



Gerald "Jerry" Cameron

June 1, 1939 - April 26, 2017

Gerald "Jerry" Paul Cameron, 77, of Napoleon, Ohio died on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo, Ohio. He was born on June 1, 1939 in Defiance, Ohio to the late Laird and Vera (Boyd) Cameron. On February 15, 1958 he married Donna Ward at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Napoleon, Ohio.

Jerry was a 1957 graduate of Jewell high school. He worked as the Human Resource Manager for ITT Higbee in Archbold, Ohio for 30 years. He also taught labor relations at Northwest Community College for several years. Jerry was very proud of God and country: He was a dedicated member of Knights of Columbus and served past Grand Knight of Napoleon Council 1344 and member of Bishop Rappe Assembly 824, Defiance. He was a veteran advocate of the ESGR for over 25 years to make sure veterans received their jobs when they return from service. Jerry received the ESGR Lifetime Achievement award for his dedicated service. He also was a former chairman of JSEC. He was an avid fan of The Ohio State Buckeyes, loved spending time with his grandchildren, and was a terrific piano player.

He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Donna; children, Pam (Doug) Born of Swanton, Ohio, Kevin (Susan) Cameron of Ridgeville Corners, Ohio, Rodney (Teresa) Cameron of Defiance, Ohio, Jerry (Bonnie) Cameron of Wauseon, Ohio; grandchildren, Jeanette, Chad, Nick, Luke, Ashlee, Shannon, Leiloni, Jerry III, Tiffany, and Tyson; 10 great grandchildren; siblings; Larry (Gail) Cameron, Bev (Joe) Minck both of Defiance, Ohio, Sharon (Larry) Rosti

of St. Louis, Missouri, Nadine Reed of Defiance, Ohio, Marla Turner of Lima, Ohio, and Roland "Rol" Cameron of Defiance, Ohio.

A mass of Christian burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Napoleon.

Visitation will be held from 2 - 8 p.m. on Monday, May 1st at Rodenberger Funeral Home in Napoleon, where fourth degree Knights will stand guard from 6-8 p.m. and Rosary service will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Memorial donations are suggested to St. Augustine Catholic Church or Henry County Transportation.

Online condolences may be made at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Napoleon Funeral Home
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545
(419) 592-2333
help@rodenbergergray.com

Rosary Service

MAY 1. 7:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CF

“ *May he rest in peace.*

The smile on his face is always how I remembered him - truly a great gentleman. My heart felt sympathies to his family.

*Chaker J Fadel, LTC USAF, Ret
ESGR
Akron*

Chaker Fadel - May 05, 2017 at 07:40 PM

JB

“ *There is not enough to say about my dear friend, Jerry. My time working with him in the ESGR was a pure joy! Jerry had a way of making every one laugh and enjoy our work and the world around us. His zest for life was unending and his devotion to the military men and women was profound. I will miss his e-mail jokes, his smile, his piano playing and the impact he made on all around him. I will pray for the family as they deal with the loss of this very wonderful man. JB Bott*

JB Bott - May 03, 2017 at 11:08 AM

EF

“ *Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Cameron.*



Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve family - May 02, 2017 at 08:06 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Cameron.*



May 01, 2017 at 03:47 PM



“ *Sending our sincere sympathy for your loss. Steve and Kathy(Wiechers) Lieb*



Kathy Lieb - May 01, 2017 at 02:44 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Cameron.*



May 01, 2017 at 12:50 PM

RM

“ I knew Jerry since the early 70's. When I first met him, I was working for F & M Bank and worked with him as HR Director at ITT Higbea here in Archbold to set up automatic savings & payments for their employees. We continued to be friends since. While Jerry was not a veteran himself, he was a huge advocate to hiring vets. He reached out to me after I was appointed as a Commissioner of the Fulton Co. Board of veterans Services, and offered to help us whenever possible. He was a great friend and will be missed. My deepest condolences to the family.

Roger Merillat / Archbold, OH

Roger Merillat - May 01, 2017 at 09:15 AM

LM

“ Louise and Dave Mckay purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Cameron.



Louise and Dave Mckay - May 01, 2017 at 09:10 AM

SP

“ I haven't seen Jerry in a very long time but I will never forget him. We were on JSEC together and he helped me understand Labor Law when the company I worked for became union. He was a great man, he will be missed.

Sheryl Petersen

Sheryl Petersen - May 01, 2017 at 06:26 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Cameron.*



April 30, 2017 at 10:19 PM



“ *Joseph & Beverly Minck, Marla Turner purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Cameron.*



Joseph & Beverly Minck, Marla Turner - April 30, 2017 at 05:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Cameron.*



April 30, 2017 at 04:14 PM



“ *A gracious and kind spirit who would do anything for military men and women. We will carry the torch for the path you have already blazed the last few years in the short and fortunate time I have know. Rest easy dear friend and that may God watch over your family and close friends during this time of healing and remembrance.*

Sgt Z - April 30, 2017 at 12:45 PM

CF

“ C. Feehan lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Cameron



C. Feehan - April 29, 2017 at 06:31 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Cameron.



April 29, 2017 at 02:27 PM

JS

“ julius S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Cameron.



julius S. - April 29, 2017 at 12:00 PM

DL

“ Dave And Julie Lane lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Cameron



Dave and Julie Lane - April 29, 2017 at 11:36 AM

BM

“ Jerry was a vibrant and kind man, and a wonderful friend to my father and grandfather. I have a special memory of him teaching me to play Happy Birthday on the piano when I was 10 years old. My love and prayers are with Jerry and his family. He will be greatly missed. -Billi Jo (Clevenger) Morningstar

Billi Morningstar - April 29, 2017 at 08:15 AM

TH

“ Tami Busch Hartman lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Cameron



tami busch hartman - April 29, 2017 at 07:13 AM

AA

“ Jerry was a gentleman in the true sense of the word. In the many years I knew him through ESGR, he never had an unkind word for anyone. Although Jerry was never in the military, his heart was in it through his dedication in serving members of the National Guard and Reserves, their families and employers. He attended all of our awards functions, many times finding a piano and providing us with great entertainment. We at ESGR have lost a great friend. Rest in Peace, Jerry.

*Anthony "Chip" Augello, Col, USAF (Ret)
Former Exec. Director, Ohio ESGR*

Anthony Augello - April 28, 2017 at 09:54 PM

GS

“ *Glenn Simmons lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Cameron*



Glenn Simmons - April 28, 2017 at 09:19 PM

LS

“ *Jerry was a good friend and a great guy. He was proud of his family and being a member of the Knights of Columbus. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to his wife and family. Larry Siclair*

Larry Siclair - April 28, 2017 at 09:15 PM

GS

“ *Uncle Jerry i remember the times when i was little and always looked forward to coming to you and aunt donna house to play with jerry jr. i will miss you and never forget you.*

Glenn Simmons - April 28, 2017 at 09:15 PM

DM

“ I remember many years ago when my son, Ty, was about 7 years old. Jerry & Donna came to Orlando to visit Mom & Dad (Jim & Shirley Clevenger) and my hubby John, Ty and I. Jerry told Ty that he would give him a quarter for every Bible verse he could recite. When Ty got up to about \$10, Jerry told him that he felt Ty pretty much knew the Bible, and before he went any further, Jerry would have to go to the bank to get more cash! What a fun evening it was, and what a beautiful memory for all of us. I'm so glad that Mom, Dad and I got to see both Jerry and Donna last September when we came to Ohio for my mom's 70th high school class reunion. It was such a special visit, and one we will all cherish. He holds a little piece of our heart, and we send our love to Donna and all of his wonderful family. May God comfort you in His warm embrace. Love,
Deb Moon

Deb Moon - April 28, 2017 at 08:51 PM

RC

“ Donna, we were shocked and saddened to hear this! Recently, Jerry and I had been emailing back and forth and sharing our mutual cancer woes...I had no idea his was as serious as it obviously was! We have so many fond and fun memories of you both over the years. Am so grateful you came down here a couple of years ago. Jerry was such a great guy and will be truly missed! Our hearts go out to you and the family!

Rich Clevenger - April 28, 2017 at 04:52 PM



“ I am sorry to hear about Jerry's passing. I didn't know him that long, but he always was quick to greet people. God Bless,

Sir Knight Toby Stark
Bishop Rappe Assembly 824

Tobinator Stark - April 28, 2017 at 03:20 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Cameron.*



April 28, 2017 at 03:13 PM



“ *So sorry to learn of Jerry's passing. So glad I got to talk to him on the phone a couple weeks ago. Lots of good memories of our high school days. Keeping you all in my prayers. Rosalie(Cameron) Harris*

Rosalie Harris - April 28, 2017 at 02:38 PM



“ *Jerry's service to the veteran's community will not be forgotten. Rest In Peace.*

John Maurer - April 28, 2017 at 11:46 AM



“ *Jerry will be greatly missed by all in the ESGR community, where he was often referred to as our "Piano Man". Always cheerful, with a smile and possibly a joke, Jerry was a friend to all. It is wrong to say that we know how you feel, but please know that in some small way, the entire ESGR community will feel the loss. Bless you.
John W. Hoppers, Ohio Chair Emeritus*

John W Hoppers - April 28, 2017 at 10:58 AM

JD

I am so sorry to learn of Jerry's passing. I knew Jerry from the time we were members of JSEC. He served as our State Chair and I was his Vice Chair. He never met a stranger and always had a happy face. I introduced him to ESGR where he became very active and served our veterans well. He was a friend and I will miss him and I know ESGR community will miss him.

*John R. DeBonis
East Region Director Ohio ESGR*

John R. DeBonis - April 30, 2017 at 01:13 PM

MB

So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. I have great memories of our high school days. Getting into mischief, his piano playing, chasing girls. And all the good he did for others in his life time. Donna, my thoughts are with you.

Marv Baden

Marvin Baden - May 01, 2017 at 08:08 AM