



Gerald D. Dafoe

August 15, 1942 - June 7, 2019

Gerald "Jerry" D. Dafoe, Sr., 76, of Traverse City passed away on Friday, June 7, 2019 at his home. Jerry was born on August 15, 1942 in Traverse City to the late Herman and Johanna (Morio) Dafoe. He married the love of his life Kathryn "Kay" Lewis on August 15, 1974 in Traverse City. Jerry had a passion for cars. He was a great driver and loved to drag race. His love for cars led him to a career in the automotive field. Jerry had been employed with several area dealerships including, Waples, Traverse Motors and Bill Marsh. He worked in all aspects at the dealerships but his favorite was detailing and prepping the cars for the showroom, the lot and most importantly new owners. Jerry was a soldier in The Salvation Army, he was very proud to be the Welcome Sergeant for the Traverse City Salvation Army. He was a true people person, he had a great sense of humor and loved to talk with people. He was a man of integrity and would end most conversation with "God bless you." Among his other interests, he enjoyed riding his motorcycle, boating and snowmobiling. Above all spending time with his family was his greatest joy.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife of 44, Kathryn, two sons and daughter; Jerry D. Dafoe, Jr., Gary Dafoe and Sarah (Paul) Johnson. Also surviving are grandchildren; Darius, Aubrie and Caiden Johnson.

A memorial service honoring Gerald will take place at 1:00 p.m. with visitation starting at 12:00 p.m., on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at The Salvation Army, 1239 Barlow St, Traverse City, MI 49686, Major Dawn Russell will officiate.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a memorial donation to The Salvation Army, 1239 Barlow St, Traverse City, MI 49686.

Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with Gerald's family at his tribute page at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Events

JUN 15 **Visitation** 12:00PM

Salvation Army
1239 Barlow, Traverse City, MI, US, 49686

JUN 15 **Memorial Service** 01:00PM

The Salvation Army
1239 Barlow St., Traverse City, MI, US, 49686

Comments



“ I always enjoyed visiting with Jerry when my brother in law Bruce Wooters and I would stop in Ward Eatons when he sold cars for them.He was a great salesman and a man of integrity. Rest in peace Jerry.

Frank B Tithof - June 12 at 07:55 PM



“ Kay and family,

My deepest sympathy and prayers!

Thinking of you,
Betty



Betty Borough - June 12 at 01:27 PM



“ The employees from Randy's Diner purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Gerald D. Dafoe.



The employees from Randy's Diner - June 12 at 12:22 PM



“ Where do I start with the memories? Being a friend and also you pastor was a privilege and an honor. God blessed my life because you were in it. My dear sister Kay, you are in our prayers. We love you. May you walk in the strength of the Holy Spirit, guided by His wisdom and resting in His Peace.

Bruce Jennings - June 11 at 09:57 PM



“ Always had a smile when he was greeting people at the salvation army corps.....i appreciated his tender heart when the Lord's spirit would get a hold of him and just thank him for all he had done for him and how he would extend that to others and wasn't afraid to share it either.....he will be missed but He can now be the welcome sergeant in heaven greeting people as they come through.....

Darren Schlegel - June 11 at 09:17 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you on the loss of your dad, husband and grandfather.

ilah Honson - June 11 at 02:00 PM



“ He was loving caring and He always gave the best hugs.
They broke the mold (so to speak) when God give him to my sis Kay. So proud of to call him my brother in law.
You're forever in ours hearts.

Cynthia Lewis - June 12 at 06:37 AM



“ A great guy, every time you got to see him he had a smile on his face. And he truly loved the Lord.



Timothy Stephenson - June 11 at 07:59 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald D. Dafoe.



June 10 at 06:48 PM



“ Darrell & Neta lit a candle in memory of Gerald D. Dafoe



Darrell & Neta - June 10 at 01:32 PM



“ Duffy was a good friend when I was young. He always had a positive attitude when I would see him occasionally through the years. He will be missed. If there are fast cars in heaven, Jerry will be drag racing to his hearts content.

Deane Beardsley - June 09 at 04:46 PM