



Joseph Charles Gerard

December 9, 1979 - September 19, 2012

Joseph Charles Gerard

32, of Richmond and formerly of Warren, died very unexpectedly Wednesday, September 19, 2012.

He was born December 9, 1979 in Warren the son of John C. and Janice M. (Gennero) Gerard.

Joe was a 1998 graduate of Warren Mott High School and of Northwestern Technological Institute, Southfield, in heating and cooling. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and camping and will always be missed and loved.

Surviving in addition to his parents John and Janice of Richmond are two brothers, David (Rachel) of Lenox and Nicholas of Richmond; his 14-year companion Jamie Ferszt of Warren; grandparents, Joseph and June Gerard of Port St. Lucie, FL, nieces, Ariana and Ashlynn Gerard and several friends.

His grandparents, Dominic and Beatrice Gennero, preceded him in death.

His family honors the memory of Joseph and invites you to visit and share memories Sunday 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Richmond, with funeral services at 5:00 p.m. Pastor Daryl W. Kerce of Power and Praise Worship Center, Hazel Park, will officiate.

Memorials are suggested to "Wishes of the Family".

For information and Guest Book

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Previous Events

Service

SEP **23.** 5:00 PM (ET)

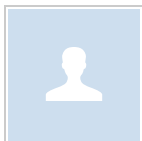
Kaatz Funeral Directors - Richmond
71235 Memphis Ridge Road
Richmond, MI

Tribute Wall



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Love,
Aunt Colleen##imported-begin##Colleen Szatkowski##imported-end##

October 17, 2012 at 08:31 AM



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October 17, 2012 at 08:29 AM



“ Dear John, Jan, Dave and Nick,
Our hearts are breaking for you. We want to take your pain away but know that it is impossible to do. Losing Joey is so very difficult to understand, so unbearable and it seems so unreal. We share in your grief, However, we realize that our loss is small compared to yours. We pray that God will place in your hearts the peace and strength you need to get through this difficult time.
We love you all! We wish we lived closer together so we could be with you at this time. We send our love!###imported-begin##Matt & Linda Corrigan###imported-end##

September 23, 2012 at 05:41 PM



“ Dear John & Jan,
I am deeply sorry for your loss. I wish I could have been able to attend the funeral, but i'm up at school. I miss you guys soo much and we really need to get together soon, it's been way too long. I hope you guys are doing alright and again I send my sympathy###imported-begin##Sarah Ayotte###imported-end##

September 23, 2012 at 04:18 PM



“ I received the super sad news of Joe Joes passing early morning 10/21/12 while standing feet away from the runway at Edwards Airforce base, just minutes before the space shuttle Endeavour was to take her very last flight to LAX. With my camera rolling, ready to film this epic moment I felt you there brother and heard you say "This is so cool sis!" exactly as you would have said it if I could see you standing there. In my heart I know you found yourself a nice spot to sit atop that shuttle as it paraded over the Golden Gate Bridge, Disneyland, Hollywood and all of Los Angeles. You were there brother.

As I lie to dream of you in Heaven last night, before I could fall asleep you spoke to me and I saw your face. You looked young again and there was a soft change in your voice. I don't remember exactly what you said but you were dressed in white, comforting and assuring that you were just fine and that even though hearts cant break in Heaven you were sad for your family. You also sad you were proud of me as you did many times before. I miss ya Joe, I always will, my brother, my friend, you always called me sis. We will see you again, its just a matter of time. Until then we miss you dearly and await the moments you let us know your spirit soars and we see you again.

Fly like the shuttle Endeavour did brother and explore the space that always intrigued you.

Brother Nick, Dave, John, Jan, Jamie, Joseph and June, my biggest hugs to you and all my prayers and love. Sadly wish I could be there to comfort you in these moments as Joe Joe would have wanted me to. I am fully there in heart with you today and my door is forever open to your family here in Los Angeles.

~All my love~

Jess, Sis##imported-begin##Jessica Jurgess##imported-end##

September 23, 2012 at 12:38 PM



“ *John and Jan...We're so sorry to hear of your loss..Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family...##imported-begin##roger and sally barham##imported-end##*

September 23, 2012 at 11:09 AM



“...tell me it's not true, say it's just a story...”

We want to try and make this short and sweet – similar to Joey’s life.

Our shock in losing our wonderful nephew has yet to ebb away.

Yesterday, today and tomorrow we will mourn you Joey, but the next day and the day after, and the day after that, we will miss you and remember with fondness, joy and laughter the memories of your loving soul.

We recall with little doubt that the last words spoken by you to us were, “I love you Aunt Shari and Uncle Bruce”.

And, we recall with absolute certainty the words WE believe were the first you ever spoke, “F... Booah”

It seems from the beginning to the end you were always saying warm and loving statements as well as making hilarious comments.

An undeniable truth is you will always be remembered as both a loving boy and a loving young gentleman.

You knew how to convince us that you loved us Joey. That’s kind of an unusual and sincere trait not commonly evidenced in guys your age – but, man, you had all kinds of extra in that department.

You were a hugger and when you hugged, you meant it. You were a helper and when you helped someone, you happily extended it. You were a laugher and when you laughed . . . well, everybody else laughed with you Joey.

But, we’re shedding tears today -- you little sh.t . . .

Today mortals weep . . . yet today, Angels rejoice . . .

*All our love, Joey,
Aunt Shari and Uncle Bruce*

PS – Say hi to all the family, friends and buddies who've preceded you. Don't worry, if you don't find them, they'll find you. How could they not.##imported-begin##Uncle Bruce and Aunt Shari##imported-end##

September 23, 2012 at 09:41 AM



“ John, Jan and Family - We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We hope memories will help ease the pain during this difficult time. We remember when we could come for a visit when Sarah was little and Joe was always funny and cracking jokes. Sarah thought he was so much fun! Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Please let us know if there is anything we can do. Love to you all.##imported-begin##Larry and Yvonne Ayotte##imported-end##

September 22, 2012 at 09:36 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear the sad news about joe's passing. It has been a long time since i have seen your family but i will cherish all of the fun memories i had growing up. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Angie (Karbousky) Williams ##imported-end##

September 21, 2012 at 06:54 PM



“ All day I've been reminiscing to memories we shared together; his death changed something spiritually within me. As much as I would kill to have him back I'd also like to thank him for causing me to come to realization and cherish the blessings that I have in my life. Losing a cousin so close to you in life is probably one of the most tragic and emotional experiences that I have ever been through. Joe, you have opened my eyes to a new viewpoint about living life and enjoying it. Joe withheld a beautiful heart and soul within him; he just lost himself for a while. Life is extremely short. Sometimes that moment you miss is the one that you should have cherished. We should all just cherish the moments we have and go for every opportunity that we receive in life. Life is a sacred gift as well as the people surrounding you.

Although Joe isn't visibly with all of us anymore, we still are a stronger family. With Joe surrounding us spiritually, we can all reflect and enjoy memories that we all have experienced together and love each other.

I love you so much Joe you you will forever be in my heart. God bless you.##imported-begin##Danielle Szatkowski##imported-end##

September 21, 2012 at 12:32 PM



“ WOW .. this is heart breaking to hear! You guys i am so very very sorry for ur loss. My prayers will be with you. My condolences to all family and friends all loved ones.
Alysha K. Quinn##imported-begin##Alysha Quinn##imported-end##

September 21, 2012 at 12:26 PM



“ *OMG I am so sorry for your loss everyone in there Gerard family, I was shocked when I heard the news about Joe. Seems like yesterday they were getting into trouble in the back field in that fort that they built. All the boys were such good friends back then. Prayers are coming your way. Joe you will be missed##imported-begin##Laurie (Quinn) Gebhart##imported-end##*

September 21, 2012 at 12:07 PM



“ *Joe was such a wonderful person who would do anything for anyone. He's a great friend and will truly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jamie and his entire family.##imported-begin##Jason & Tera Sheridan##imported-end##*

September 21, 2012 at 09:50 AM