



Gerald Owen Jacob

November 2, 1933 - August 13, 2021

Gerald Owen Jacob

Age 87 of Arden Hills

Passed away at home with his loving family by his side after a short courageous battle with cancer.

Survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Nancy; children, Tracy (Brian) Fodstad, Bill (Mary) Jacob and Julie Jacob; grandchildren, Caitlin (Robert) Henderson, Briana Fodstad, Kyle and Elly Jacob; sisters-in-law, Sharon Fitzenberger, Pamela Rubbelke; brother-in-law, Ed Fitzenberger; cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Preceded in death by his parents, Olga and Emil Jacob; infant sister; brother, Melvin Jacob; sisters, Mildred Housman Mossey and Joyce Myhrum.

He was born on the family farm outside of Menahga, Minnesota on November 2, 1933. He grew up going to a country school and working on the farm.

He met the love of his life and joined her in marriage on October 15, 1960.

They moved to the Twin Cities and built a home in Shoreview where they lived for 51 years. When they moved to cities, Gerry began a long career as a plumber for Honeywell retiring in November 1992, after rising to a Group Leader position.

Gerry, after work, spent many hours in his garage first restoring several Model A and Model T Fords from scraps to beautiful original restorations. He then moved on to John Deere tractors and finally in the last few year Vintage Honda motorcycles. He was also popular with family and friends and known

for his skills in "Fixing" almost anything, including helping his children with their many home projects.

In retirement, he very much enjoyed cheering on the grandchildren at games and other activities. They enjoyed their travel trailer with many winter trips to Arizona and camping at other spots closer to home. They loved traveling the North Shore and he especially enjoyed watching the big ore boats.

He volunteered serving breakfast many years at Dorothy Day, served on a mission trip to Appalachia with church youth, and providing a hand in the kitchen at church serving coffee, running the dishwasher at many church events, gardening at church, helping with the State Fair Park and Ride. He always was a willing helper to Nancy when called upon.

Special thanks to the Allina Health Cancer Institute, Palliative and Hospice teams.

Memorial service is planned on Sunday August 29, 2021 at Centennial United Methodist Church, 1524 W. County Rd C2, Roseville, MN. Masks required. Visitation is from 1:00 - 2:30 PM and Service at 2:30 PM. Gathering to follow at Cedarholm Golf Course in Roseville.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials to Centennial United Methodist Church Foundation, ACR Homes or Living Well Disability Services.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ So sorry for the loss of your wonderful Father Tracy, Julie and Bill, your wonderful husband Nancy and wonderful Grandpa to all the grandchildren! ❤️



Jennie Hubin - August 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Lovely picture of Gerald ❤️ Praying for peace for you all!



Brianna Lindgren - August 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Gerry was a good man who touched so many lives. He will be missed. Sending hugs to all of you.



Pati, Ashley, and Brianna Galligan - August 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Bill, we are sending you and your family our heartfelt sympathy. May all those happy family memories bring you peace and comfort! The Iversons

Mary Beth Iverson - August 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Gerry will be missed by so many. I hope the memories you all have, will bring comfort during this time. God Bless you Gerry, thank you for your kindness and laughter. Love to all of you.

Kim Berscheid - August 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ Growing up across the street meant seeing "Mr. Jacob's" handiwork for years. Antique cars, a push button starter in Bill's Pinto, you name it, he could build or fix it. I have many fond memories of him as a gentle man and father with a kind smile. Sending prayers and condolences to the Jacob family.

Pete Nazy - August 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ My sincere sympathy to the entire Jacob family. I remember Gerald coming to my parents' home because he shared my Dad's interest in antique autos... and was skilled in making them run! His kindness is remembered!

Roxanne Lindberg - August 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ My deepest sympathies to Nancy, Julie, Billy and Tracy. Too many good memories to count, and I was just the kid next door...



James Michael Metz - August 17, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Rest In Peace my friend. You mattered and will live on in the hearts of your family and friends. Someday when we meet agsin I will get you a cup of decaf coffee.

Bernice Lock - August 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ My deepest sympathy on the loss of Gerald.

Holly Heimark - August 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Julie ,Caitlin and family.
I'm so sorry for your loss of your beloved Grandpa. I will keep your family in my thought and prayers.

Kathy Koskma - August 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ I am so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. He was a gentle, loving, man of God with a genuine smile and easy laugh. GREAT memories of a great neighbor!!! Love and hugs to the whole Jacob bunch. Love you all. --Susan O'Neill

Susan O'NEILL - August 16, 2021 at 12:00 AM