



Jerome Joseph Catalina

February 25, 1936 - December 15, 2018

Jerome J. Catalina, age 82, of Southfield, passed away December 15, 2018. Jerome was born in Detroit, MI, where he graduated from Servite High School. He later attended Wayne State University, where he was on the Track and Field Team. Jerome then enjoyed a long career in education, working in both the Detroit and Berkley School Districts. He also coached football, track, basketball, and cross country for many years, including for a couple years at Royal Oak High School.

Jerome enjoyed running, coaching, and cooking. He also particularly enjoyed raising and training his Golden Retrievers. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Jerome was the beloved husband of the late Linda Renee (née Onickel). Loving father of Gina Catalina LaPorte, Michael (Vicki) Catalina, Christina (Christopher) Ramsey, and Andrea Catalina. Dear grandfather of Dominique (Jason) Catalina-Walker, Kelly (Colin) Lidster, Brianna Davis, Najah Davis, Anthony Catalina, Emma Catalina, Isabella LaPorte, Gabriella Ramsey, and Gavin Ramsey. Loving great-grandfather to Jaiden Walker, Mia Walker, Brandon Dorsey, Nova Walker, and Bentley Dorsey. Also survived by Nancy Catalina (née Flaviani), mother of Gina, Michael, and Christina.

Visitation will take place on Thursday, December 20, from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. at

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Royal Oak (4 blocks east of Woodward). Funeral Mass will take place Friday, December 21 at 10:00 a.m. (in state 9:30 a.m.) at National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, 1200 Twelve Mile Rd., Royal Oak.

Memorial contributions can be directed to Beaumont Hospice (<<https://foundation.beaumont.org>>).

Please share a memory on the Tribute Wall at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. 10 Mile Road
10 Mile Road @ Beech Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **20**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

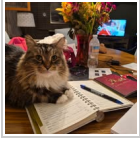
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Funeral Mass

DEC **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. I knew him during his dog training days...he was such a help, always smiling and so full of encouragement. Jerry, I know you and your fuzzy goldens are having a grand reunion ♡♡

LeeAnn Witherspoon - February 22, 2019 at 10:01 PM

JB

“ I met Jerry in his dog training years, he was always a joy to be around and very supportive and enthusiastic. He will be missed but never forgotten.

John Brubaker - January 30, 2019 at 05:15 PM

JH

“ I really enjoyed teaching classes at our all volunteer dog training school with Jerry. My dogs loved his enthusiastic support. We made an excellent team and had many laughs over the years. We made an unconventional team. I will miss him very much. My heart goes out to his family and friends. Jim Hansen

James L. Hansen - January 07, 2019 at 08:02 AM

AS

“ Aleksandra Sporysz purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jerome Joseph Catalina.



Aleksandra Sporysz - December 20, 2018 at 08:24 AM



“ Rest in peace, Uncle Jerry. Your brothers, Tim and Richard, and sister, Marilyn, are there to greet you. You were my Dad's best man in his wedding. I know he will welcome you with loving arms.

One of my earliest memories of you was in the mid 1960s. You were coaching a high school basketball team that had reached the Detroit city finals. Dad took me to some arena downtown in not the safest neighborhood to see the game. Your team lost to a powerful city rival. When the other team celebrated on the floor holding the trophy high above their heads, I felt really bad for you. On the ride home, thinking what a 5-year old might think, I told my Dad that we should buy you a gift to make you feel better. He got a good chuckle - knowing, of course, that you would be just fine - and told me that he would let you know. Funny, I don't think I have remembered that memory until now.

You were a great man. The Catalina's in New Jersey send you are love and prayers.

Richard Catalina - December 20, 2018 at 07:09 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jerome Joseph Catalina.



December 19, 2018 at 03:55 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Jerome Joseph Catalina.*



December 18, 2018 at 10:27 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jerome Joseph Catalina.*



December 18, 2018 at 07:04 PM



“ *Annie/Conrad/Art Proximo Spirits purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jerome Joseph Catalina.*



Annie/Conrad/Art Proximo Spirits - December 18, 2018 at 01:15 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to your family on the loss of your father Bill and Elaine*

Elaine Ericso - December 18, 2018 at 10:08 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Jerome Joseph Catalina.*



December 18, 2018 at 07:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerome Joseph Catalina.*



December 17, 2018 at 08:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerome Joseph Catalina.*



December 17, 2018 at 01:13 PM



“ *I enjoyed working with Jerry at Berkley High. He was a very good teacher and great person.*

Barry Lepler - December 17, 2018 at 07:23 AM

KZ

“ *Condolences to all the family and friends of Jerry. I enjoyed working with him in the Berkley System. Good coach and excellent person. May God Bless!*

Kenyon Zryd - December 17, 2018 at 12:06 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerome Joseph Catalina.*



December 16, 2018 at 09:42 PM

SF

“ *Mr C was an amazing person it was a true pleasure to have known him
You will truly be missed
Prayers to Christine and her family
Prayers and love
Shannon Fox (Lawrence)*

shannon Fox - December 16, 2018 at 09:30 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jerome Joseph Catalina.*



December 16, 2018 at 06:10 PM



“ Jerry was my HC my senior year at Berkley High, 72-73. I was fortunate to continue my time after graduation and become his friend. My prayers go out to his family and friends, he was a great guy!

Roy Rose - December 16, 2018 at 06:06 PM

LH

"Jerry was a great person and coach. I enjoyed knowing Jerry while teaching at Berkley,"
Lynn Holley

Lynn Holley - December 17, 2018 at 08:02 AM

AD

I am saddened to hear of Coach Catalina's passing. His inspiration and motivation allowed me to have the life I have today. Not allowing me to quit high school football as he saw a bigger picture for me was a blessing. I am thankful for the years of sports and life coaching he gave to me and my teammates.
Alan Davis, BHS class of 1976

alan davis - June 17, 2020 at 07:36 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerome Joseph Catalina.



December 16, 2018 at 05:39 PM