



Jerry Bruss

April 12, 1935 - August 23, 2021

Gerard "Jerry" Joseph Bruss, 86, of Toledo, Ohio passed away on Monday, August 23, 2021. Jerry was born on April 12, 1935 to Fred and Ruth Bruss. He attended Central Catholic High School graduating in 1954. Jerry then married the love of his life Kathleen Reilly on April 12, 1958.

Jerry retired from the City of Toledo in 1992 after 32 years of service. He also took great pride in his maintenance duties at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and School from the time he was in 8th grade until he was 80 years of age. Jerry always enjoyed going to lunch with his brother-in-law Bob and spending time with his many friends. He was a devout catholic, loved to play cards, enjoyed watching sports, especially the ones his grandchildren and great grandchildren participated in and he thoroughly enjoyed following the calls of the Toledo Fire and Rescue Department on his portable scanner.

Jerry is survived by his wife Kathleen; children Mike (Cindy) Bruss, Joanne (Mark) Shiple, Bill (Karen) Bruss; grandchildren Matt (Ashley), Michael (Erin), Holly (Erin), Nate, Ben, Josh (Caroline), Terry (Halah), Megan (Casey), and Sean; great-grandchildren Makayla, Emerson, Blake, Hailey, Ryan, Tessa, Mackenzie, Logan, and Owen. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the love of his life!

He was preceded in death by his parents Fred and Ruth Bruss; and siblings Rosemary, Corinne, Kathryn, Margaret, and Louise.

A Funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 2255 Central Grove, Toledo, Ohio on Friday, August 27, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. where

the family will begin receiving guests at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be private. Memorials may be made to the Toledo Firefighters Museum, 918 West Sylvania Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43612, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 2255 Central Grove, Toledo, Ohio 43614, Central Catholic High School, 2550 Cherry Street, Toledo, Ohio 43608.

Please view and sign Jerry's online guest registry at Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
2255 Central Grove
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral Ceremony

AUG 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
2255 Central Grove
Toledo, OH 43614

Tribute Wall

KG

“ *Kathleen, Mike and family: I was so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. What a wonderful friend he was to our family. I still remember all the laughter that filled my parent's home when you visited. I pray you find comfort in knowing he lived a full life and touched so many people. A true servant of the Lord.*

Karen (Presser) & Dan Gerber

Karen (Presser) Gerber - August 30, 2021 at 06:03 PM

MM

“ *Deepest sympathies for the entire family. Everyone is in my thoughts and prayers.*

Madeline Managhan - August 29, 2021 at 02:34 PM

CR

“ *So sorry to hear about your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of grieving. May all the memories you share comfort you.*

Cindy Russeau

Cindy Russeau - August 27, 2021 at 12:44 PM

WB

Thanks Cindy

william bruss - August 28, 2021 at 09:24 AM

SO

“ Prayers and condolences to Jerry's family. I remember him from years of teaching at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in the early 70's. Fond memories of his pride in keeping the school looking its best. Also in recent years he had attended Mass at the Ursuline Center until COVID hit. It was always a pleasure to see him. May God bless all of you and know you are in my prayers.
Sr. Donna Frey OSU

Sr. Donna Frey OSU - August 27, 2021 at 09:14 AM

JO

Thank you Sister

Joanne - August 29, 2021 at 11:34 PM

JP

“ My deepest condolences to the entire Bruss family. I feel honored to have known your husband, father and grandfather for such a long time. He was always kind, smiling, and a pleasure to talk to. May the memories of him bring you comfort and peace.
Jan Busdieker Polesovsky

Jan Polesovsky - August 27, 2021 at 08:20 AM

JO

Thank you Jan

Joanne - August 29, 2021 at 11:35 PM

GM

“ *Kathy and family,*

I was so sorry to see that Gerry had passed.... loved seeing you both at the Ortho office. Lifting you all up in prayers.

Gail Mikolajczak

Gail Mikolajczak - August 26, 2021 at 12:29 PM

JO

Thank you so much Gail.

Joanne - August 29, 2021 at 11:35 PM

MF

“ *So sorry to hear this news. I didn't know Jerry well, but always enjoyed being with him and Kathleen at the Reilly reunions at Ken and Cathy's (she is my sister). Blessings on his family as they grieve his loss.*

Mary Link Frost

Mary Link Frost - August 26, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Jerry Bruss.*



August 26, 2021 at 07:19 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Bruss.*



August 25, 2021 at 09:52 PM



“ *Dear Bruss Family,*

My thoughts and prayers are with you. Jerry (who in my mind will always be "Mr. Bruss") was a great man with a generous heart who--with Mrs. Bruss--raised three wonderful children. My family was so lucky to be friends with the Brusses--when we moved away from our house on Shasta Drive, my worst regret was leaving the neighborhood with all the kids who played together. Mike, Joanne, and Bill were great role models. Take comfort in knowing he was welcomed into a better place.

Rob Erhart

Rob Erhart - August 25, 2021 at 02:49 PM



Thanks Rob

william bruss - August 25, 2021 at 08:28 PM



Thank You Rob

Mike Bruss - August 25, 2021 at 10:15 PM



Thank you for the kind words Rob.

Joanne Shiple - August 26, 2021 at 10:23 PM

JA

“ *The Bruss Family,*

May our Lord wrap his arms around you at this time...How wonderful Heaven is and how wonderful knowing where Mr. Bruss is right now. Believing this really helped me when I lost my Dad in 2015.

Big hugs to all from Columbus,

Jeff Arman

Jeff Arman - August 25, 2021 at 11:20 AM

WB

Thanks Jeff

william bruss - August 25, 2021 at 08:32 PM

JV

“ *Kathleen and Family, I am so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing....he was a wonderful role model for his family. May all your family memories bring you comfort during this difficult time....and know that he will be forever watching over you from above.*

Jackie and Jeff VanDemark and Family

Jackie VanDemark - August 25, 2021 at 09:57 AM

WB

Thanks Jackie.

william bruss - August 25, 2021 at 08:33 PM

MB

Thank You Jackie & Jeff

Mike Bruss - August 25, 2021 at 10:15 PM

JL

My sister Kathleen and her children and grand children- I am truly sorry for your loss but I am happy for Jerry as he is at peace with the Lord. I am with you in spirit . My love and prayers . Your sister Joanne

Joanne Ling - August 26, 2021 at 12:23 PM

JO

Thank you for your kind words Jackie.

Joanne - August 29, 2021 at 11:37 PM

DK

“ I will always remember “Nervous Nelly”-I was fortunate to be one of his doctors for a long time.My condolences to Kathy and family.

Dr. Ken Krupp - August 25, 2021 at 02:23 AM

JS

Dr. Krupp, I could never thank you enough for all you did for my dad. You were able to give us so many more years with him. God bless you and thank you again. Joanne

Joanne Shiple - August 25, 2021 at 09:40 AM

KB

Dr Krupp, It was so nice to hear from you. I will never able to thank you enough for all that you did for NERVES NEILLY and our whole family. You have not just been his doctor but a wonderful friend. I hope all is well with you and Denise.

Kathy Bruss - August 25, 2021 at 07:24 PM

MS

“ Dear Kathy and family,
Please know that you are all in our thoughts
and prayers. Our family has so many wonderful
memories of Mr.B from our days at OLPH.
Sending prayers and much love. 🙏🙏❤️❤️



Joe and Mary Ann Subleski and family.

mary ann subleski - August 24, 2021 at 09:59 PM

DM

Dear Kathleen & Family: you are all in my thoughts and prayers this
time With my deepest sympathy,
Dr. Tom Meiring

Dr.Thomas E. Meiring - August 25, 2021 at 07:10 AM

MR

“ Dear Joanne and Bruss Family,
We were so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad.
We have many fond memories of Mr. Bruss from the years when
our children were at school at OLPH.
You have a wonderful angel watching over you and as you look up
to the night skies you will see the brightest star winking at you all
and blowing you kisses.
You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Peace,
Maggie and Brent Reed

Maggie Reed - August 24, 2021 at 09:09 PM

JS

Thank you Maggie & Brent

Joanne Shiple - August 25, 2021 at 09:53 AM

CC

The last time I saw Jerry was when I was back in Toledo and the Reilly and Cappelletty group got together at Loma Linda's for a mini-reunion. I have always loved Jerry and am keeping him and Kathleen and family close in my heart and prayers. Fly with the angels, Jerry!

*Love always,
Cathy Cappelletty*

Cathy Cappelletty - August 26, 2021 at 11:54 AM

JS

Cathy, thank you so much for the kind words and the beautiful plant. We miss you! Love you and your family.

Joanne Shiple - August 26, 2021 at 10:30 PM