



Gerald L. "Jerry" Markwell

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Decatur – Gerald L. “Jerry” Markwell, 79, of Decatur, passed away Thursday, February 23, 2017 at his home.

Jerry was born February 25, 1937, in Decatur, the son of Chester and Dorothy (Ping) Markwell. He was a self-employed painter and was married to Shirley (Pierce) Markwell for 60 yrs.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Shirley of Decatur; daughters: Sheri (Bruce) Hartsook, Lori (Mark) Weatherford and Diane (Danny) Waldrop; grandsons: Jeremy (Amy) Bretz, Brandon (Jen) Dummermuth, Jake and Eric Weatherford and Tim (Maggi) Markwell; great-grandchildren: Jaren and Kadric Bretz, Coledon and Penelope Dummermuth, Faye Waldrop and Hudson Markwell; sister, Marilyn Markwell; brothers: Tom (Sherry) Markwell and Don (Judy) Markwell; many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents.

A private family service is planned. Entombment will be in the Star of Hope Mausoleum at Graceland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Special thanks to our angel, Maggi Markwell, RN, Dr. Ben Esparaz and Allison at Cancer Care; Phyllis Howley of St. Thomas and Diane from DMH Hospice.

Jerry adored all of his family and leaves an emptiness in the hearts of each of them. He was an avid Cubs fan his entire life and was thrilled to see them win the World Series in 2016.

The family of Gerald L. “Jerry” Markwell, is being served by the Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 2091 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, IL 62526. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



Tribute Wall

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SM

Sheri Markwell lit a candle in honor of Gerald.



March 28 at 7:06 PM

SH

Sheri Hartsook posted:

Thank u so very much. Here it is a year past. Still hard!

March 13 at 8:10 AM

SH

Sheri Hartsook posted:

Very sweet of u, Ann. Thank u so very much.

March 13 at 8:08 AM

SH

Sheri Hartsook posted:

Just saw this, April. It's been a year since we lost him. How funny! I remember him singing April love to u! Good times!

March 13 at 8:06 AM

SH

Sheri Hartsook posted:

What a handsome man my dad was. I never thought I could miss u as much as I do, dad We were always so much alike. I have so many memories of u that will be with me forever. Me, mom, slicky and Droop miss u more than u will ever know. God bless u, Dad. U r in our hearts forever. As I approach my 60th bday as ur oldest daughter, I wish u were here with me. I'm sure u r tho. I know u would always be there with us. Don't even think God could stop that. U love us too much. I love u, Dad. I feel u everyday. I feel comfort in that. As Diane would say. We will all c u again in that Water Street home in Heaven. Rest in peace, Pop.

March 13 at 8:00 AM



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BW

Bob Walters posted:

Shirley, Sheri, Lori, and Diane so sorry to hear about Jerry. I have many memories of the fun time we had years ago. I know this is a very Difficult time for you may you have peace knowing he is now in God's hands. God bless

March 1 at 5:26 PM

KR

Karen Reeves posted:

We enjoyed having Jerry and Shirley as our neighbors on Woodale so much! Jerry was the original neighborhood watch person-nothing got by him. I will never forget coming home from work one morning and finding my goose statue tied to my front rail with a note: "keep your duck in your yard-I am tired of it sh***ting in mine". I don't know who was worse-Jerry or Dave. I am sending prayers to your family. I guess St. Peter can deal with Jerry and Dave cutting up now!

February 28 at 2:20 PM

SK

Sally J. Kelly posted:

Shirley & Family, please accept my sincerely sympathy. I treasure the memories from our days at MVSS. May God comfort you. Sally Himstedt Kelly

February 27 at 8:58 AM

AS

Ann Schanuel posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Gerald L. "Jerry" Markwell

February 27 at 7:00 AM

LK

Leta Kretsinger posted:

It was a great pleasure to care for your loved one, he is now at peace and out of pain. I have kept all of you in my prayers during this difficult time. You all will continue to have wonderful memories for him and know how much he loved all of you. Peace be with you, Leta Kretsinger RN

February 25 at 8:15 AM



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April Clary posted:

Big Jer was a huge part of my childhood. He and Shirley were me and Beth's s 2 be Parent's. I have a lot of fond memories, but my favorite is that every time I would see Mr. Markwell, he would always sing April Love. My thoughts and prayers are with you Shirley, Sheri, Lori, and Diane, and your families. I love you all so, so much. God Bless all of you. Love, April

February 25 at 5:36 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gerald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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