



Gerald W. Smith

June 19, 1928 - December 26, 2019

Gerald W. Smith passed away December 26, 2019 at the age of 91. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Eileen (DeVanna). He is survived by his 9 children; Daniel, Diane (Bob Nielsen), Jeffrey (Debbie), Jaime (Carol), Phillip (Irene), Carl (Carol), Joseph (Tina), Martin (Joanne), and Michelle (Joel Brickner). He is also survived by his sister Colleen (McGowan) and many cousins, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Born on June 19, 1928 he was the son of William and Jane (Jankoviak). He served in the Korean conflict, returning to marry the love of his life, Eileen (DeVanna). Shortly after his marriage he started his own business, Parcel Express, servicing the Toledo area.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, December 31st at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 104 W. Broadway St., Maumee, OH 43537, at 10:00 a.m. where the family will begin receiving guests at 9:00 a.m. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to your local Veteran's charity or St. Vincent DePaul Society. These were dad's (Jerry's) two favorite charities. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

St Joseph (Maumee)

104 West Broadway Street
Maumee, OH 43537

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 31. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

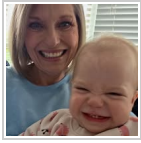
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Service

DEC 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I know he lived a long, happy life and is reunited with his wife, but this saddens me greatly. I had the honor of meeting Gerry at the cemetery where I was looking at the deer. He said, 'Pardon me. I am just visiting my wife.' ...I fell in love with his heart, outgoing personality, and intelligence. We shared many breakfasts together and would talk regularly. After some upheaval in my life, we lost touch, but I think about him often. I know it's late, but my sincerest condolences to his family.

*Debi Bennett
Hamler, OH*

Debi Bennett - December 31, 2023 at 09:22 PM

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“ *I will always cherish our summer visits to Ohio to visit Uncle Gerry and Aunt Eileen (my Godmother). I remember my Uncle was a tall, soft spoken man, and when he showed it he had a broad and winning smile. I also remember he worked for himself which I thought took a lot of gumption (whatever gumption was). His house was always a work in progress, new doors, new rooms, just a hint of sawdust here and there where the work was being done. The rest was spic and span.*

Then there was the porch which had underneath these orange cats. I remember they looked like the color of a dreamsicle, pale yellow and soft orange. I've never seen cats like that anywhere else.

As we got older over time I remember his cooking corn in a trash can so he could feed our seven and his nine kids.

It is hard to not have him here but I know my Aunt Eileen has been waiting on him for a while now.

I'm glad they are back together as they are devoted to each other.

God bless them both.

Steve McGowan - December 28, 2019 at 06:07 PM

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