



## Gerald Francis Moore

September 16, 1945 - August 21, 2022

Gerald Francis Moore, age 76, of Royal Oak, passed away on August 21, 2022.

Gerald “Jerry” Moore was a great man, and a caring and enthusiastic friend, husband and father. The youngest son of Mary Mroczek and John Moore of Kinde, Michigan, Jerry was a high school basketball star, trumpeter, and music lover. The five Moore brothers (Ed, Bob, John, Jim, and Jerry) were referred to as “five lead horses” and any gathering of them was boisterous, loud, and full of love. Jerry made his way to the University of Detroit, where he studied accounting, met his future wife, Kathleen Healy of Chicago, and made lifelong friends. Upon graduation he started training with the IRS but was then drafted to the Vietnam War. Rather than leave his love behind, he asked her to be his bride and took her with him when he was transferred from Fort Knox to a base near Nuremberg, Germany where he was stationed as an air support scheduler, which fostered his love of flying.

When they returned to the states, Jerry started flying lessons, began his long career with the IRS, encouraged Kathy while she earned her PhD in Chemistry, and welcomed two daughters, Bridget Kathleen (Orsic) and Kelly Irene (Dumas). Jerry was a family man and did everything he could for his girls, supporting their endeavors through high school, college, law school, veterinary school, and most importantly showing them the model of a good

friend, husband, and father. The family grew to include beloved sons-in-law Eric Orsic and Gary Dumas, and five grandchildren: Alexander, Evelyn, and Caroline Orsic; and Heidi and Jack Dumas.

Jerry enthusiastically played the trumpet, took piano lessons as an adult, flew his friends and family around in Cessnas for the joy of it, and developed a love of chess. He worked proudly for the Internal Revenue Service for 38 years where he ended his career as manager of the excise tax program in Michigan, which included colleagues he affectionately dubbed 'the Dipsticks' because of the dipping test for tax-exempt fuel. Jerry made the grandkids laugh, boated them around Lily Lake, and took them on adventures around the country with Kathy until his body would not allow him to anymore.

Jerry was a man of action and only slowed down because of PSP (progressive supranuclear palsy). He was diagnosed six years ago and fought it valiantly to the end. Despite the ravages of the disease and being bed-ridden for 2 years, he maintained a positive attitude and never complained about his circumstances. Kathy steadfastly cared for him at home under increasingly difficult circumstances and he passed away in his own bed, listening to Harry Belafonte and surrounded by his family and friends. Jerry and Kathy were married for 52 years and traveled the world together; he was a romantic and was always grateful for the adventure she brought into his life and the experiences that would have been unimaginable to a young boy from "the Thumb." They were a love story until the end.

Jerry's enthusiasm for life, frank honesty, helpful nature, and corny sense of humor brought people together and he leaves behind many loyal and dear friends who were by his side through thick and thin, his family will be forever grateful.

The family was blessed with loving caregivers during the last several years.

Special thanks to Jay DeLeon and to all of the wonderful folks at Home Instead (Lisa, Alma, Tina, Robyn, David, Briana, Joann, Donielle, Evalyn, Anne, McKenna, Joshua, and Janice). Heart to Heart Hospice provided outstanding support during Jerry's last six months.

Visitation will take place on Thursday, September 1, from 2 - 8 p.m. (Sharing of Memories at 7:00 p.m.) at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak. Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, September 2 at 12:00 p.m. (visitation 11:30 a.m.) at National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, 2100 Twelve Mile Rd., Royal Oak.

At a later date, Jerry will be at rest in Great Lakes National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the following would be appreciated:

- Detroit Goodfellows: <https://www.detroitgoodfellows.org>
- Little Traverse Bay Humane Society (please note/memo Furry Faces): <https://ltbhs.givecloud.co/product/DB13143/memorial-donation>

Share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road  
Holly Township, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 1. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Sharing of Memories

SEP 1. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
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## Funeral Mass

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SEP 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica  
2100 W. 12 Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ Thoughtful with an ever jovial spirit, Jerry was a delightful presence at every gathering of our Shrine friends in Royal Oak. My late wife, Mary Ellen, would often remind me of his kindness, having taken on the job of doing her taxes (gratis) over the course of many years when she was a struggling single mom trying to get back on her feet following a difficult divorce. For myself, I frequently think back to the week I spent with Jerry and another mutual friend on a driving trip down to Coco Beach to watch the final launch of NASA's space shuttle. Although the launch was eventually scrubbed after several attempts, the three of us still had a great time due in large part to Jerry's good humor and fun-loving approach to life. I will miss him. Sincere condolences to Kathy, the girls and their entire family. Peace <3

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**Dean Stanley** - September 11, 2022 at 07:02 PM



“ Mr. Moore was an awesome human being, a wonderful father and friend to so many. He was extremely kind, and that kindness still holds strong in my memory bank from when I became friends with Kelly several years ago at Shrine. I was lucky enough to spend many evenings at their home on Vinsetta and have fond memories of riding in his plane up north to their home in Kinde Michigan and remember us all joking about “The Kinde Way.” Playing with their black lab Iris, as he was always known for his job at the IRS and even as a child, appreciated the soft humor he brought. I pray that Mrs. Moore, Kelly, Bridget and their families so they can find peace

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**Meredith Morse** - September 05, 2022 at 05:47 PM

MH

“ Jerry was great to work with at IRS. Always professional but with a great sense of humor - needed for that work. I fondly recall flying with Jerry to a work meeting in Traverse City. It was my first long flight in a small plane but Jerry's ability as a pilot and his communication along the way was reassuring.

*Marshall Hunt*

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**Marshall Hunt** - September 01, 2022 at 12:38 PM

KM

“ Last time I seen Jerry we met in toledo at the airport he was a good pilot I haven't stayed in touch but I'm sure he done well and will be missed our condolences to his family ken and sandy moore

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**Kenneth j moore** - August 31, 2022 at 05:07 PM

MS

*I will always remember Jerry's Smile no matter the situation, he found a way to make the bad into good. He was such a genuine and honest person. He was my manager for 2 year IRS-PSP Exam and the most kindness person/manager that I had during my career. My Prayers and Sympathy to his Family. 🙏🌸. May God be with You.*

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**Ms.Bobbie Safford** - September 02, 2022 at 11:21 AM

CS

“ 7 files added to the album Jerry the best Godfather



Colleen Stepanic - August 31, 2022 at 01:52 PM

KK

“ Jerry was known to walk out of a restaurant, with the Royal Oak breakfast group, if there was no strawberry jam. 1-2 BK whoppers were his meal of choice. He will be missed. Glad to have known.

ken kostrzewa - August 27, 2022 at 12:28 PM

JM

“ My prayers for the entire Moore family. His Shrine Schools family will always remember his support and love for our community.

James Mio  
Shrine Academy Principal

James Mio - August 26, 2022 at 09:34 AM

GM

“ My condolences to Jerry's family. I worked with him at the IRS and he was one of the good guys.

Gail Minauro

Gail Minauro - August 25, 2022 at 12:55 PM

EB

“ *Eddie Budnick lit a candle in memory of Gerald Francis Moore*



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**Eddie Budnick** - August 24, 2022 at 11:09 AM

EB

*Jerry- god will always be with you!*

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**Eddie Budnick** - August 24, 2022 at 11:12 AM

AV

*Jerry frat brother always smiling Even though we lost touch I'm sad he's gone. His wife Healy downstairs roommate the best*

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**Anthony Valenti** - August 29, 2022 at 12:11 PM

FH

*Though we've had a few dinners together, I mostly knew Jerry through Kathy, my friend of over 30 years. He was a devoted husband and father, as well as a traveler and adventurer – often with Kathy, but sometimes with the guys. I've heard many stories about him from Kathy, but the one I recall the most dates back pretty far- it seems that Jerry and companions were flown to a remote fishing camp in Canada and the flight back was a little different than planned – involving an air-ambulance and a broken leg! That didn't seem to stop him from further adventures, though! This is a bittersweet passing.*

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**Fay Hansen** - September 01, 2022 at 04:48 PM