



Gerald Edwin Kapolka

February 11, 1931 - August 24, 2006

Gerald Edwin Kapolka

75, of Kenockee Township, died unexpectedly Thursday morning August 24, 2006 at home.

He was born February 11, 1931 in Portage, PA, the son of the late Albert and Christina Hannakan Kapolka.

His marriage to Niffa Cracchiolo was May 29, 1954 in Detroit

Gerald served his country with the United States Marine Corps in Korea from 1952 to 1954.

He was a parishioner of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, Emmett, and was a 4th degree Grand Knight in the Knights of Columbus. He was a member of the Emmett V.F.W. Post# 5585 and enjoyed being with his family. Surviving in addition to his wife Niffa of 52 years are a son and daughter-in-law Albert and Monica of St. Clair Shores and daughter and son-in-law Fran and David Pridemore of Sterling Heights; 4 grandchildren Jonathan, Julia, Robin, and Anthony; brother Michael and sister Joyce, and several nieces, nephews and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Christina Kapolka (1973) and several brothers and sisters.

His family honors the memory of Gerald and invite you to visit and share Sunday 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Richmond. Rite of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Monday at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic

Church, Emmett, with 10:00 a.m. visiting. Fr. Paul Czarnota, pastor, will officiate. Rosary devotion services with Fr. Jasper Sirianni will be 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. K of C chalice ceremony will follow rosary. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

Memorials are suggested to "Wishes of the Family".

For information and Guest Book kaatzfunerals.com

Previous Events

Service

AUG **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church
10828 Brandon Road
Emmett, MI 48022
(810) 384-1338

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to hear the loss of Gerald may God be with you at this time. Lots of memories after 52 years and family to heal your loss along the way. God bless the family.##imported-begin##Roger & Angie Garbarino (Modica)##imported-end##

August 30, 2006 at 06:22 PM



“ Mrs. Kapolka, David, Fran, Jon, and Julia,

We just wanted you to know that you are still in our thoughts and prayers. I cannot begin to imagine the shock of having Mr. Kapolka die so suddenly. We love all of you, Jean and Harry##imported-begin##Harry and Jean Bryan##imported-end##

August 30, 2006 at 03:30 PM



“ Fran - just wanted to let you know that Jim and I send our condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. You all are in our thoughts and prayers today and always.

With Deepest Sympathy,
Jim Barone

Donna O'Keefe##imported-begin##Jim Barone & Donna O'Keefe##imported-end##

August 28, 2006 at 10:06 AM



“ My heartfelt symathy goes out to the entire family. I work with Monica, and I would like to send my prayers to the family at this time. God Bless and Take Care.##imported-begin##Traci DeWitt##imported-end##

August 28, 2006 at 09:28 AM



“ Please know I am thinking of your family and remembering you in prayer. God loves you and I love you.

Aunt Julia##imported-begin##Julia Martin ##imported-end##

August 28, 2006 at 09:03 AM



“ Dear Fran, My thoughts and prayers are with you. I know how sad it is to loose a parent but try to remember those funny and warm memories when you're feeling down, that helps. Love Doris##imported-begin##Doris Martin##imported-end##

August 28, 2006 at 08:38 AM



“ Fran and family, I am very sorry for your loss. Please know that all of you are in my prays. Fran, if you need anything, call me. Sandra##imported-begin##Sandra Kleino##imported-end##

August 28, 2006 at 08:12 AM



“ *Fran & family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Words can never express the comfort we hope you all can find. As I understand, a 4th Degree Kof C member imparts a lesson on the virtue of patriotism. Gerald obviously did that thought his service to his country as a Marine, and his position in the Knights of Columbus. In this day and age, that example is sorely needed and underappreciated by many. Please know that all of you will be in my prayers, and I hope you find comfort in knowing Gerald has gone to a better place, and that someday you can be reunited with him. Peter Marsh##imported-begin##Peter Marsh##imported-end##*

August 27, 2006 at 09:59 AM



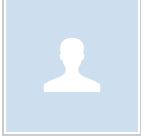
“ *Mrs. Kapolka and family,
We were so sorry to hear about the sudden death of Mr. Kapolka. We always enjoyed his smiling face and talking to him over the fence when he would visit Al and Monica. Our prayers are with you all. Get through this difficult time by remembering all the good times. Sincerely, Jack and Madeleine Harkins##imported-begin##harkins##imported-end##*

August 26, 2006 at 04:09 PM



“ *Fran and Family,
You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We are here if you need anything.##imported-begin##Huntington Bank
Romeo Office##imported-end##*

August 26, 2006 at 11:09 AM



“ Our deepest sympathys go out to you and your family. God Bless.
(The Washington office)###imported-begin##Deanna
Saunders###imported-end##

August 25, 2006 at 10:15 AM



“ Extending Bill and mine most heartfelt sympahty in the loss of
Gerry.

*As you know you both are one of my favoite friends and I charish all
the times we talked and enjoyed each others company.*

*I will miss him and know he is in a better place as we know. I will
keep him in my prayers.*

If there is amything we can do to help, please call on Bill and I.

Again our sincere sympathy.

*Niffa - I want to put my arms around you and tell you it will ge
alright. I know you will miss him terrible and so will we.*

*I will see you later and please take care of yourself during this
difficult time.*

Love Always

*Sharon and Bill Shannon###imported-begin##Sharon
Shannoin###imported-end##*

August 25, 2006 at 09:50 AM



“ *Fran, I cannot tell you how sad I am to hear about the loss of your dad. Your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am here for you. Love you, Cyn*###imported-begin##Cyndee###imported-end##

August 25, 2006 at 07:21 AM



“ *my prayers & thoughts are with each of you.*

*God Bless
Cheryle Carnes
(I work with Fran)*###imported-begin##Cheryle Canres###imported-end##

August 24, 2006 at 06:03 PM