



Gerald "Jerry" Honer

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Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at St. James Catholic Church in Jacobs Prairie, MN for Gerald "Jerry" Honer, age 75, who died Friday at the VA Medical Center in St. Cloud.

Relatives and Friends may call from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Wenner Funeral Home in Cold Spring. Visitation will continue from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Wednesday morning at the funeral home.

Gerald (Jerry) William Honer was born November 27, 1938 in Cold Spring, MN to Donald and Ann (Arnold) Honer. He joined the Marines in 1956 and was honorably discharged in 1959. He was married to Marjorie Ann Hanscom on November 28, 1958 and later divorced. He met the love of his life Mary Kay Donabaur in 1994 and they currently reside in Jacobs Prairie, MN.

He was a man of many talents. One of his first jobs was working for his Uncle Paul at the Cold Spring Record, helping set type and learning the art of lino-type. He moved his family to Red Lodge, MT to pursue the print industry. Being so far from his family proved to be too much and the family quickly returned to Minnesota. He then took a job as a lino-type operator at The Hart Press (Banta Publications) in Long Prairie, MN where he worked for a number

of years. The family moved to a hobby farm near Grey Eagle, MN. He then decided to try his hand as an entrepreneur and opened his own feed store in Little Sauk, MN and later purchased the Little Sauk Cafe. Shortly after being divorced he moved to Surprise, AZ, where he took over his Uncle Paul's printing business. He remained in Arizona until 1992 before returning to St. Cloud, MN where he opened Graphic Enterprise and worked until his retirement in 2000.

Jerry was an avid outdoors man, enjoying golfing, fishing, hunting and trapping. He also enjoyed bowling, playing cards and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his loving companion of twenty years, Mary Kay Donabaur; sisters, Joan (Bob) Lewis, Maureen (Arthur) Milner, and brother, Donald (Carol) Honer; children; Patric (Rita) Honer, Sonja (Mike) Estwick, Theresa (Tom) Petermeier, Jerel Honer, and also Tara (Keith) Bierschbach, Holly (Luke) Kramer, Shawn (fiancée, Karen), Donabauer, and Dana Donabauer along with many grandchildren and great grandchildren and his two prized labs, Maggie and Meeka.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents, Donald & Ann Honer; brothers, Peter and Patrick; daughter, Brenda Loken, and grandson, Dennis Honer.

In lieu of flowers donations are welcome to the Alzheimer's Assoc.

The family would like to thank the VA Medical Center for the wonderful care given to Jerry.

Arrangements are with the Wenner Funeral Home in Cold Spring, MN.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

AUG **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
Jacobs Prairie, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald "Jerry" Honer*

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *Sonja, Theresa, Jerel, Pat, Marge and Mary Kay,
I have fond memories of your family and mine playing at the hobby farm in Grey Eagle. I think you and your family liked having our "city" family come to the farm and showing us gross things, running through the mud and getting dirty. And I remember all the gatherings after our dads, the mighty warriors, went hunting and fishing. Fun times!*

I just started a took a new position and will not be able to come to the funeral or the services on Tuesday night, but please know you are all in my thoughts. Jerry is with Brenda and watching over all of you. May God bless your hearts and lives with peace and love.

Colleen (Lewis) Butte

Colleen - August 17, 2014 at 09:28 AM