



Gerald "Jerry" Westphal

October 31, 1933 - November 2, 2020

Gerald "Jerry" Walter Westphal passed away peacefully in the presence of family on November 2, 2020. Jerry was born October 31, 1933 to Walter and Emma (Winzeler) Westphal at Mercy Hospital in Toledo. He graduated from Macomber Vocational HS in 1951. He met the love of his life and future wife at a graduation party. Jerry married Jean Marie McIntosh four years later on April 16, 1955. Jerry served eight years in the Naval Reserve, worked for 29 years at Babcock Dairy and then twelve years at Johnson Controls Battery.

During these years, Jerry and Jean raised four children and family activities were of utmost importance. Whether summer vacations in a travel trailer he designed and built, one of his favorite drives up the Maumee River or Sunday water skiing at Wamplers Lake, a family outing was always on the calendar. Jerry was very active in the lives of his grandchildren, attending innumerable sporting and school events and taking great pride in their accomplishments. Jerry was a member of The Most Blessed Sacrament Parish where he served on many committees including building and maintenance and youth board and was named a Contributor of the Year. He was active in Boy Scouts with his sons and served for a longtime as Scoutmaster for Blessed Sacrament Troop 88. Jerry also was Treasurer of the Blessed Sacrament Senior group for many years. In retirement he volunteered in the church office, worked the annual Lenten Fish Fries and delivered Meals on Wheels.

Jerry and Jean loved to travel with their motorhome or on cruises. They did everything together. Jerry loved to fish on their boat and Jean pretended to

love fishing for him. In later years, Jean required oxygen but they still traveled in their motorhome with a tandem bike hanging from the front bumper.

After Jean passed away Jerry met a very special lady, Marilee Taylor, in June, 1999. She became his significant other for the rest of her life. Marilee and Jerry also traveled often, on cruises, to resorts and to Marilee's family in California and Indiana.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Mary Ann, wife Jean, son Bill, daughter Mary Ann Rosenthal and partner Marilee Taylor. He is survived by sons Bob (Mary) and Mark (Susan), grandchildren Jeremy (Jacque) Brunner, Cindi Brunner, Glenn (Kathryn) Westphal, Scott Westphal, Elaine Westphal, Nick (Karie) Westphal, Alexis (David) Skoczyn, Jason (Shellie) Lawrence and Travis Lawrence. Also ten great grandchildren and numerous in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 5pm-8pm on Thursday November 5, 2020 at Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Ave, Toledo, OH 43613. Funeral Mass will begin at 11am on Friday November 6, 2020 at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns, 4201 Heatherdowns Blvd. Toledo, OH 43614. The Funeral Mass will be available to view online via livestream at toledostpats.org In lieu of Flowers, memorial contribution suggestions to Susan G. Komen, NW Ohio, Bridge Hospice or Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, NW Ohio.

Cemetery Details

Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe Street
Sylvania, OH 43560

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 5. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home
3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Mass of the Resurrection

NOV 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Patrick of Heatherdowns
4201 Heatherdowns Blvd
Toledo, OH 43614
<http://toledostpats.org>

Tribute Wall

PV

“ Hello
This is Patsy Vogelsong. My husband Lester and myself played volleyball with Gerry & Marilee for many years. In fact, we moved to B.G. 14 years ago and we played many many times in our back yard. I am so sorry to read of Gerry's passing...I no longer get the Blade and did not know this until I read the memorial section today 1-17-21.
You already know your father and father-in-law was a great guy and we will really miss him.

*Lester & Patsy Vogelsong
B.G, OH*

Patsy Vogelsong - January 17, 2021 at 07:42 PM

SF

“ Mary and Bob, my sympathy and prayers for you on the death of your father and father-in. May you be comforted by your memories and your faith in our Good God.
Sr. Joanne Mary

Sr. Joanne Mary Frania - November 08, 2020 at 07:48 PM

LS

“ Wonderful memories of Mr. Westphal as devoted leader in Troop 88. Many great stories, valuable life lessons and great examples for many of us!!

Lloyd Swint, Littleton, CO.

Lloyd Swint - November 08, 2020 at 02:21 PM

GP

“ *Very fine memories of our wives working with the boys as cub scouts and then pinewood derby races for pack 88. Later scout troop 88. I enjoyed knowing him.*
Greg Piskula

Gregory E. Piskula - November 05, 2020 at 03:14 PM

BL

“ *Jerry will be missed. I know he is in heaven talking with his friend Tom McGranahan. I always enjoyed when he would stop in Florida and Indiana for a visit with Tom and me.*
God Bless. BarbLewis

BARBARA J LEWIS - November 05, 2020 at 07:14 AM

PR

“ *He was one of the good ones. I remember his incredible patience one entire weekend at Wampler's until I finally got up on water skis. As newlyweds he'd come over to fix any appliance. We saw him and Aunt Jean every weekend at B.S. when we lived in Toledo. My girls still remember him. Uncle Jerry was an early fan of Sister Pie too. He will be truly missed.*

Pam Reynolds - November 04, 2020 at 09:15 PM

DL

“ *Jerry was such a force at New Hope U. M. Church where Marilee attended. He could fix anything and he had very good ideas. He will be missed. Rest in heaven Jerry.*

Denise Legech - November 03, 2020 at 07:23 PM

BO

Jerry and I were second cousins as our Moms were first cousins. We had a lot of fun together as we were the same age, both born in 1933. Our parents saw one another a lot during our growing up years. After we became teenagers we kinda drifted apart, but once Jerry married we again saw one another quite often, mostly when retired. I have the upmost respect for this man. He a great fellow. During his lifetime he had many heartaches but continued on to be the giving fellow to those he knew. Jerry, looking forward to seeing you again up there. Many loving thoughts to his remaining family of special children!

Bonnie - November 03, 2020 at 10:39 PM



I am proud to have served with Jerry in Blessed Sacrament Boy Scout Troop 88 during the late seventies and early eighties. In my 40+ years of service to Scouting, he was the best Scoutmaster that this Assistant Scoutmaster has ever worked with. There are countless Jerry Westphal stories, including how he extinguished the candles at the end of Courts of Honor (he pinched the flame out with his fingers), his purchase of a 15 passenger van to haul Scouts (and the trailer), his invention "Westphal's Wacky Water Heater", the doughnut hole story, etc., etc., etc. I'll end these comments the way Troop 87 ended its Zoom meeting a few minutes ago: Jerry, "May the Great Master of all Scouts be with us until we meet again".

Chuck Mann ASSM, Troop 87 Sylvania, OH

Chuck Mann - November 04, 2020 at 08:35 PM

RW

So sorry to hear this. Jerry was one of the good ones; always willing to help.

Ruth Wamhoff - November 05, 2020 at 06:30 AM

JL

BOB AND MARY - Joan and I would like to pass on our condolences to both of you and your family. The memories of your Father will last forever.

JOAN AND JOEL LEVITAN

JOEL LEVITAN - November 05, 2020 at 09:08 PM

BB

Jerry was our next door neighbor for over 30 years. He and Jean were wonderful, friendly neighbors and Jerry kept an immaculate lawn - the best in the neighborhood! He watched my kids grow up and tolerated them stepping on his velvet green grass by accident in the summer. We loved talking to him "over the fence", listening to his sage advice, or asking him for recipes when delicious smells wafted over from his house. He could also fix anything and loved talking about his kids and his family. He was genuine and affable and he attended my daughter's wedding. He was a great man and will be missed.
Scott and Barb Bernhard

Barb Bernhard - November 09, 2020 at 06:24 PM