



Gerald Couturier

May 31, 1929 - April 11, 2016

Gerald Lloyd Couturier aged 86 of Ludington passed away on Monday, April 11, 2016 at Spectrum Health Ludington Hospital. Gerald was born on May 31, 1929 in Lake Leelanau, Michigan, one of 11 children of David and Laura (Brow) Couturier, and served his country during the Korean Conflict with the United States Army. On May 25, 1957 he married Lorraine Lewis at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lake Leelanau and they celebrated 41 years together before Lorraine preceded him in death on January 24, 1999.

Gerald worked on the C & O Railroad car ferries for over 38 years, retiring in 1988. In his retirement, he enjoyed working at his son's blueberry farm in Hamlin Twp. and became known as "Mr. Blueberry." He was a member of St. Simon Catholic Church in Ludington, the Little Finger VFW Post 7731 in Lake Leelanau, the Edwin Ewing American Legion Post 76 in Ludington, and the Loyal Order of Moose. Along with his wife Lorraine, Gerald was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Raymond, and his sister Eloise Walters.

Gerald will be lovingly remembered by his children Barbara Higby and fiancé Don Vistine of Clear Lake, IN, Mark Couturier and wife Kathy of Ludington, Gerald Couturier and wife Keli of Ypsilanti, William Couturier and wife Sheryl of Pentwater, his grandchildren Brandi (Marlin) McClure, Danielle (Andrew) Lawrence, Marcel Couturier, Brett (Rachel) Couturier, and Trevor Couturier, his great-grandchildren Jaiden, Keegan, and Camden McClure, Brooklyn,

Carson, and Eila Couturier, Olivia Jolly, and Parker Couturier, his brothers David (Dorothy) Couturier, Leonard (Ditto) Couturier, and Linus (Loretta) Couturier all of Lake Leelanau, Bernard (Martha) Couturier of Battle Creek, and Alvin (Vicki) Couturier of Arkansas, his sisters Ruth (Victor) Kalchik of Lake Leelanau, Luella (Dale) Furnish of Scottsdale, AZ, and Anna May (Gerald) Kelenski of Cedar, MI, his sister-in-law Beverly Couturier of Gaylord, special family friend Judy Stever of Ludington, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Gerald at 11:00 am on Thursday, April 14 at St. Simon Catholic Church with his nephew Rev. Paul Kalchik as celebrant. Burial will follow at South Victory Cemetery. Friends may meet with his family for a time of visitation on Wednesday from 5:00 – 8:00 pm at Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services – Stephens Funeral Home in Scottville and on Thursday morning from 10:00 am until time of Mass at the church. The Rosary will be prayed for Gerald Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm at the funeral home. Those who wish to remember Gerald with a memorial contribution are asked to consider St. Simon Catholic Church.

Cemetery Details

South Victory Cemetery

2950 West Fisher Road
Ludington, MI 49431

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - Stephens Funeral Home
305 E. State St.
Scottville, MI 49454
(231) 757-3333
wyman-stephens@sbcglobal.net
<https://www.wymanfuneralservice.com>

Rosary Service

APR 13. 7:30 PM (ET)

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Visitation

APR 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Simon's Catholic Church
702 E. Bryant Road
Ludington, MI 49431

Celebration of Mass

APR 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MH

“ I've known Gerry for my entire life. He was a great man and I have fine memories of him. He will be missed. My sincere condolences to the family.

Max Hanley - April 14, 2016 at 05:59 PM

CF

“ Craig & Jackie Amenson & Joyce Vickers family's purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Gerald Couturier.



Craig & Jackie Amenson & Joyce Vickers family's - April 13, 2016 at 09:44 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald Couturier.



April 13, 2016 at 09:07 AM

DK

“ Debbie King lit a candle in memory of Gerald Couturier



Debbie King - April 12, 2016 at 08:31 PM

DK

Our thoughts and prayers are with you Barb & your family at this difficult time. With Love, Mick & Debbie

Debbie King - April 12, 2016 at 08:33 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald Couturier.*



April 12, 2016 at 07:56 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss. He will be missed by many!*



Becky Schoeppner - April 12, 2016 at 02:57 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Gerald Couturier.*



April 12, 2016 at 11:38 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald Couturier.*



April 12, 2016 at 10:34 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Gerald Couturier.*



April 12, 2016 at 09:12 AM



“ *Mark, Lisa, Zoe Yukich and Maureen Gurr purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Gerald Couturier.*



Mark, Lisa, Zoe Yukich and Maureen Gurr - April 12, 2016 at 08:13 AM