



Mr. Jerome "Jerry" Richard Garrity of Naperville

September 4, 1935 - October 30, 2017

Jerome R. "Jerry" Garrity, 82, of Naperville, Illinois, passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his loving family on October 30th, 2017. He was born September 4th, 1935 in Chicago, IL the son of the late Thomas and Mary Therese (Higgins) Garrity. He attended St. Ethelreda Grammar School and Parker High School in Chicago. He earned his B.S. from Western Illinois University in Macomb, IL.

Jerry is survived by his beloved wife and best friend of 61 years, Jeanne Marie (nee Freemon); his seven loving daughters: Mary Therese (Edward) Meehan, Kathleen Prutos, Patti (Brian) Coleman, Julie (Lewis) Breese, Maureen (Dr. Thomas) Shanley, Carole (Todd) Kristensen, Laura Gonnella; his beloved son: Shawn (Jennifer) Garrity; 23 grandchildren: Erin (Jimmy) Diaz, Breehan Hurley, Bridget (Chris) Hodina, Zita and Jerry Prutos, Kevin, Maura and Daniel Coleman, Kristen Breese (Eric) Hupp, Casey (Corbett) McCormick, Lewis "Tripper" and Riley Breese, Lauren, Molly, Ashleigh and Matthew Shanley, Ryan and Kelsey Kristensen, Olivia and Nicholas Gonnella, Tyler, Dylan and Hayden Garrity; 11 great-grandchildren: Lily, Liam, Gavin, Carter, Kylie, Nolan, Ryder, Colin, Cameron, Greyson, Ashlynn; his brother in law Bernard and the late Johanna (nee Carlson) Freemon, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. His brother Donald and Ann (nee Calling) Garrity preceded him in death.

Jerome's professional career spanned more than six decades as an executive with the research firm Richarson Company; tray manufacturer Silite; profile extruder Perfex Plastics; Catalin Corporation and Cities Service. In November 1973, he founded J.R. Plastics and opened a manufacturing plant Specialty Products in 1977. He completed his business career with Resinoid Engineering and Lovdahl Manufacturing.

Jerry was a vibrant part of the Naperville community for many years. He served as president of the Sts. Peter & Paul School Board and as a member of the Dad's Club at Benet Academy for many years. He was a founding member of St. Margaret Mary Parish and instrumental in the formation of All Saints Catholic Academy in Naperville. Before that he served as president of the Holy Name Society Men's Club at St. John the Apostle Church in Villa Park. He also was a devoted member of the fraternal order of Moose Lodge and helped raised funds for Mooseheart.

A lifelong Green Bay Packers football and Chicago White Sox fan, Jerry was also a dedicated coach for baseball and avid spectator for volleyball and soccer. His legacy team- the J.R.Stars baseball team-continues today under his son's leadership. Jerry was a devoted husband, loving father, cherished grandfather, great grandfather, and loyal friend who lived for his family and will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be Friday, November 03, 2017 from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home, 44 S. Mill St, Naperville, IL 60540.

Visitation Saturday, November 04, 2017 from 9:30 until the time of Mass of Christian Burial 10:30 at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, 1450 Green Trails Drive Naperville, IL. 60540. Interment private.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Compassionate Care Hospice Foundation @www.cchfoundation.net. The family would like to express deepest gratitude and special thanks to the ladies who lovingly took care of Jerry: Kathy, Brenda, Ella, Melissa, Michelle and Jen.

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 Chas. Freemon Funeral Director at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169; 847.752.6444.

Cemetery Details

The Directors at Morizzo Funeral Home entrusted with any Visitation, Funeral & Committal; requested.

2550 Hassell Road
(Northeast corner at Barrington Road)
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
(847) 752-6444
ross@morizzofuneralhome.com
<http://MorizzoFuneralHome.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Friedrich - Jones Funeral Home in Naperville
44 S. Mill Street
Naperville, IL 60540
<http://www.friedrichjones.com/>

Visitation

NOV 4. 9:30 AM - 10:25 AM (CT)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Naperville
1450 Green Trails Drive
Naperville, IL 60540

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Jerome "Jerry" Richard Garrity of Naperville*

November 04, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ *Kyyrah - NC*

*I offer my sincerest condolences to the family.
May you draw comfort from cherished
memories.*

written on 2017-10-31 20:48:01

Kyyrah - December 01, 2017 at 06:17 PM



“ *Vanessa Williams*

*My deepest condolences --- may the sweet
memories of days past sustain and comfort
you during this difficult time.*

written on 2017-11-02 10:12:26

Vanessa Williams - December 01, 2017 at 06:16 PM



DJ

“ *Diane Jacobs - Greensboro, NC*

I worked for Jeanne many years---and loved her---so sorry about your loss Jeanne

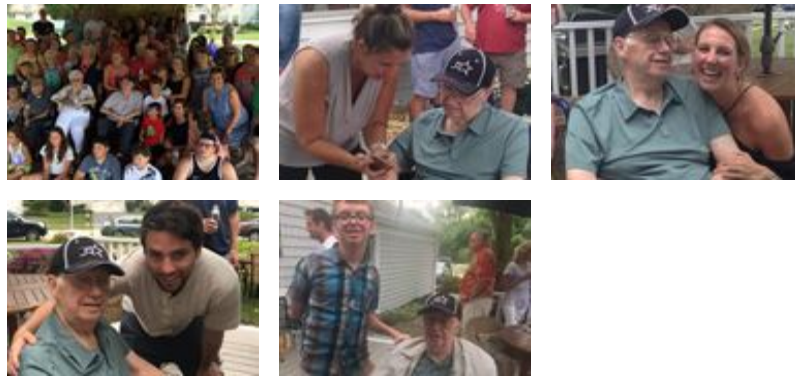
written on 2017-11-04 10:38:00



Diane Jacobs - December 01, 2017 at 06:16 PM



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Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - November 09, 2017 at 11:15 AM

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“ *Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.*



Those of us at Morizzo Funeral Home - November 06, 2017 at 10:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. Jerome "Jerry" Richard Garrity of Naperville.



November 03, 2017 at 11:26 AM



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Jaye McGinn - November 03, 2017 at 09:39 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Mr. Jerome "Jerry" Richard Garrity of Naperville.



November 02, 2017 at 07:38 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Jerome "Jerry" Richard Garrity of Naperville.



November 02, 2017 at 04:51 PM

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“ Love, Mark and Susie Mann and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Jerome "Jerry" Richard Garrity of Naperville.



Love, Mark and Susie Mann and family - November 02, 2017 at 04:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Jerome "Jerry" Richard Garrity of Naperville.



November 02, 2017 at 01:44 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Jerome "Jerry" Richard Garrity of Naperville.



November 02, 2017 at 12:55 PM

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“ Patti, Brian, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss.

Fred Hohnke

Fred Hohnke - October 31, 2017 at 06:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Jerome "Jerry" Richard Garrity of Naperville.*



October 31, 2017 at 03:36 PM



“ *Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of Mr. Jerome "Jerry" Richard Garrity of Naperville.*



October 31, 2017 at 10:48 AM



“ *Hugs & Love, Jaye McGinn purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mr. Jerome "Jerry" Richard Garrity of Naperville.*



Hugs & Love, Jaye McGinn - October 31, 2017 at 09:38 AM



“ *Am so very sorry about this news and your loss. I remember the Garrity family living down the street in villa park. Jerry Garrity was always so friendly and kind. I recall Jean and Jerry at my dads service and think that was the last time I saw them. Your family was very blessed he was able to see how your family has grown over the years. Prayers for all of you.*

Kathleen Madden - October 31, 2017 at 06:57 AM



“ *My Condolences...Though I never had the privilege to have met Jerry, I am Thankful for your having brought Kathy into the world to share her beautiful Smile and Charismatic Joy too! GOD bring Peace and sustain your Family with the memories of so many great times together!*

Jon Berry - October 31, 2017 at 05:05 AM



“ *HUGS & LOVE to the AWESOME Garrity Family! I still remember when I was under 4 how my God-Father tickled me to exhaustion! Sending all the love & energy to support you during this difficult time! Huge HUGS, Jaye Freemon-Ruble-McGinn*



Jaye McGinn - October 30, 2017 at 06:32 PM

KA

Jean and Family,

Harold & I entered your family when our daughter married your remarkable son. Shawn & Jennifer blessed us with three handsome & awesome grandsons! Our lives were forever changed meeting you, being welcomed into a strong, loving family. We have nearly twenty years of memories filled with warmth and love. I can't remember a family outing I wasn't overwhelmed with loving hugs and genuine kindness from the entire family. Jerry and I shared the same pride in my first grandson and his first grandson to carry the Garrity name. He was ecstatic when Dylan, then Hayden added to lists! I have met and thoroughly enjoyed every grandchild in the Garrity legacy. These amazing children are a bright example of the never ending devotion and love these remarkable parents instilled in their seven daughters and son.

Jerry, you brought light, Love and pure joy into our lives when your son married our beloved daughter. I shall always honor the way you and Jean opened your arms and welcomed us into your lives!

You fought a hard battle keeping that remarkable heart beating far longer than expected. You managed to witness most of your grandchildren graduate from High School and college. You will be with the younger grandchildren as each achieves his or her goals, with your larger than life personality encouraging them on their life journeys.

Farewell Dear Friend with Love & Sweet Memories.

Kathy & Harold Singleton

Kathy - October 30, 2017 at 10:21 PM