



Mr. Gerard Degnan of Glenview

November 21, 1949 - July 29, 2021

Gerard "Gerry" Degnan, 71, of Glenview, Illinois.

Loving husband of Melody Degnan, nee Kas; devoted father of Tim (Melissa) Degnan, Brian (Nicole) Degnan and Elizabeth (Franco) Soma; cherished grandfather of Zoe, Stella, Anthony, Sophia and Luca; beloved brother of Thomas (Deborah) Degnan, Mary Ellen (Tom) Lenehan, the late Tony (the late Joyce) Degnan, the late Megan (James) Feeney and the late Stephen Degnan. He was preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Anne Degnan.

A native of Worcester, Massachusetts, Gerry was a proud alum of St. John's High School in Shrewsbury and Loyola University Chicago. It was there, while working as a manager on the basketball team, that he met the love of his life, Melody. He spent over 40 years in the agribusiness industry, forging lifelong friendships.

Gerry could brighten any room without overpowering it, flashing his vibrant smile and displaying his infectious, whole-body laugh. He was always quick with a joke – likely one he'd told you before – and was always in the mood for a conversation. He never met a stranger and could make friends anywhere. Gerry never hid his affection and was fiercely proud of those he loved, of whom there were many, including his siblings, cousins, nieces, nephews, and their families.

Gerry made us feel special, and he made our lives fun.

Visitation Sunday, August 1 from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 West Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 A.M. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (<https://player.vimeo.com/video/581828988>), 1775 Grove St, Glenview, IL 60025. If you would like to livestream the service please CLICK HERE (<https://player.vimeo.com/video/581828988>) . Interment to follow at All Saints Catholic Cemetery, Des Plaines, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Children's Center for the Visually Impaired (<https://www.c cvi.org/give>), debra of America (<https://www.debra.org/donate>), or Misericordia Heart of Mercy (<https://www.misericordia.com/giving/donate-online/>)

This Life Tributes page has been created to make it easy for Family and Friends to share memories, photos, and videos.

For further information about this funeral, please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444. Arrangements entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Catholic Cemetery in Des Plaines

701 North River Road
Des Plaines, IL 60016
(847) 298-0450
<https://www.catholiccemeterieschicago.org/locations/all-saints/>

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Morizzo Family Funeral Home, Cremation Services, and Cemetery Memorials
2550 Hassell Road
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
(847) 752-6444
ross@morizzofuneralhome.com
<https://www.morizzofuneralhome.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Perpetual Hope
1775 Grove Street
Glenview, IL 60025

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Gerard Degnan of Glenview*

November 04, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ *Here are screen shots of the remarks I made at Dad's funeral.*

- *Tim*



Tim Degnan - August 03, 2021 at 05:32 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerard Degnan of Glenview.*



August 01, 2021 at 12:22 AM

EO

“ 11 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Eileen Osborn - July 31, 2021 at 10:26 PM

RB

“ So sorry to hear of Gerry's passing. Some of my favorite memories are of the Gerry's family when we were neighbors in Whitefish Bay. Gerry's positive personality, his humor and his loving ways with Melody and the kids were great lessons for Jane and I as we started our family. To illustrate, Gerry can home for an out-of-town conference, and we were visiting over the back yard fence. Gerry mentioned that he enjoyed the show; "they had some great booths". Jane and I thought he said "great booze" so for the next three years or so we would always complement good events by saying they had great booze. Gerry brought and still brings smiles to the faces of people that had the opportunity to know him.

Richard Banton - July 31, 2021 at 05:41 PM

SJ

“ Steve (Step) and Dianne Jackstadt purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Mr. Gerard Degnan of Glenview.



Steve (Step) and Dianne Jackstadt - July 31, 2021 at 03:16 PM



“ 284 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - July 31, 2021 at 01:52 PM

JB

“ *Gerry and Melody lived next door years ago. Gerry always had a smile and a joke ready. Gerry and Melody came to my daughters wedding and are her godparents. Even though we both moved away, I believe I will never have better neighbors who became life long friends.*

Jane Banton - July 31, 2021 at 12:09 PM

MP

“ *Gerry and I met at Loyola--we were roommates for a semester or two at Gonzaga Hall. I thought I was a pretty good cribbage player until I met Gerry. He was smart, funny, compassionate, generous and kind. He was a great storyteller. I was privileged to meet some of the Degnans. I am sorry, Melody. I remember very well the time my daughter-in-law and I stayed with you at our midpoint driving to Texas. I always enjoyed talking to Gerry. No matter the time in between, conversations were as robust and warm as if we had spoken the day before. May you find solace in the many memories you created. Much love, Maury Possley*

Maurice Possley - July 31, 2021 at 11:42 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerard Degnan of Glenview.



July 31, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerard Degnan of Glenview.



July 31, 2021 at 08:04 AM



“ *Touching Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerard Degnan of Glenview.



July 30, 2021 at 10:08 PM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerard Degnan of Glenview.



July 30, 2021 at 03:55 PM



“ *Bountiful Rose Basket* was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerard Degnan of Glenview.



July 30, 2021 at 03:01 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerard Degnan of Glenview.



July 30, 2021 at 11:56 AM



“ *Love, Emily and David Duncan* purchased the *Gracious Lavender Basket* for the family of Mr. Gerard Degnan of Glenview.



Love, Emily and David Duncan - July 30, 2021 at 11:43 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerard Degnan of Glenview.



July 29, 2021 at 10:36 PM

DC

“ Gerry sat next to me and my family at the Kc Chiefs games for so many years. We had so much fun and he truly made every game better. He would always show up right at kickoff and if the chiefs needed a big play we all knew Gerry had to go upstairs! Love you Gerry and praying for your family. RIP

derek clemens - July 29, 2021 at 09:30 PM

CP

“ Chris and Mary Poulos purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Gerard Degnan of Glenview.



Chris and Mary Poulos - July 29, 2021 at 08:05 PM

LE

“ Love, Eleanor purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mr. Gerard Degnan of Glenview.



Love, Eleanor - July 29, 2021 at 07:15 PM