

Jerome "Jerry" L. Zerrer Sr.

October 31, 1935 - April 3, 2015

Jerome "Jerry" L. Zerrer, Sr., 79, of Troy, Missouri, Fortified with the Sacraments of the Holy Mother Church, carried the weight of the cross and laid his burden at the Lord's feet at 12:54 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2015 at St. Joseph Hospital West in Lake Saint Louis. Jerry was born on October 31, 1935, a son of the late William H. and Adele E. (Brown).

Jerry graduated from DeAndreis High School in 1954. While attending high school, he met the love of his life, Mary Jane Winkelmann and married her on June 7, 1958 at St. Michaels Catholic Church. He entered the Army on September 5, 1958 earning a letter of appreciation a good conduct medal and was honorably discharged from the Army Reserves on September 4, 1964. Jerry worked at Union Market for many years and later retired after 30 years of service as an absentee replacement from General Motors, with Local # 2250. Most of his time was spent on the family farm, caring for the livestock, baling hay for customers or selling firewood. He was always going above what was expected from him. Jerry donated so much of his time and talent to many clubs and organizations over many years.

He was very active as a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and The Knights of Columbus #6525. You would see Jerry working for the Knights of Columbus, delivering fish meals to shut ins, preparing the meals for the Special Olympic Dinner or the Tootsie Roll Drop. As a result of his dedication he was chosen Knight of the Month and his family was Family of the Month several times. He also was Friend of the Woman's Auxiliary from the Knights.

As a man of God with strong faith, he participated in his church by serving as Eucharistic Minister, Choir Member, Lector, Faithful Adoration Chapel Adorer, lead the Rosary on the 5th Sunday of every month, was a member of the prison ministry team, St. Vincent de Paul Society, keeper of the key for the church marquee and kept it updated. On every Good Friday, for the last fifteen years, he carried the cross through the streets of Troy for The Way of The Cross Procession. He served many years with the Picnic Committee and was past chairman. Jerry served in the Wheat Room as Table Leader for Residents Encounter Christ and was a weekend director. He served on many teams within the Quincy Cursillo, with original Cursillo #132 on September of 1994 and was Rector for Cursillo #297 on September of 2013.

His heart was in helping the youth within his community. He was a supporter of the local 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters and was a member of the Lincoln County Fair Board for 40 years. During his 40 years, he entered numerous cars in the demolition derby, was one of the builders of the demolition derby pits and the Lois Marsh Memorial Garden.

Jerry was never at an idle, he was always putting his family first. You would see him supporting his children and grandchildren in their various activities. He was one of the participants to establish the youth soccer programs in Lincoln County and later the Lady Trojan Soccer at Troy Buchanan High School.

Jerry's hobbies were spending time with his high school sweetheart, fishing, as well as deer and turkey hunting. His hard work and dedication to the community will be greatly missed, but as Mary says, "God took a good man on Good Friday."

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, 9 months and 27 days, Mary Zerrer of Troy; children, Jerry Zerrer (Fawn Knoll), Jr. of Hawk Point, John Zerrer, Sr. (Brenda) of Elsberry, Bill Zerrer (Glenna) of Elsberry, Bob Zerrer of Clarksville, Mary Jane Zerrer Marre (Frank Joseph Marre III) of Elsberry, Tom Zerrer (Tonya) of Louiseville, Ted Zerrer (Sara) of Troy, Katy Schormann (Craig) of Troy and Clemmy Zerrer of Troy; grandchildren, Amber Stanek

(Matt), Chelsea Zerrer (Rachel Kraft), Karlea Zerrer, Casey Thompson (Rebecca), Tim Fry (Laura), Jon Webb, James (Zerrer) Webb, Travis Webb, Samantha and Tanner Marre, Ryan and Leah Zerrer, Allie Traw (William), Zachery Moore, Ashley McWhinnie (Eric), Heather Zerrer, Erika Zerrer, Jimmy Rhoades (Page), Matthew Rhoades, Mindy Rhoades, Amanda Zerrer, Branden Zerrer, Jersey and Parker Zerrer, DJ and Stevie Schormann and Cole Zerrer; great-grandchildren, Bryson and Talon Stanek, Duane Thompson, William and Tori Brandes, Danitta Henson, Kobe, Kinley and Kami Fry, Hailey and Harper Traw, Ryley Moore and Addy and Bella Rhoades; siblings, David Zerrer, Rita Trueb and Lois Zerrer; sisters and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, numerous relatives and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sons, Joseph Zerrer and James Zerrer, one grandson, John "Johnny" Zerrer, Jr., one daughter-in-law, Lisa Zerrer, two brothers, Ronald J. and William Zerrer, brother-in-law, Edmund Winkelmann, sisters-in-law, Peggy Winkelmann and Bette Zerrer and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Otto F. and Eleanor Winkelmann.

Friends will be received from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 500 Hwy J Troy, MO 63379. Prayer service will be held at 4:00 p.m. Funeral mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church located at 100 Thompson Drive Troy, MO 63379. Officiating the mass will be Father Tom Wissler. Interment will be held at the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Troy. Serving as pallbearers will be: Jerry Zerrer, Jr., James "Bunt" Matthews, John Zerrer, James (Zerrer) Webb, Bill Zerrer, Bob Zerrer, Tom Zerrer and Ted Zerrer. Honorary pallbearers will be: Mike Miller– REC, Bob Krankel– Church, Frankie Teasley- Neighbors, Larry Kohenskey– GM Retiree, Randy Leitman– Knights of Columbus , Ron Edinger– St. Vincent de Paul Society, Tim Fry– Armed Services and John Boland– Quincy Cursillo. It was Jerry's request that in lieu of flowers, a gift of an unwrapped toy be given to the family, so they

may donate it in his memory. Arrangements are under the direction of
KEMPER-MILLARD-KEIM FAMILY FUNERAL CHAPELS, P.O. Box 222 Troy,
MO 63379. Online condolences may be made at [www.kempermillardkeimfamil
ychapels.com](http://www.kempermillardkeimfamilychapels.com) Ph. (636) 528-8221

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery

Troy, MO 63379

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Knights of Columbus Hall
500 Hwy J
Troy, MO 63379

Mass

APR 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
100 Thompson Drive
Troy, MO 63379

Tribute Wall



“ *Jerome "Jerry" L. Zerrer Sr.*

January 30, 2023 at 12:08 AM



“ *Jerome "Jerry" L. Zerrer Sr.*

January 29, 2023 at 10:26 PM



“ *I just learned of Jerry's passing; condolences to your family, from your "housekeeper" at ST . JOSEPH HOSPITAL*

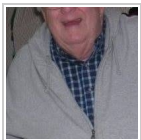
sue colbert - April 13, 2015 at 06:09 AM



“ *Sue Colbert lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" L. Zerrer Sr.*



sue colbert - April 13, 2015 at 06:05 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing, Jerry and I were on many weekends together. He had Jesus love in his heart, and he shared it with everyone he met. I know my heart, that when he got to heaven, Jesus was standing there arms wide open saying welcome home Jerry a job well done. I will miss his smile I considered him one good Christian friends. May God bless you, Mary and all your family. You're in my prayer Gary Whitaker*

Gary Whitaker - April 06, 2015 at 07:52 AM

JB

“ Jerry was a true example of charity and love. I will never forget how he always put his family and God in front of all other things. He will be missed but will be a true asset in heaven to have someone to intercede for us.

Jason Bolte - April 04, 2015 at 11:38 PM

KH

“ My family will forever be thankful for Jerry's kind heart and great stories of life. Jerry was like a Dad to me and to many others. He now walks hand in hand with his sons and grandson and many other relatives gone before him that he loved and missed. I truly think God took Jerry on Good Friday to show how much he was a wonderful son of God! Love and prayers to all the Zerrer family, David and Krysti Henke and Family

krysti henke - April 04, 2015 at 08:10 PM

MS

“ Cooking turkeys will never be the same. We will miss you Jerry. Your love for others was always present.

Melissa & Jerry Schulte

Melissa Schulte - April 04, 2015 at 07:45 PM

KO

“ The first time I met Jerry was when he asked me to be an assistant rector on his cursillo weekend . What an inspiration he was to me and all the men on that weekend . God truly blessed me when I met him . He will be missed by all who ever met him ,. I know he made me a better person . Thank you Pappa Jerry , and Thank you Jesus for sending him into my life . Love ya Jerry

kevin k ostermiller - April 04, 2015 at 05:13 PM



“ I will always remember Jerry's selfless devotion to others. The week before he left us he was still delivering "shut-in" meals for the Knights of Columbus Fish fry. He asked nothing in return. He just wanted to serve others. Thank you for your wonderful example Jerry. I will miss you. R. K.

Rob Kroupa - April 04, 2015 at 04:34 PM

HF

Jerry was a great example of Christian living!!

Homer Leitman Family - April 04, 2015 at 08:14 PM

CF

What a blessed man! Jerry gave time to many: fish to the shut-ins, prison ministry, leading the rosary, helping anyone he came into contact with. I remember Jerry well, especially carrying the cross for the Way of the Cross throughout Troy. He will be truly missed, but God has called him home.

Chad and Marissa Simpson Family - April 04, 2015 at 09:59 PM

DN

Jerry and Mary were long time neighbors to my family when we were growing up. After dad got sick and went into a nursing home in 1981 they never forgot mom and were always there for her until her death in 1994. The apostles asked Jesus "Master, what is the greatest commandment"? Jesus replied "To Love God with all your heart and mind and soul and to love your neighbor as yourself". I can't think of a better example of this commandment than Jerry. He will be missed.
Dennis Niehoff

dennis niehoff - April 06, 2015 at 08:39 PM

SI

Our deepest sympathy to all the family of Jerry Zerrer. I had the opportunity to meet Jerry at many of the family functions that my Aunt Bette(married to Jerry's late brother Ronald)held. It was a pleasure visiting with him and Mary as well. May God bless all of you!
From the families of S. B. Mohler the III.

Simone - April 14, 2015 at 11:10 PM