



George H. Gerberding

June 20, 1923 - March 2, 2021

George H. Gerberding, age 97, resident of Utica, Michigan and formerly of Detroit, Michigan.

Passed away on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 in Troy, Michigan. George was born on June 20, 1923 in Detroit, Michigan to the late George and Elizabeth (nee Kubat) Gerberding.

A Graduate of Utica High School, after graduation George would go on to serve his country during World War II in the US Navy, after leaving the Navy, he went on to work at Ford Motor Company. He would then change career paths and would go on to work for Michigan Bell Telephone Company, where he retired from. While working for Michigan Bell George installed the life line equipment for both Mt. Clemens General Hospital and St. John Hospital (Detroit). A member of Trinity Lutheran Church Utica, where he served on the school board, and stewardship board. Beloved husband of Lorraine Gerberding (nee Schoof) of 75 years of marriage. Loving father of Kathleen (Robert) Hall, Janet (Gerald) Grabowski, and Wayne (Kathie) Gerberding. Proud grandfather of Julia (Andrew) Anderson, Erin (Eric) Wathen, Thomas (Shannon) Hall, James Grabowski, Robert (Abby) Grabowski, Jennifer Grabowski, and Sarah (Matthew) Massey. Dearest great-grandfather of Kate, Ellie, Drew, Finn, Ethan, Kyle, Gabriel, Claire, Elijah, and Henry. Brother of the late Harry W. Gerberding.

"Dad loved celebrations with his family. Dad loved a parade, and any

opportunity to celebrate joyfully with family. He loved summer and sun, and in winter napping where he could feel the warmth of the sun. Summers were unending celebrations with family and extended family, starting with Easter, birthdays, anniversaries, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Dad would sing us awake on the early morning of every parade day throughout the summer. He loved watching his son march and play in the Utica High School Band. Dad fell asleep in Jesus listening to a Holy Week music CD. He was ushered into the arms of his Lord with the celebration of an Easter morning chorus. God's timing is always perfect."

Visitation at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E of Van Dyke) Monday, March 8 from 2-8pm. Instate 10:15am on Tuesday, March 9 at Trinity Lutheran Church 45160 Van Dyke Utica until time of service 11am. Interment Utica Cemetery Utica, Michigan with full military honors. Family request donations to Trinity Lutheran Church 45160 Van Dyke Utica, MI 48317 or Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty P.O. Box 790347 St. Louis, MO 63179-0347- LCRLfreedom.org

Please share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Utica Cemetery

46325 Shelby Road
Utica, MI 48317

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

In-State At Church

MAR 9. 10:15 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
45160 Van Dyke
Utica, MI 48317

Funeral Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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45160 Van Dyke
Utica, MI 48317

Tribute Wall



“ *This message is being sent to the Family, from another long time Trinity members Betty Parker and Family. Our condolences and shared memories of class reunions, fun church Picnics and many many parades down Cass Ave.*

Patty Parker Meyer - April 06, 2021 at 06:36 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of George H. Gerberding.*



March 08, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ *Jill, Roger & Chris Lewis purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of George H. Gerberding.*



Jill, Roger & Chris Lewis - March 06, 2021 at 09:38 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George H. Gerberding.*



March 06, 2021 at 09:18 AM