



Gerard Pristera

August 19, 1953 - May 8, 2022

Gerard Pristera, of Geneva on the Lake, Ohio, passed away peacefully on May 8, 2022 at home. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on August 19, 1953 to the late Albert and Carmella Pristera.

Affectionately known as “Jerry” by friends and family, he graduated High School in 1971. Following in his Father’s footsteps he joined the U.S. Navy and served aboard the U.S.S. America, CV-66 stationed out of Jacksonville, Florida. After his Navy Service Jerry began a career in Law Enforcement and moved up the ranks from K-9 Officer to Chief of Police for G.O.T.L., OH.

Jerry loved camping, boating and fishing, and enjoyed being outdoors. His hobbies included model trains, watching movies and Italian cooking; serving up incredible meals for his family, which he always put first. He will be greatly missed. Jerry was a very active member at The Ashtabula Pentecostal Church of God where he would often volunteer, cooking for those in need. The family asks that any contributions, in memory of Jerry, please be made to the Ashtabula Pentecostal Church of God, 2201 Cook Rd., Ashtabula, OH 44004.

Survivors include his children, Stephanie Pristera, Angela Pristera and Gerard Pristera; grandchildren, Tyler Elliott and Henry Heinlein; siblings, Cheryl (Marty) Wilson and Ronald (MaryJo) Pristera and many nieces, nephews and other loving family

members.

A private family burial will take place in Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, Rittman, OH.

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

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“ I remember driving around Ashtabula with Pap Pap & my Family [approximately 2008] and he pulled over to the side of the road and pulled money out of his wallet to give to a complete stranger because he thought they were in need of help. That always stuck with me, his level of generosity was astonishing, and I learned a life long lesson that day and now I try to do the same thing for people. Another memory was when he prepared a Christmas dinner for everyone [feast of seven fishes, ham, turkey, all the trimmings], he made so much food there was hardly room on the table for plates, I ate so much food it was starting to come back up in the middle of the night. I've never had so much food before in my entire life. Whenever he would visit he would load up his vehicle with stuff to bring until it was falling out of his car. I've never met anyone that was as remotely generous. He was a very caring and extremely generous man and he will be deeply missed. He made the best chili I have ever had. Many fond memories. Rest in Peace Pap Pap. Love, Lowell



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“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Gerard Pristera.



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“ *Stephanie Pristera lit a candle in memory of Gerard Pristera*



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