



Gerard T. Wanzek

April 1, 1945 - October 17, 2020

Gerard T. Wanzek, age 75, of Preston, IA, passed away in his home on Saturday, October 17, 2020. A funeral mass will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Sugar Creek, IA, on Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at 11am. Visitation will take place from 9am to 11am, at the church. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Family and friends are invited to share in Gerard's life at lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

Gerard was born April 1, 1945, the son of Joseph and Mildred (Boehmer) Wanzek, Sr. After his time attending Sugar Creek Schools, Gerard went to work on the family farm. He worked that farm for his entire life, first with his father and siblings. During the '60s, Gerard served his country in the Army National Guard for 6 years. In 1974, Gerard and his brother Ray, and sister, Philomena took over the farm operations. That dairy farm (and later, stock cows) was at the center of Gerard's life. He poured his heart and soul into it, and up until the day he died, he could be seen spending his time watching over it.

Gerard was a long-time member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Farm Bureau. In his free time, he enjoyed playing euchre, and in his younger years, bowling. He loved watching the Chicago Cubs and Iowa Hawkeyes, and often took bus trips to the games.

Gerard is survived by three brothers, Eymard (Donna) Wanzek, Sr., of Clinton, IA, Joseph (Joan) Wanzek, Jr., of Urbandale, IA, and Ray (Becky Banic) Wanzek, of Preston, IA; a sister, Jacinta (Steven) Clark, of Wichita, KS; a sister-in-law, Verna Wanzek, of Clinton, IA; and many nieces and nephews. Gerard is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Mildred; brothers, Bernard Wanzek and Francis Wanzek; sisters, Philomena Wanzek and Mary Wanzek; nephew, David Wanzek; and many aunts and uncles.

Cemetery

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Sugar Creek, IA,

Events

OCT 20 **Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

St. Jospheh Catholic Church
Sugar Creek, IA, US

OCT 20 **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

St. Jospheh Catholic Church
Sugar Creek, IA, US

Comments



“ Gerard was my 2nd cousin and I met with him only a few times when I was a youth. I remember him as having an exceptionally honorable, courageous, and attractive personality. He and his siblings played softball with me and my siblings. He had a loving patience with his younger siblings as he pitched rollers so they could hit the ball. I have a cousin who knew him as a "saint".
I tried visiting him later in life but he was out to work when I stopped by in Sugar Creek. Wish I had tried harder.

Virgil Banowetz - October 19 at 08:20 PM



“ From Elise Clark- I was only fortunate to meet uncle Gerard once, and that was very recently, but I remember how curious and hospitable he was despite his own health. He was a warm and inviting person, happy to share memories of his family and his life on the farm. May you rest in peace now, for you are greatly loved, missed, and remembered by your family.

Allen Clark - October 18 at 11:00 AM



“ Meant to say curious not curious

Allen - October 18 at 11:01 AM



“ Uncle Gerard was one of the great men in my life. I will always remember the times he took us bowling. And how he seemed to enjoy watching my brother and I improve each year. Rest in peace, uncle Gerard, may you enjoy the vacation that every farmer deserves.

Allen Clark - October 18 at 10:56 AM



“ To the family ,
I will always remember Gerard, he was my best friend, we would always go out to eat when I used to come home, and he was usually the one who would pick me up and take me back to the airport. He will be missed .

Debbie kiser

Deborah Kiser - October 17 at 07:43 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerard T. Wanzek.



October 17 at 07:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerard T. Wanzek.



October 17 at 05:40 PM