



Gerald "Jerry" Ferraro

September 14, 1942 - May 1, 2020

Gerald "Jerry" Ferraro, age 77, lost his fight with Alzheimer's disease & passed away peacefully on May 1, 2020, at the David Simpson Hospice House in Cleveland. Jerry was the only child born to Jim & Catherine Ferraro on September 14, 1942. He graduated from Cathedral Latin high school in 1960. Jerry was an Army Veteran, enlisting in 1964, serving 2 terms of service. Jerry met his bride-to-be, Carol (nee: Koziol) in 1962 & this would be the start of their lifelong love affair - married in 1966, they had 3 children Lori, Jim, Nicole. Jerry had a passion for everything sports & played basketball & baseball until his mid 50's at which time he fell in love with golf. You could regularly find him working on his swing - hitting balls in mid-winter with chilling temps. Jerry was the proud "Papa" to Cooper & Zoe Allison & enjoyed attending their school & sports activities.

Jerry retired from The Plain Dealer after 42 years & continued helping others as a driver for LakeTran, where he officially retired after 8 years of service. Jerry had a generous & loving heart with every person he met. He had a great sense of humor & a unique phrase for every situation, i.e., we were regularly warned: "don't get caught in the trick bag". Jerry had a nickname for everyone & made you feel special. He was incredibly humble & never stopped learning, including changing his first diaper in 2001. Jerry was devoted to his family & always there to listen or lend a hand. You would regularly hear him refer to his "Blondie" even in his final days. Jerry truly was one of kind & his legacy will

live on in each person that he touched, especially within the heart & soul of his family.

With the current COVID-19 public gathering restrictions, a private family funeral service will be held at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, P.O. Box 72101, Cleveland, OH 44192. Donate online at www.hospicewr.org.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Tribute Wall

RH

“ Hi to the Ferrari Family, I don't know if u remember me Jim., but I knew your Mom & I had seen your Dad a few times. I was really sad when I read your fathers obituary, I wanted to send my sincere sympathy to u & your Mom & your family. Sad to see your grieving the loss of a good guy! Your Dad & a good husband. Take Care, Always Rosie

Rose Helt - May 12, 2020 at 12:35 PM

JF

“ Hello, I'm the son of Jerry Ferraro, I would like to write a few word's on here. I was very grateful that God chose him to be my father, my father had a lot of love for his friend's his family & even people he met for the first time. He along with my grandfather who passed away over 17 years ago he taught me how to drive when I was 17 years old. My father was very strict on me. I understand why, some of the world can be cruel & ugly, all you need to do is do what he did is find good honest people to hang out with that are positive and loving people to share your world with! 7 year's ago my sister threw him a surprise birthday party and invited all of his personal friend's and family to a unexpected surprise birthday dinner at Dino's Restaurant in Willowick. My father got up raised his glass, he said I'd like to propose a toast I'm a very lucky man, I have a wonderful family a beautiful wife 3 beautiful children. They don't smoke. They don't do drug's they don't smoke I think I have it made. NOW! I would like to say something here. I'm sure my sister's would agree with me. I'm raising my glass to my father. I'm happy that God chose him to be my father. You will be missed you are now with your creator Jesus may you rest in peace. Your Son, James E Ferraro.



James Ferraro - May 09, 2020 at 06:29 PM

DJ

“ Dear Ferraro Family,

I remember Jerry as my District Manager when I was a PD carrier in the mid 1970's. While that was a long time ago, he made a big impression on me. Even though I was just a kid, he treated me with respect and was always kind and friendly. Over the years I would run into Jerry at the gym, at the store or a restaurant and he would always say "Hi". Even though I did not know him as well as others here, chatting with him was always lighthearted and easy. The funny thing is that Jerry never changed.....except for his hair graying out (which has long ago happened to me as well). He always had a friendly demeanor and unassuming style. Years could pass between brief chats/hellos and it felt like Jerry was the same happy and positive person. While it saddens me to think that Jerry has passed, it is more than fair to say that heaven is lit a bit brighter for the rest of time. Rest in peace Jerry! I am glad to have known you and crossed your path. My deepest condolences to the entire Ferraro Family.

David Jack

David Jack - May 08, 2020 at 01:44 PM

GF

“ To the family of Jerry Ferraro . Jerry was a friend of mine . We met in 1975 at the Plain Dealer as co-workers . He showed me the ropes when i was breaking in as a driver . I did not stick around to long and left the PD for bigger and better things lol . We reunited in 1990 at the PD depot and of course Jerry remembered me instantly after 20 years . He made it feel like no time had passed at all . He was the best , a stand up guy , always making people laugh . Just wanted you all to know how sad and sorry i am . I wish i could be there . I will leave all of you with one of Jerry’s funny quotes ” only the Plain Dealer could take a job an eight year old used to do and make it so difficult that adults can’t do it ”. Love that Jerry ! My condolences , Sincerely , Gary De Franco

Gary De Franco - May 07, 2020 at 03:22 PM

CL

“ Wonderful man. If all were like him it would it would be a much better world. God bless. ChuckLucas

Chuck Lucas - May 07, 2020 at 03:22 PM

DS

“ My dear friend Lori,
Bob and I were saddened to hear of your Dad's passing. I remember the first time I met your Mom and Dad. They made me feel like I was part of the family. Your Dad was special and will be missed by all who had the pleasure of meeting him. May he now rest in the arms of his Savior, Jesus Christ. He ran the good race and now has his heavenly crown. Eternal rest grant unto him oh Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. Rest in peace Jerry.
In Christian love,
Darlene and Bob

Darlene Skillman - May 07, 2020 at 03:16 PM

MC

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the family.
I have wonderful memories of Jerry when we worked at the Plain Dealer.*

Sincerely,

Ben Maulorico

Michelle Maulorico Cox - May 07, 2020 at 11:10 AM

EM

“ *Jerry was a terrific guy. I played softball with him. We had so many good times with him and Carol. I nicknamed his daughter LA. Great family. My wife taught Jimmy in third grade. Even though I didn't meet Jerry until we were in our twenties, I felt like I knew him all my life . Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family. Tim & Elaine Markey*

elaine Markey - May 06, 2020 at 07:32 PM



Adrienne
Kelley

Oook now i see it did ..sorry..

Adrienne Kelley - May 07, 2020 at 12:50 PM

BB

“ *I played basketball with Jerry for about 30 some years. Also some golf.He was a good guy and we shared a lot of laughs together. I treasured my friendship with him.Thoughts and prayers to Carol and family.*

Bill Banach

bill banach - May 06, 2020 at 12:50 PM



“ I worked with Jerry for 32 years at the P.D. What a wonderful person. He was always a kind and caring gentleman and always had a kind word to say about everyone. We did talk baseball a lot. I am so sorry for your family's loss, but please have comfort in knowing that hes in God's arms now. We that knew him will always remember him well and always have great memories of Jerry. John Lehman

John Lehman - May 06, 2020 at 11:31 AM

NR

“ My late husband was a friend and co- worker of Jerry. They played golf together a few times. Jerry was such a good man and loving husband. My condolences and sympathy to the family.



Nancy Ribovich

nancy ribovich - May 06, 2020 at 08:23 AM

TO

“ I was a classmate of Jerry at Cathedral Latin School. He and the family are in my prayers.

Bro. Tom Giardino, SM '60

tom - May 05, 2020 at 02:42 PM

FM

“ My prayers for Jerry and the family. His wife and I attended St Josaphat school many yrs ago . Know my thoughts are with you. My mom Ann died on March12 at the age of 100. How we reconnect after so many years

Fr Ted Marszal - May 05, 2020 at 01:38 PM

JG

“*Jerry will always live in my heart. When I was in elementary and middle school, we would watch Jerry pitch in Triple A Baseball. Uncle Jim and Aunt Katherine would be there too. It was not hard for me to name our own son Jerry after this great cousin. I also remember Aunt Katherine's turkey dinner. Holidays with her were so easy to recall because Jerry gave her aluminum Christmas tree to us after Aunt Katherine and Uncle Jim passed away. I always viewed the tree as a loan because Jerry just wanted to avoid thinking about them at first.*

Jerry's smile is etched on all of our hearts. We will never forget him. Rest in peace, Jerry. God just wanted your smile in heaven, and He could not wait any longer for you. Let's mourn first, but then let's celebrate the joy of having known and loved Jerry.

Cousin Joey

Joseph Giancola - May 04, 2020 at 10:41 PM