



Gerald John Russell

August 15, 1935 - January 7, 2021

Gerald John Russell (Jerry) was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania and grew up in Wyoming, Pennsylvania. He attended Wyoming High School. He then enlisted in the United States Navy after High School and served on the USS Wisconsin and the USS Roanoke during the Korean War. While serving he went to many Countries including Japan and Australia. He served as a Gunners Mate from 1954 to 1958. Upon discharge he remained in for four years. After being discharged he moved to Manville, NJ where he has been a resident for the past 60 years. He worked at the Johns-Manville Corporation as Supervisor of Maintenance before retiring in 1985. He then worked at the Pingry School in Maintenance for 10 years. He coached the Manville Pop Warner Football Team and was a member of the Manville Rescue Squad. He was also a member of the Thomas J. Kavanaugh V.F.W. Post #2290. He was an avid college football game follower, especially Notre Dame. He was also an avid NASCAR race fan. He especially loved attending his sons Immaculata High School football games and caring for his garden. Gerald was a communicant of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church (Christ the Redeemer Parish) in Manville, NJ. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He is survived by his wife Virginia (Kopcza) Russell, his daughters, Jacqueline Labatch and her husband Edward, Jr. and Judith Miller, his sons, Gerald Russell, Jr. and his wife Melissa, Joseph Russell and his wife Lucy and Jonathan Russell. He is also survived by his grandchildren Edward Labatch and his wife Jacqueline, Christopher Labatch, Nicholas Labatch and

his wife Jillian, Paige Lucero, Max Miller, Allison Russell, Joshua McConnell, Jason McConnell, Holly McConnell and Ethan Russell and by his great-grandchildren Kane Labatch, Alexia Labatch, Gianni Lucero, Luca Lucero, Jordyn McConnell and Donovan McConnell. The Funeral will be on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 with a 9:00 AM Funeral Mass at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Manville, NJ.

Previous Events

Mass

JAN 13. 9:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
98 South Second Ave.
Manville, NJ 08835

Tribute Wall

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“ You will always be in our prayers and memories went to a lot of concerts , christmas shows and dinners together rest in peace dear friend and God watch over your loved ones
Dolores & Ed

Dolores Obara - January 12, 2021 at 11:45 AM

RW

“ Was a great basketball coach when I Sacred Heart School, I still remember what he taught us. It is amazing, I still carry his teachings with me to this day! Rest easy Coach, thank you for helping me grow up the right way.

My prayers and sympathy to the family. God Bless.

Rob Walkoviak - January 11, 2021 at 05:47 PM

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“ Goodbye old friend-hope they have apple pie and coffee in heaven-we will miss you-Lucy 😔

lucy ringwood - January 09, 2021 at 07:02 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald John Russell.



January 09, 2021 at 07:01 PM