



Cotter Jerry

November 21, 2010

Gerald M. "Jerry" Cotter, 68, died Sunday November 21, 2010 at his residence after a courageous battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his loving family. He was born on July 4, 1942 in Napoleon, Ohio to the late Clarence and Mary (Myles) Cotter but lived in Toledo many years of his life. On October 30, 1965, he married Judith (Judi) Gilliland who survives. Jerry was a Journeyman Steamfitter for Local 50 working approximately 40 years for various contractors until retirement. He was preceded in death by his parents, an older brother John (Sandy) Cotter, and an older sister Judy Doniere. Surviving are are his three children, sons Nick (Melissa) Cotter, Tony (Shauna) Cotter, daughter, Susan (Rick) Bearer, all of Napoleon, and grandchildren, Allison, Ryan, Madeline, Casey, Camryn, Erica, and Emily. Also surviving are sisters Joni Kahn of Texas , Cathy Allen, and Mary Ann Biddle both of Georgia. Jerry was an avid sports fan with a passion for golf, where he spent much of his leisure time. Nothing made him happier than playing golf with his friends and swapping stories and quarters when the round was over. He was a loyal supporter and fan of all of his grandchildren during every sporting event and school activity. At home, he loved reading his latest book and watching the Detroit Tigers or Lions with his faithful dog, Joey. After retirement, Jerry loved to volunteer his time and became very active in several service clubs and organizations. He held many officer positions as a member of the Napoleon American Legion Bert G. Taylor Post 300 and, most recently, served as commander. Jerry was a founding member of the Napoleon Men's

Club that raised funds for the community and provided scholarships to college bound members of the Napoleon High School's golf team. He was also a member of the St. Augustine Catholic Church in Napoleon, the Lions Club, the Napoleon Elks, and the local Historical Society. Jerry and his wife also had the opportunity to spend winter months in Florida with family and friends.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 23 from 2:00 – 8:00 pm at Rodenberger Funeral Home of Napoleon. Funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, November 24 at 10:30 am at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Napoleon. Burial will follow at the church cemetery. Memorials can be made Henry County Hospice, the Henry County Historical Society, St. Augustine School, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *My Best Brother, Pain has been so deep I could not begin to express my feelings until now. I will always remember growing up with you and the fun things we did. (Teaching me how to spit, smokings cig butts from the street, riding ponies down Anthony Wayne Trail bareback, and the sledding and tobagganing down OLPH Hill. I will always miss you but I know I will see you. Love Midgie##imported-begin##Cathy Allen##imported-end##*

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“ *Aunt Judy, I send all my prayers to you and your family. Love you all bunches and I know Uncle Jerry will be watching over you and all of your family, that includes the dog! Jodi##imported-begin##Jodi Steele##imported-end##*

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“ *Our sympathy to you and all your loved ones. Gary & Lila Wernecke##imported-begin##Lila Wernecke##imported-end##*

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“ *To the Cotter Family, Our hearts are so heavy hearing about the sad news. We will never forget all the fun times we had as kids, We were all blessed to know Jerry. Tears are falling for your Husband, Dad & Grandpa. We love you all very much. John Jr, Jill & Families##imported-begin##Jill (figmaka) Victorian##imported-end##*

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“ Thinking of his family today.##imported-begin##Mike And Katie Knoop##imported-end##

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“ The Cotter Family, May the Lord Jesus , son of God most high, bless, guide and keep each of you, your family and friends during this most difficult time of grief and sorrow. We pray the time will soon come, when the memory of Jerry will bring precious joy and not grief. We do not know you personally, but we have known and loved Cathy for nearly thirty years. She is like a member of our family. She is like a mother and grandmother to our children and grandchildren. We greet you all in the name and love of our blessed Savior, Jesus, the Christ! Sincerely, Lois & Dan Hall##imported-begin##Daniel G. & Lois T. Hall##imported-end##

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“ To the Cotter family, Our hearts and prayers are with you at this time. Love, Laurie and Bob##imported-begin##Laurie And Bob Moore##imported-end##

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“ Dear Judi, we were honored that you and Jerry asked us to stand in for you at Susie and Rick's wedding in Florida. We became family at that moment. We'll continue our prayers for you and your family. May you find peace and be at peace. Love, Laurie and Bob PS: If ever there's a need, please let us know.##imported-begin##Laurie And Bob Moore##imported-end##

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“ Our sympathy to your entire family during this difficult time. Blessings to you. Thankfully, he isn't suffering any longer.##imported-begin##Andy And Carol Small##imported-end##

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“ Dear Judi and Family, We were so sorry to hear Jerry lost his struggle but relieved he no longer has to suffer the pain and disappointments he endured for so long. He was so fortunate to have you, Judi, and his loving family nearby to the end. God bless and comfort you all and welcome Jerry home to rest after his long and difficult journey. With sincere sympathy, Julie & Mike##imported-begin##Julie & Mike Gatza##imported-end##

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“ I love you Judy. Uncle Jerry gave the best hugs.##imported-begin##Katie Knoop##imported-end##

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“ Melissa-So sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.##imported-begin##Jo Ann Benecke##imported-end##

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“ Jerry's Family and Friends appreciate the many acts of kindness by all!##imported-begin##Judi Cotter##imported-end##

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“ Many prayers and hugs during this difficult time. Thinking of all of you. Please find comfort in knowing Jerry is home with his heavenly father. Love the Musshel's

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“ Judi and family, Our Condolences on the passing of Jerry. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Lynn & Cherry Clymer

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“ RIP our very good friend and Jim's co worker.

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“ Suz, Judi and family. We are so sorry for your loss..Jerry was an awesome guy and we feel fortunate to have spent a little time with him recently. While we won't be there in person this week, you are all in our thoughts and we'll see you soon. Love, Kathy & Monte

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“ Judith, Nick and famly, Local Union #50 Officers, members and staff wish to extend our sincere sympathy on your loss.

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