



Jerry F. Fenner

August 28, 1938 - January 27, 2022

Jerry Fredric Fenner aged 83 of Fountain passed away on Thursday, January 27, 2022. Jerry was born on August 28, 1938 just north of Scottville, the son of Stirling and Ida (Sterling) Fenner, and graduated from Free Soil High School with the class of 1957. Jerry was first married to Mary Grace Morong and their marriage brought children Mary Grace, Jerome, Susan, and Bill into their family before Mary Grace preceded him in death in 1962. On October 3, 1964, Jerry married Katherine M. Thompson at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Custer and their marriage brought three more children Connie, Tami, and Beth into the family.

Jerry worked as a carpenter, retiring from the Carpenters Union after many years of service. He enjoyed spending time with his many friends and often could be found helping out at both St. John's Cantius and St. Mary's Catholic Churches - where he was a member of both parishes. He was also a faithful member of the Knights of Columbus Pere Marquette Council 1492 in Ludington. Jerry always loved to spend time fishing in the summer and winter months, hunting, and especially turtle hunting with his family and friends. The annual turtle fry following a successful hunt with his companions was always the highlight of his year. One of the areas Jerry found great satisfaction was being able to help people in need anonymously, never seeking recognition but the knowledge he was able to help others in his community.

Jerry will be greatly missed by his wife Kathy; his children Mary Grace (Gerry) Lee, Susan (Scott) Khun, Bill (Doreen) Fenner, Connie Miller, Tami (Rick) LeClair, and Beth Fenner; 16 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; his brothers and sisters Sandy (Gary) Lange, Nancy McDiarmid, and Dan (Gretchen) Fenner; his sister-in-law Jo Fenner, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Along with his first wife Mary Grace, Jerry was also preceded in death by his parents Stirling and Ida Fenner; his son Jerome Fenner, his sons-in-law Dan Miller and Tom Hibbard, his brothers Stirling Jr. and Phillip Fenner, and his brother-in-law Don McDiarmid.

Jerry loved all his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and was very proud of his large family.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Jerry at 11:00 am on Saturday, February 5 at St. John Cantius Catholic Church with his friend, Rev. Dennis O'Donnell presider. Burial for Jerry will take place later in the summer. Friends may gather with Jerry's family for a time of visitation on Saturday morning from 10:00 am until time of Mass at St. John's church. Those who wish to remember Jerry with a memorial donation are asked to please consider St. John Cantius Catholic Church of the Knights of Columbus PM Chapter 1492.

Cemetery Details

Fountain Cemetery

3200 East Fountain Road
Fountain, MI 49410

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Cantius Catholic Church
2845 East Michigan Street
Free Soil, MI 49411

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Kathy, I am so sorry on the loss of your dear husband. You are in my prayers. May he rest in peace in his heavenly home and may you and your family be comforted by God’s love. May Our Lord bless all of you.*

Christine Muldoon, Associate

christine muldoon - February 07, 2022 at 07:12 PM



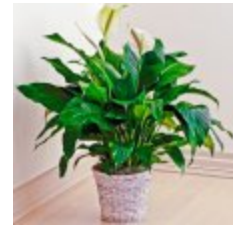
“ *Love's Embrace Roses – White was purchased for the family of Jerry F. Fenner.*



February 04, 2022 at 05:17 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Jerry F. Fenner.*



February 03, 2022 at 07:03 AM

BB

“ *Rest In Peace Jerry. Remembering his generosity. Whenever someone had a project he was right there. I’ve eaten lots of his smoked fish. Remembering the card games with beverages. He could sniff out a good setback game a mile away. Remembering his colorful stories. Loyal friend and client.*

Bruce Borema - January 31, 2022 at 06:38 PM

EP

“ Jerry was an amazing man! Although I didn't know him that well, we worked together on the outdoor Masses. Me setting up the sound system, and he the many, many chairs. I don't recall him EVER missing an outdoor Mass. My favorite memory is deciding to set up the sound system AFTER Jerry got the chairs up. I was always in his way, and soon figured out to wait until he was finished (which was about 10 minutes 🙄). Every Sunday, when the last note of the hymn sounded, it was a race to get all my equipment off the alter before Jerry started stacking the chairs..... I ALWAYS lost! His faith and devotion to the Church was, and will always be, very inspiring! Rest In Peace, Jerry!

Eric Pobojewski - January 31, 2022 at 08:42 AM

CS

“ Living next door, you knew Jerry was...good people...from his bountiful gardens... his legendary skill with the chain saw...turtle hunting with my dad and the summer long lawn mower races with my mom...Jerry... you will be missed but not forgotten..

*The Dombrowski Family
Dolores, Jackie, and Cindy*

Cindy Sischo - January 29, 2022 at 06:44 PM

BW

“ Jerry was one of the most caring and giving person I knew. He would've gave his shirt off his back if someone needed it. He had a huge heart. He was one of my dads friends as far back as I can remember. He will be missed by many.

Barb Wilson - January 29, 2022 at 11:00 AM

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*I am searching for a relative of Jerry's, Sterling Fenner . We attend
Northeastern College together. Could someone please update me. Ken
Kolb (kenbkolb@aol.com) Thank-you Ken Kolb*

Ken Kolb - February 05, 2022 at 12:34 PM