



Gerald M. "Jerry" Ponfil

August 16, 1946 - May 18, 2019

Gerald M. "Jerry" Ponfil, age 72 of Shawano, passed away on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at ThedaCare Medical Center-Appleton, with his family by his side.

Jerry was born on August 16, 1946 in Keshena to John and Florence (Miller) Ponfil. He graduated from Shawano High School. Following high school, Jerry took over the Ponfil family business. The Ponfil's Grocery Store had been owned by Jerry's parents for ten years prior to Jerry taking over. Jerry would go on to own and operate the store for the next 30 years until turning it over to his oldest daughter, Becky, and her husband, Roland. They have continued running the store for the past 20 years. Ponfil's Grocery Store has been a part of the family for over 60 years.

After turning the business over to his daughter, Jerry went on to own and operate his own gravel transportation company. Throughout the years, Jerry was proud that he built two beautiful log homes in Gresham. When he was able to find free time between being at the store, trucking, or building homes, he enjoyed relaxing and eating a home cooked meal. He also loved spending time with his family, no matter the occasion.

Left to remember him are his daughters, Becky (Roland) Smart of Neopit, Rose (Chris Shields) Ponfil of Neopit, and LuAnn (Craig) Richmond of Keshena; six grandchildren, Ivey Rose, Jake, and Story Ponfil, and Keenan, Vance, and Evan Richmond; two great-grandchildren, Kendall Richmond and Amayih Ponfil; and his brothers, Johnny Ponfil of Appleton, and Joe (Roxy) Ponfil of Keshena. He is further survived by his lifelong friend, Mazie; his best friend, Christopher Shields; special nephew, Jacob Peterman, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends. He was preceded in death by his son, Steven Ponfil; his grandson, Kyle Richmond; his parents; his brothers, Mike and Roger Ponfil; and his sister, Marie Bowman.

In keeping with Jerry's wishes, a private family service will be held.

Comments



“ To Becky and Rose, my sincerest condolences. He was an awesome person. Every time be and Berta would go in to the store he knew just what we would always get :) My thoughts and prayers are for you.



Muriel Fish - May 28 at 11:18 AM



“ Thanks for the great stories and laughs Jerry, and thank you for being such a kind and caring uncle to Jake, Courtney , Jason ,Jazmyn,and JerriAnn . RIP

Sue Miller - May 24 at 06:59 AM



“ Becky & all the family I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. Prayers to all his loved ones



Terribucks Webster - May 23 at 10:53 PM



“ Jerry, you will be missed. Prayers for the Ponfil family.



GayLynn B - May 22 at 05:49 PM



“ To Becky, Rose n LuAnn ...John n Joe... my deepest sympathies to you all ! Many good memories of Jerry! He'd say... here she comes, after he'd get my paper, he'd say ...yup give her her paper, her smoke n her coke n she's okay then proceed to tell me one of his silly jokes!!! I'd need to laugh, not cause it was so funny,, but they were so corny!!! He'll be missed by many!!! RIP Jerry!

romaine - May 22 at 11:47 AM



“ So sorry to learn of his passing. He'd always talk my ear off whenever I'd see him out and about. Journey well on Eagle's Wings my friend. RIP Jerry.



Margaret Caldwell - May 22 at 10:19 AM



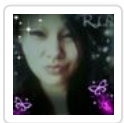
“ Sorry for your loss, Jerry always had a smile and friendly hello. May he Rest In Peace.

Gwen Awonohopay - May 22 at 07:43 AM



“ Sending prayers for all. Sorry for your loss. Rest in Peace Mr. Ponfil.

sonny boyd - May 22 at 07:07 AM



“ So sad to hear of his passing! Always treated us with respect. I kin still hear him say HEY Madosh! RIP Jerry! My Deepest sympathies to his family!

Melody Summers - May 22 at 04:19 AM



“ Sending prayers for all. Sorry for your loss. Rest in Peace Mr. Ponfil.



Geradette Richmond - May 21 at 11:52 PM



“ My condolences to the Ponfil family. Thoughts and prayers to all.



Lori Wescott - May 21 at 09:57 PM



“ Sympathy and Condolences to the Ponfil family. Rest in Peace Jerry!

Jim Kaquatosh family - May 21 at 07:38 PM



“ Prayers to all. Jerry was an amazing man and he will be missed dearly. Especially his jokes.. we love you uncle Jerry! Love courtney, Jacob, jazmyn, Jason and JerriAnn.



Courtney - May 21 at 11:13 AM



“ Davey Boyd lit a candle in memory of Gerald M. "Jerry" Ponfil



Davey Boyd - May 21 at 09:34 AM



“ May the light of Jesus shine upon Jerry forever. What a special person and will be truly missed by all.
Tim & Kathy Lohmiller



Tim & Kathy Lohmiller - May 20 at 09:38 PM



“ Christine Peterman lit a candle in memory of Gerald M. "Jerry" Ponfil



Christine Peterman - May 20 at 08:09 PM



“ A gentle soul, he is an amazing man!

Christine - May 20 at 08:12 PM



“ Kat Pamonicutt lit a candle in memory of Gerald M. "Jerry" Ponfil



Kat Pamonicutt - May 20 at 06:19 PM



“ Carol Wescott lit a candle in memory of Gerald M. "Jerry" Ponfil



Carol Wescott - May 20 at 06:00 PM



“ Sharae Dawn lit a candle in memory of Gerald M. "Jerry" Ponfil



sharae dawn - May 20 at 04:24 PM