



Gerald Edward Fish

April 15, 1941 - July 31, 2022

Gerald Edward Fish, 81, passed away at his home in Alden, MI on July 31, 2022, surrounded by his family. Gerald was born April 15, 1941, in Rochester, MI. He is the son of Helen (Luce) and Clemens Fish. Gerald married Bonnie (Mattingly) on July 22, 1967. He spent 55 years married to the love of his life, raising four children along the way. Gerald graduated high school from Comstock Park, after graduation he was drafted into the Army. During his time with the army, he was a part of the 151st airborne serving as a paratrooper during the Vietnam war. After the war, Gerald pursued a certificate program in electrical engineering. This would lead him into an amazing thirty-year career in the aerospace industry. He was able to work on the Lunar Excursion module, which was the spacecraft that carries astronauts from the command module to the surface of the moon and back, while later working on the Horizon module used in 747s. In Gerald's limited free time he had a passion for the boy scouts. Achieving the rank of eagle scout, he passed this same passion onto his son Jeff who also holds the rank of eagle scout. He spent eight years as the scoutmaster of troop 354 touching many lives along the way and instilling many of his own amazing values into his scouts. Gerald was also scoutmaster of troop 354 while they had the honor of serving on Mackinaw Island as the Governor's Honor Guard. He was a man of many skills who could do anything from play the handbells to fix just about any electronic. Gerald always had a deep faith and a strong moral compass; he was an extremely honest man that always did what was right without

hesitation. Above all, he was a family man, who loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Gerald will be missed by all and remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. Gerald will be lovingly remembered by his wife Bonnie Fish; daughters Jennifer (Paul) Latham, Bethany (Ken) Adamski, and Barbra (Scott) Burgess; son Jeff (Gail) Fish; sister JoAnne Galloway; brother Roger Fish; 17 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father Clemens Fish; mother Helen Fish; and sister Elaine Smith. The memorial service will be held at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church on Thursday, August 4, 2022, at 11:00 am, the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 am until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, the family would like you to consider a donation to your local hospice organization for their compassionate care. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

AUG 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church
438 CR 612 NE
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Memorial Service

AUG 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am so very sorry I was not able to attend Uncle Jerry’s funeral this past week. Please accept my condolences and prayers as you all move on with life without him. I hope beautiful memories help ease your pain and bring comfort to all of you.

Ginger Lewakowski - August 06, 2022 at 03:44 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald Edward Fish.



August 03, 2022 at 06:01 PM

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“ Bill and Ellen Abel purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gerald Edward Fish.



Bill and Ellen Abel - August 03, 2022 at 12:14 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gerald Edward Fish.



August 03, 2022 at 11:17 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Gerald Edward Fish.



August 02, 2022 at 10:36 PM



“ *Kim & Bruce Snyder and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Gerald Edward Fish.



Kim & Bruce Snyder and Family - August 02, 2022 at 09:38 PM



“ *Barb Adamski and Don & Kari Eickholt purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Gerald Edward Fish.



Barb Adamski and Don & Kari Eickholt - August 02, 2022 at 05:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Gerald Edward Fish.



August 02, 2022 at 04:42 PM

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“ *My memories of my Uncle Gerry were full of silliness and laughter. I was always excited to spend time as a child with his family and really felt the love of how close he was with all my my cousins. He was a great dad! As I became an adult he managed to keep up with my Instagram posts and commented and liked things as I accomplished goals and went on adventures. It was so nice to feel connected and supported! Sending lots of love and prayers to my Fish family.*

Stacey Fish - August 02, 2022 at 03:57 PM