



Gerhard " Gary " James Nordhaus

December 2, 1939 - August 7, 2022

Gerhard "Gary" Nordhaus, 82, of Toledo, OH, passed away Sunday, August 7, 2022 at his home with his beloved wife of 60 years, Elizabeth, at his side.

Gary was a beloved father of nine children, Guy, Cathleen (Doug) Hoover, Keith, Brian (Kelly) , Mark (Tanya), Kevin (Christine), Carey (Rick) Pozniak, Neil (Nicole), and Dean Nordhaus.

Gary was a long time parishioner of Rosary Cathedral in Toledo. Gary owned and operated Nordhaus Roofing Co. for four decades and was a well-respected contractor. He served in the US Navy from 1959-1963. While stationed in St John's, Newfoundland he met and later married Elizabeth O'Brien in November of 1962. Gary was always working on household projects and had made a beautiful home for his family. Gary was one of twelve children. He was preceded in death by his parents Guido and Dolores Nordhaus, sisters Laone, Gretchen, Karen, Anita, Natalie, and Gwyneth, brothers Nick, Fr. Jeff, and Eric, grandson Jack and 2 daughter in laws, Lisa Nordhaus. He is survived by his wife, brothers Peter and Kurt, his nine children, 24 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. His spirit and humor will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Friday, August 12, from 3 -7 p.m. with a Rosary Service at 6:30 p.m. The funeral Mass will be held at Rosary Cathedral on Saturday, August 13 at 10:00 a.m. with Navy Military Honors. Interment will be held at a later date in Calvary Cemetery. Memorial donations may be given to Hospice of NW Ohio or

Rosary Cathedral Church. Please view Gary's video tribute and leave a condolence message at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2224 Dorr St.
Toledo, OH 43607

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 12. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Vigil

AUG 12. 6:30 PM (ET)

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1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Mass

AUG 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

Rosary Cathedral
2535 Collingwood Blvd
Toledo, OH 43610

Graveside Service

SEP **24**. 10:30 AM.

Calvary Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gerhard " Gary " James Nordhaus.*



August 12, 2022 at 11:43 AM



“ *AML/KYC purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute S pray for the family of Gerhard " Gary " James Nordhaus.*



AML/KYC - August 12, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ *Liz and family, as you well know, Gary was a special man....always a quip with that sparkle in his eyes. I enjoyed his funny comments after Mass. What I truly admired was both the deep faith that was shared between husband and wife, along with the true love. It was so obvious how much his "Elizabeth" meant to him. He leaves a void in many lives. A small comfort to you is knowing that he is looking down at each of you with that sparkle in his eyes.*

Christine Keran - August 11, 2022 at 10:00 PM



Thank you Chris

Elizabeth Nordhaus - August 30, 2022 at 01:18 PM

JK

Mr. Nordhaus, Gary was a patient man with me. I worked for him and admittedly, was not the best roofer. I even managed to fall into a house! Through it all, Gary remained supportive. Jon Kuron

Jon Kuron - December 12, 2025 at 12:03 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerhard " Gary " James Nordhaus.*



August 11, 2022 at 09:53 PM

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“ *Dear Elizabeth and Family, I want to share with you this memory, I returned to Toledo after my husband of 39 years died and again, became a member of Rosary Cathedral. My sister, Trudy Desmond, was a member at the time and at the first few Masses I attended I was somewhat shy as I wasn't sure who would be there and there were many faces I didn't recognize. Gary and Elizabeth were some of the first members who came up to me with big smiles and welcomed me and were very attentive - even with Gary joking as it seems he always did when I saw him. Gary and Elizabeth have the gift of evangelization and welcoming to 'strangers' and I thank God for their kindness and welcoming words. I will always remember this kindness - even if I only knew Gary for a short time.*

Margaret Ostrowski - August 11, 2022 at 12:08 PM

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So beautiful. Thank you

Elizabeth Nordhaus - August 30, 2022 at 01:18 PM

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“ Margaret Ostrowski purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Gerhard " Gary " James Nordhaus.



Margaret Ostrowski - August 11, 2022 at 11:59 AM

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“ Liz and family, my deepest sympathies to all of you in the loss of your dear husband and father. Gary was always so nice to me and always shared a kind word followed by a smile. He will be truly missed. Be assured of my prayers for all of you over these difficult days and always. God bless you, Christina Toral, Cathedral parishioner

CHRISTINA S TORAL - August 11, 2022 at 10:43 AM

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Thank you so much.

Elizabeth Nordhaus - August 30, 2022 at 01:19 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gerhard " Gary " James Nordhaus.



August 11, 2022 at 10:32 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - August 11, 2022 at 09:29 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Gerhard " Gary " James Nordhaus.



August 10, 2022 at 09:28 PM