



## Gervase "Jerry" Erkens

November 14, 1930 - October 18, 2020

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, October 23, 2020 at Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Rockville, MN for Gervase "Jerry" Erkens, age 89, who died Sunday at Assumption Home in Cold Spring. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery, Rockville. Everyone attending the visitation or service must wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

Visitation will begin in the church at 9:00 a.m. on Friday morning.

Jerry was born on November 14, 1930 in Roscoe, MN to Bernard and Eleanor (Kascht) Erkens. He married Marie C. Dingmann on September 11, 1957 in St. Anthony Catholic Church, St. Cloud. Jerry was the founder of Erkens Water Softener Service. He was very involved in the church choir, religious education and as a communion minister. Jerry enjoyed good food and traveling and visiting family and friends. In his retirement one of the things he enjoyed was tutoring the first graders at Cold Spring Elementary.

Survivors include his wife, Marie; children, Don (Becky), Laurie (Steve) Opatz, Joe (Suzanne), Jim (Lynn); 7 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; siblings, Clarence (Teresa), Eugene (Betty), Sister Lydia, O.S.B., Richard (Dianne), Cyril (Darlene) and Victor (Sandra).

He was preceded in death by his niece, Jennifer Erkens and sister-in-law,

Delphine Erkens.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Assumption Home and St. Croix Hospice for the wonderful care given to Jerry.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary

Rockville, MN 56369

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **23**. 9:00 AM (CT)

Mary of Immaculate Conception Church  
113 Broadway St  
Rockville, MN 56369

## Service

OCT **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Gervase "Jerry" Erkens*

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



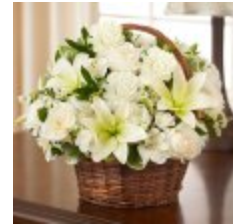
“ *My sincere sympathy at the passing of Uncle Jerry. He was such a kind and gentle person whom I will remember fondly. He always had positive things to say, (usually about food) when I would see him at the Assumption Campus. The world lost a special person when Jerry left us to join our other relatives in heaven. May he Rest In Peace. Sending love to his family*

*Lone Leither*

**Lone Leither** - October 22, 2020 at 02:12 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Gervase "Jerry" Erkens.*



October 22, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Gervase "Jerry" Erkens.*



October 19, 2020 at 08:56 PM

MJ

“ So sorry for your loss! Missed seeing his smile the last year and a half since my Mom passed. Hugs Marie! Wish I could do that in person.

*Michelle Johnson (Dingmann)*

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**Michelle Johnson** - October 19, 2020 at 07:28 PM