



Gerald "Jerry" Alan Penzien

January 19, 1956 - July 24, 2019

Gerald (Jerry) Alan Penzien passed from this life to his eternal home on Wednesday, July 24, 2019. The youngest of the three boys born to Arthur and Irma (Ries) Penzien on January 19, 1956, Jerry grew up, lived a full life, and passed on in Macomb County, Michigan. He was a lifelong member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Macomb where he attended grade school, graduating from Eisenhower High School in 1973. He married the girl who would adore him for the rest of his life, Shelly Lammens (Dowe) in May of 1978. He made all her dreams come true. They were blessed with two children (Emily and Paul), who would honor their father with their love and devotion, providing him comfort and care during a very difficult and extended illness. Together with his brother and partner, Jerry owned Cracklwood Golf Club in Macomb County. He was loved and cherished by his employee's and customers. Many became lifelong friends. Though not a boastful man, Jerry was proud to have a community minded, respectful and thriving business. An avid golfer who made the game fun for his entire four-some, it is fitting that Jerry passed on to his eternal life on a Wednesday as that was his golf day. There is no doubt that the game of golf just became more fun for those in Heaven. Jerry is survived by so many who loved him dearly. His faithful wife Shelly, his adored daughter Emily (Chris) Poley, his devoted son Paul, two beautiful grandchildren; Brynley and Joseph, brother Tom (April) Penzien, sister in law Diane (Herb) Penzien. He was predeceased by his parents and brother Herb. There are many more cherished friends, too numerous to list,

who he loved like family. The family would like to acknowledge those who helped care for Jerry during his extended illness; Season's Hospice, Lynn White, Tracy Kowalski, Michael Benner, Julie Standlick. Together with his family they loved him through this difficult time. Visitation Sun. 1-8 pm at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons Inc.(Shelby Twp.) 54880 Van Dyke @ 25 Mile Rd. Instate Mon. 10:00 am until 11:00 am time of Funeral Service at St. Peter Lutheran Church (Macomb) 17051 24 Mile Rd. @ Romeo Plank. Interment St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery. Memorials to St. Peter Lutheran Church (Macomb) appreciated. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" @ WujekCalcaterra.com

Tribute Wall

MI

“ *"Our deepest sympathies. Cathy and Mary Jo Imbronone"*

Mary Jo Imbronone - July 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *"Having graduated from Ike with Jerry, it was always a pleasure to return to Michigan and get together with my high school buddies for a round of golf and several rounds at the 19 hole at Cracklewood. Jerry always made the get together more enjoyable when he would join us with his warm smile, and friendly conversation. Our deepest sorrow, condolences and warmest regards go out to his entire family, he will be missed, but thought of fondly."*

Mark Lally - July 28, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *"Shelly and family - you must know that Jerry brought so much happiness through his smile alone. There seemed to be no strangers to him, but rather friends he hadn't met yet. An incredible man! Prayers for all of you at this difficult time. RIP Jerry and enjoy heaven's golf course."*

Jill Livingston - July 27, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BZ

“ *"May God's richest blessings and His amazing peace be with you all. Our prayers are with you."*

Byron and Donna Zuehlk - July 27, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JS

“We are saddened by your loss. Jerry was a great man, quick with a smile and a true gentleman. He will be missed.

Sending love and prayers

Mary Ann, Mary Jo and JoAnna

Kit Kat”

JoAnna Strizic - July 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KM

“Jerry was the kindest sweetest man I ever knew...he always greeted me with a big smile and was always so kind to the boys on the golf team! He was so proud of the LHN teams playing at Cracklewood. Heaven has gained an angel of a man. Shelly and Emily and Paul ... HE has left you all with a legacy of love and kindness ...he truly embodied what Christ taught about in the Fruits of the Spirit ...this is whole you ALL are...God Bless You”

Ken and Tracy Mick - July 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DK

“My condolences to the Penzien family. I've known Jerry since junior high. I can't think of a nicer friendlier person. He will truly be missed. My prayers to the Penzien family.”

Dave Kmita - July 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AB

“I knew Shelly from when I taught head Start in New Haven many years ago. Shelly, I am sorry for your loss. I remember how you were such a sweet and kind person and how much you loved your husband. May he rest in peace.”

Ann Brody - July 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DS

“Shelly, Greg and I are so saddened by this news but don't know how difficult these past years must have been for all of you. What a great selfless amazing man Jerry was! He will be missed.”

Diana and Greg Schneider - July 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KE

“The Penzien family is woven so deeply into my happy childhood memories. The hours spent at each other's houses; adults sitting together talking and laughing and all of us kids running around playing, pretending, dancing, having the time of our lives. Now as a mother I truly realize how special those times were. Mr. and Mrs. Penzien were always so welcoming, and truly joyful. I'm so sad he's gone, but he really did leave behind a great legacy of generosity and kindness. Mrs. Penzien, Emily and Paul, sending love and prayers for you during this time.”

Kelly - July 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CS

“When we lose someone we love we must learn not to live without them, but to live with the love they left behind....everyone that has met Jerry has a wonderful story...this was the kind of man he was. I feel very fortunate to have known such a happy, loving, and kind man. God's blessings to Shelly and her incredible family. You have all done so much to show your love to Jerry.”

Cindie Szarek - July 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KS

“Jerry was very special Christian man that live by example. I always felt special in his presence. Prayers for family and friends. His legacy will live on in all family members.”

Kim Streeter - July 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM