



## Gerard R. Foley

July 25, 1937 - November 2, 2017

Gerard R. Foley, age 80, and resident of Macomb Township, passed away on November 2, 2017 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Gerard was born in Detroit, where he attended grade school and high school at Holy Redeemer, later graduating with his bachelor's degree from Indiana University. He also completed a long career with General Motors, spending 40 years with the company as an engineer. Notably proud of his Irish heritage, Gerard served as Grand Marshall of the annual Detroit St. Patrick's Parade for nineteen years.

Gerard was an avid athlete and loved sports of all kinds-in particular, he had a passion for swimming and was a longtime member of the Macomb Township Recreation Center. He also had a great sense of humor. Whenever someone asked how he was doing, Gerard would reply, "Top Shelf!"

Gerard also had a strong faith in God and was a longtime member of St. Peter Catholic Church. He was greatly loved by his family and will be dearly missed.

Gerard is survived by his wife, Mary, of thirty years; his children, Sharon Marie (Michael) Kracht, Anne (Andrew) Grzelewski, Mark (Teresa) Foley, Michael J. Piazza, Mary Kate Foley, and John T. Piazza. He is further survived by his grandchildren, James Gouine, Jennifer (Tim) Hughes, Karyn (John) Thomas, Michelle Colonna, Danielle (Jordan) Klusman, Kaitlyn Piazza, Mark Foley, Jr.,

Darin Piazza, Brian Foley, Kevin Foley, and Joshua Piazza; his great-grandchildren, Noah, Avery, Ayrien, Gianna, and Gavin; his brother, Lawrence (Joyce) Foley; his sister, Janet (Jim) Hurley; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home in Utica, 8459 Hall Road (3 blks east of "old" Van Dyke), on Sunday, November 5 from 2-8 pm, with a Rosary service at 7 pm. Funeral mass will be held on Monday, November 6, at 9:30 am (in-state at 9 a.m.) at St. Peter Catholic Church in Mt. Clemens, 95 Market St.

Memorial contributions to St. Mary's Hearts and Stones Endowment Fund are appreciated.

Please share a memory on the Tribute Wall (see tab above).

# Cemetery Details

## Prince of Peace Crematory

18201 Clinton River Rd.  
Clinton Township, MI 480

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 5. 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/>

## Rosary

NOV 5. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Utica, MI 48317  
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## Visitation

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NOV 6. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Peter Catholic Church  
95 Market Street  
Mount Clemens, MI 48043

## Funeral Mass

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# Tribute Wall

MD

“ My condolences to the family. May you find comfort in Jesus words, "I am the resurrection and the life."-John 11:25

M. Dee - November 15, 2017 at 07:37 AM

KM

“ Mary K Foley,  
I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. It's never easy to lose a parent. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.  
Love,  
The Mason Family



Kimberly Mason - November 06, 2017 at 08:57 PM

FC

“ Mary, I am so sad to hear of Gerry's passing. I had both granddaughter's this weekend. After taking the older granddaughter back to Eastern Michigan University, I finally had a chance to get on the computer. I wish I would have seen it sooner. I sure would have loved to be there for your tomorrow. Love to you and the family.  
Faye Cabello

Faye Cabello - November 05, 2017 at 07:56 PM

CN

“ Mary I'm truly sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our hearts and prayers . I love you with all my heart. Tom and Connie norman

connie norman - November 05, 2017 at 03:44 PM

SC

“ Mary, we are so sorry for your loss. Gerry was a kind and friendly man and he will surely be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Love always, Sam and Barb Carrabino

Sam and Barb Carrabino - November 05, 2017 at 03:12 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gerard R. Foley .



November 04, 2017 at 11:05 PM

PS

“ I'll never forget the day met Gerry , I said to myself who is this man who is so funny happy And a big flirt. Well I'm so glad to become friends with him and his wife Mary , I would see them in the morning and I say how u doing Mary would say great and Gerry ALWAYS say TOP SHELF He never complain he was always happy and smiling I am so glad You came into my life you really inspired me you were a great inspiration to me and I thank u for that, I will miss u So much god bless you Gerry I'll always remember you love ❤️ Pauline xo.  
Ps I love you ❤️



Pauline Stefani - November 04, 2017 at 10:42 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gerard R. Foley .*



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November 04, 2017 at 07:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerard R. Foley .*



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November 04, 2017 at 11:38 AM



“ *I will miss Gerry more than I can say. He has been an inspiration to me and has helped me grow in my faith to God. We have had some interesting discussions on faith and I had hoped we could have many more. He cared when I didn't show up to swim at the Rec Center and would call me to make sure I was all right. He was the brightest star and would make your day that much better for seeing and talking to him. I never told him that I love him and I regret that. I hope he knew how much I cared for him. I viewed him as another father or really the fun uncle that is the life of the party. His laugh was special and he will be missed greatly by all whose lives he touched. I'm sure he is flirting with angels right now. I love you Gerry. I hope to see you again in heaven. Love, Susan*



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**Susan Ball** - November 04, 2017 at 10:29 AM