



Richard J Gerken

September 20, 1923 - July 26, 2009

Richard J. Gerken, 85, of Toledo, passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2009. Dick was born September 20, 1923. He grew up on Forest Avenue and spent time as a bat boy for the Toledo Mud Hens at the old Swayne Field. His family feels this is where he first learned the fine art of negotiating with umpires and officials. A graduate of Central Catholic, he was a US Army veteran who served in WW II. A salesman for many years, he began his career at Gerken Heating Company, where he met his wife, Beatrice (Bebe) Riley. They married in 1950 and she preceded him in death on June 30, 2002. Also preceding him in death were his mother and father, Alice and George Gerken, his brother, George Gerken, and his grandson, Timothy G. Gregory. Dick was a member of St. Catherine of Siena parish, where he was an usher and very involved in many church committees and events over the years. He is survived by his eight children, Rick (Diane), Carol (Chris) Gregory, Bob (Sharon), Gary (Mary), Mike (Vickey), Dan (Sue), Jay (Stacey), Mark (Lacy); sister, Jane Gluck; and sisters in law, Mary Gerken and Marilyn Riley. Dick was also the proud grandfather of 20 grandchildren and uncle to many beloved nieces and nephews. His family and friends will miss his quick wit and humor. He was the instigator of many good times and his spirit will forever be celebrated at the annual Gerken Father's Day Open which just marked it's 20th anniversary. Dick's family would like to thank his caregivers at Sunrise Assisted Living. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated 10:00am Friday at St. Catherine of Siena Church. Friends are invited to visit from 2:00 to 9:00pm Thursday in

the Ansberg-West Funeral Home 3000 Sylvania Avenue where the Rosary will be recited at 4:00pm. Interment in Calvary Cemetery. Those wishing to make a memorial contribution are asked to consider St. Catherine Parish. Online condolences may be left at www.ansberg-west.com

Tribute Wall

AS

“ Sorry to hear about your dad/grandpa and sorry we didn't get a chance to make it to the funeral home Thursday night, we had a mandatory fall sports parent/student meeting at the same time. Dealing with a loss is never easy, take consolation in the fact that he's in a better place... "To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die." ~ Thomas Campbell In our thoughts and prayers The Cecils

AJ, Andrea and Jack Cecil - sumbozo@yahoo.com sumbozo@yahoo.com -
February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Remember all the assistance and guidance many years ago in the Scouts and all your help over the years at St. Catherine. Rest in peace

Jim Strabler - jstrabler@aol.com jstrabler@aol.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Rick- My condolences to you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Jim

Jim Lesniewicz - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dan, Mark, and Jay, I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Although my contacts with your dad were mainly at your sporting events it was clear to me how much he loved and cared for you. You were truly blessed to have had such a loving father. Once again my deepest sympathies, and God bless and keep you all.

Joe (Mr. G.) and Laura Gospodarek - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Jay, so sorry to hear about your loss. Marlene Nanney

marlene nanney - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Hi Carol. So sorry to hear about the loss of your father, as I also know Fathers are very special to their daughters. Take Care & God Bless you & your family. Sincerely, Sandi Thompson-Mutual Friends Club

Sandi THompson - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dan. Very sorry to hear about your father's passing. If there's anything I can do, let me know. Sincerely, "Chief".

Jeff Charles - charles.jeffrey@sbcglobal.net charles.jeffrey@sbcglobal.net -
February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Jay, My wife and I extend our condolences to you and your family upon the loss of your father. We will be praying for you and your family.

Mark Bowman/Hart & Cooley - mark.bowman@hartcool.com
mark.bowman@hartcool.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of your family. I have many great childhood memories with your family, the Alcocks, my parents, Jim & Frances Morgan & all the neighbors at our 4th of July and other gatherings. I will be out of town Friday but will be thinking of all of you. Lisa

Lisa Morgan-Connin - lisaconnin@buckeye-express.com lisaconnin@buckeye-express.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Jay, Our deepest sympathies to you and your family. I remember meeting your Dad. Will & Sylvia Ford England.

Will & Sylvia Ford - sylvia.jones1@ntlworld.com sylvia.jones1@ntlworld.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dick was a fun, wonderful Corbin Road neighbor! So many of my fond memories of growing up on that block include Dick and his family. He and Bebe were close friends to my parents, who always appreciated his thoughtfulness and great humor! Dick will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Barry Alcock - balcock@mac.com balcock@mac.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM