



## Gerald John Gorski

February 20, 1943 - August 8, 2021

Gerald John Gorski, of Summit, Illinois passed away Sunday, August 8, 2021.

He was born in Chicago, IL and was raised at 25th & California where he attended St. Roman's Catholic Church and then St. Rita High School.

Jerry proudly served in the US Navy as a Machinist Mate 2nd class on board the USS Bache DDE-470 during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He loved telling "sea stories" and was proud of being a Tin Can Sailor.

After completing his military service, Jerry met Phyllis Dappen. They married during the great blizzard, February 4, 1967. Their married life of 54 years has been full and abundant. Jerry made his living as a commercial heating and refrigeration engineer and was a proud member of Pipefitters Local 597.

When being in the city of Chicago with his children, he would always show them with immense pride all the buildings he worked on thru his career.

Jerry and Phyllis settled in Summit in 1972 where they still reside today. Jerry spent many years contributing to the local community by serving several years for the Summit Volunteer Fire Department and coaching baseball in ASBB. He was very proud of his greatest contribution by serving on the School Board of District 104 for over 20 years. It was the School Board where he utilized his business ethics to advocate for the students of the district. He led several contract negotiations where was known for his integrity and his focus on improving the education of the students.

Helping people was one of his greatest qualities. An encyclopedia of knowledge, he was always called upon for a faulty air conditioner or furnace,

plumbing, life advice etc. No matter the problem, he had an answer.

Family was his heart as Jerry spent his lifetime educating his children and grandchildren on topics like gardening, fishing, and cooking. He was an avid reader of history and thoroughly enjoyed traveling with his wife. He and Phyllis attended hundreds of baseball, basketball, hockey, volleyball, football and other games. They rarely missed a concert, play or recital.

Gerald is preceded in death by his parents John and Angeline (Cygol) Gorski. Jerry is survived by his wife of 54 years, Phyllis (Dappen), their three children, Jackie, Andrew (Paula), and Brian (Andrea). A proud, funny and most loving grandpa, his pride and joy are seven grandchildren Emily, John, Andrew, Elizabeth, Joseph, Brian and Olivia. Jerry is survived by his sister Judy Gorski (Fred Meyer), their daughters Sarah (Aaron) and Rachel, his brother in law Ed Dappen, and Ed's children David (Veronica) Dappen and Phyllis (Steven) Suntrup and sons Steven and Thomas.

Visitation on Thursday, August 12, 2021 from 4 PM to 8 PM at Foran Funeral Home, 7300 W. Archer Ave. (55th street just west of Harlem). Visitation of Friday from 8:30 AM until time of Prayers at 9:30 AM at the funeral home. We will go in procession from the funeral home to St. Joseph Church for a 10 AM Mass. Cremation Private. Please send your thoughts and condolences to Gerald's family on his personal tribute website at [www.foranfuneralhome.com](http://www.foranfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 12. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Foran Funeral Home - Summit  
7300 West Archer Ave  
Summit, IL 60501  
(708) 458-0208  
[contactus@foranfuneralhome.com](mailto:contactus@foranfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.foranfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

AUG 13. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

Foran Funeral Home - Summit  
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## Prayers

AUG 13. 9:30 AM (CT)

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## Mass

AUG **13**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
7240 W 57th St  
Summit, IL 60501-1324  
(708) 458-0501

# Tribute Wall



“ Foran Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald John Gorski



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**Foran Funeral Home** - August 11, 2021 at 02:09 PM

JD

“ I never met him, but I have gotten to know his daughter, Jackie. A great Daughter is Tribute to a great Father. He will live on through his family's Memories. May he Rest In Peace.

*Joan Portas Donnaway*

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**Joan Donnaway** - August 11, 2021 at 11:05 PM

SQ

“ My deepest sympathies to all. Jerry was such an awesome guy. So enjoyed working with him. He always made me smile. My prayers are with the whole family.

*Susan Quigley*

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**Susan Quigley** - August 11, 2021 at 10:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald John Gorski.* ”



August 11, 2021 at 08:13 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald John Gorski.* ”



August 11, 2021 at 02:48 PM



“ *71 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



**Foran Funeral Home** - August 11, 2021 at 02:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald John Gorski.*



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August 11, 2021 at 12:22 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald John Gorski.*



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August 11, 2021 at 09:24 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald John Gorski.*



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August 11, 2021 at 01:43 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald John Gorski.*



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August 11, 2021 at 01:29 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald John Gorski.*



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August 10, 2021 at 11:17 PM

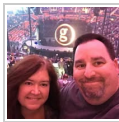


“ *We send our deepest sympathy for the loss of your beloved Husband, Dad, and Brother. We have known the family for many years, and share in your loss. I was a classmate of Jerry at St. Roman's grade school, and my cousin, Diana, is best friends with Jerry's sister Judy. My husband and I always enjoyed hearing all the updated news in the Gorski family from Judy and her husband, Fred. Our sons have also maintained a close friendship with Fred and Jerry's son, Andy. Hope you will always be comforted by warm memories. We are with you in spirit during this sad time.*

*Love,  
Dan and Pam Sherman  
Quincy, IL*

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**Dan & Pam Sherman** - August 10, 2021 at 05:42 PM



*Thank you very much!*

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**Andrew Gorski** - August 12, 2021 at 09:24 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald John Gorski.*



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August 10, 2021 at 04:41 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Gerald John Gorski.



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August 10, 2021 at 03:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Gerald John Gorski.



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August 10, 2021 at 03:46 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Gerald John Gorski.



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August 10, 2021 at 12:57 PM

DB

“ Dear Auntie Phyllis & family,  
I'm so sorry to hear of Uncle Jerry passing. Auntie Cookie let me know last night. We are living in Florida now, so unable to attend wake. Please accept our sympathy & prayers. Always remember him laughing.

Love,

Denise & Gary Briden

(Skip & Dorothy Kozlowski's daughter)

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Denise Briden - August 10, 2021 at 12:52 PM