yell at the squirrels in the bird feeder, or sharing gum drops with his great grandson in the barn, each moment with the kids was very special to him. Jerry loved to play scrabble with his mother and his daughter. Every big play was followed by a "he he he" chuckle as he racked up the points. Jerry loved being outside golfing, fishing, hunting, and gardening. When his kids were young, fishing trips on Muskegon Lake and camping trips were a part of every summer. He enjoyed his yearly fishing trips with his brother Bill, stepson Mitch, and many friends to the Upper Peninsula. Often times, the stories were more plentiful than the fish caught but it brought him joy, nonetheless. Later in life, he loved tinkering in the pole barn and making birdhouses by the dozen using license plates and loose parts. Jerry is preceded in death by his mother Dorothy, father Louis, brothers, Matthew, Dennis, and Mike, daughter, June Allison, and granddaughter Lana Joslyn. Surviving family is his bride, Laura Jean, children, Dawn (Brad) Zieger, Adam David, Kevin David, step children, Nikki Stewart, Mitchell (Andrea) Frees, and Krista (Adam) Ritchard, 15 grandchildren, two great grandchildren and one on the way. The family will be



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forgoing a formal funeral service to celebrate Jerry's life privately. If you would like to celebrate his life, please hang a birdhouse in his honor and think of his love for nature and family.



Events

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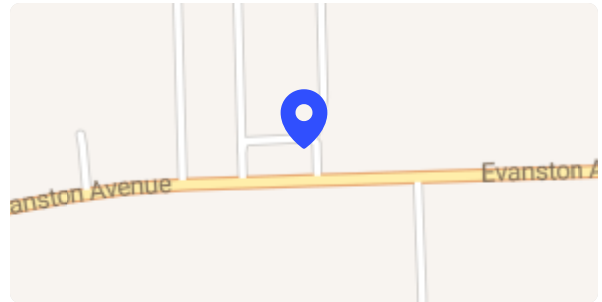
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Cemetery Details



Egelston Township Cemetery

5762 E. Evanston Ave, Muskegon MI 49442





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KP

Kenneth Pugh posted:

The David Family, We are so sorry for your loss of Jerry - a good ol' boy gone, but never forgotten! You have a sincere sympathies. Ken & Pam Pugh

April 8 at 9:01 AM

JH

Judith Happeny lit a candle in honor of Gerald.



April 3 at 8:01 AM

JH

Judith Happeny April 3 at 8:03 AM

So sorry to hear of Gerry's passing. He was a kind man with a great sense of humor and he will be missed

KK

Kim Kanaar posted:

We are so very sorry for your incredible loss, Laura. We have such fond memories of you 2 for the volleyball days. Jerry made sure the game was fun for the players and spectators. He was a hardworking man. The quality of his workmanship was appreciated. May your many wonderful memories bring you comfort in time. Love and prayers, Kim and Gary Kanaar

April 3 at 6:10 AM

PK

Patrick Kelley posted:

It's been awhile since I last saw Jerry, always one guy I enjoyed working with.

March 30 at 1:16 PM



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LR

Larry Rolison posted:

Laura, Nikki, Mitch, Krista, and Family-So sorry to hear about Jerry's passing, he was a really great guy. I remember working for him at Top Notch (seems like forever ago now), he had a real talent for quality workmanship. One of the best memories I have had to do with Jerry. In 1997 when Mitch, Kevin and I went to Disney World with Jerry and Laura. Jerry had this fanny pack that of course we were all teasing him about. It had started to sprinkle a little and we were all worried that we would be soaked all day. Jerry pulls a FULL SIZE raincoat with hood out of this pack he had and said "Go ahead wet ducks, tease me now"! I will never forget that or him. My thoughts and prayers to all of you. Lots of Love!

March 30 at 4:28 AM

KD

Kevin David April 4 at 4:54 PM

I forgot about my Father's fanny pack on the Disney trip in 1997. He did have a unique fashion sense, lol. We had a lot of fun on the family trips with Dad. I am so happy to discover he had such a great connection with the many grandchildren. Seeing how much they cared for him, reassures me that through the "scowl" and "grumpiness" there was always a "great smile" and a "caring heart." Love you Dad, Laura, and the rest of the family.



Trudy Rosema March 30 at 10:32 AM

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Laura.



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JM

Julie Marciniak posted:

So sorry for yourosd sending thoughts & prayers to all

March 29 at 10:03 AM



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Marcia And Tracy Pastoor lit a candle in honor of Gerald.

So sorry Laura, Krista and the rest of the family. I only met Jerry a couple of times but sounds like a great guy that will be surely missed. I wonder if he worked on the Badger when Tracy and I took it across on our honeymoon, April 1980. May he rest in peace.



March 29 at 8:47 AM



Kelly Galdeen (Revell) March 29 at 6:16 PM

Thinking of you all during this time of sorrow.



Patty Dick March 29 at 11:59 AM

So sorry Laura to hear about Jerry! He was a great guy! You are all in my thoughts and prayers!



Barb Devries Krepps March 29 at 9:23 AM

Always Enjoyed my visits with Jerry and meeting his brother. Special memories of his laughter, Chuckle viewing photographs of his youth @ St. Catherines in Ravenna. He was a little cutie. So sorry Laura and families. 🙏



Memories only last if you share them

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



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