



Gerald L. "Jerry" Grinkey

July 27, 1929 - November 21, 2020

Gerald Leroy Grinkey "Jerry" of Murrayville died on Saturday November 21, 2020. He was an amazing 91 years young.

Jerry was born on July 27, 1929 in Palmyra, Illinois. He was the son of the late Lester and Flossie Grinkey. Also preceded in death was his sister Wanda Wilson of Georgia.

Jerry enlisted into the United States Army and was an Infantryman from 1951 to 1953. Jerry fought in the Korean War in the First Company, 224th Infantry Regiment and was awarded the Korean Service Medal with 3 bronze Camp Stars, the United Nations Service Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge with 1 Overseas Service Bar. Jerry celebrated a trip to Washington D.C. on a Honor Flight in 2017. Jerry was a lifelong member of American Legion, Oddfellows and was a FreeMason.

Jerry married Marie, the love of his life, in 1966, who survives him. Jerry is also survived by sons Jerry Grinkey (Pat) of Texas, Tim Grinkey of Jacksonville, and daughter Michelle Stults (Sean) of Williamsville.

Also surviving are Jerry's brothers Donnie Grinkey of Jacksonville and Delmar Grinkey (Diana) of Murrayville, as well as his favorite cousin Beverly Grinkey of Alton, IL.

Grandchildren to Jerry are Melissa Marsh (Jim) of Greenfield, Korey Grinke (Kayla) of Greenfield, Marc Brogdon and Ashely Brogdon of Jacksonville, Keegan Stults, Noah Stults (Gwen), Max Stults and Ella Stults of Williamsville. Jerry was also blessed with several great grandchildren.

In 1972, Jerry and Marie founded Jerry and Marie's Cafe in Murrayville. He was famous for the Friday Night Fish Frys and people still talk about them today.

After retiring from the restaurant business, Jerry decided that it wasn't quite time to retire. He decided to start cooking at the Morgan County Jail where he worked another 18 years. After retiring for the second time Jerry and wife Marie spent time with family and friends and allowed others to cook for him.

A graveside service will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020, at the Murrayville City Cemetery. Daws Family Funeral Home in Jacksonville is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Murrayville City Cemetery

Murrayville, IL 62668

Previous Events

Graveside Service

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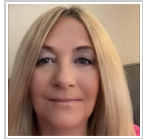
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Tribute Wall



“ Gerald L. "Jerry" Grinkey

January 28, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ So very sorry to hear the news of Jerry's passing and that I am unable to to the service. I know my mom would have loved to her of her "favorite cousin" status. Prayers to the whole family.
Gayle Clymer (Bev's daughter)

Gayle Clymer - November 26, 2020 at 08:34 AM



“ Our sympathy to Gerald's family. May God bless you all.

Joe and Judy Lovelace
Palmyra

Joe and Judy - November 25, 2020 at 04:05 PM



“ ■ Our deepest sympathies to you and your family.
Rick and Rosemary Peterson



Richard M and Rosemary Peterson - November 25, 2020 at 08:00 AM

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“ To the Grinke Family,
The Family of the Morgan County Sheriff's Office would like to express our deepest sympathy to Marie and family. Some days at the County we all talk about memories of Jerry and share a lot of smiles. God Bless to you all.

Susie - November 24, 2020 at 12:46 PM

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“ My heart truly goes out to all of you. I worked with Jerry at the Sheriff's office and have so many fond memories of him. It was a blessing to know him. Prayers to you all

Danette Scott - November 24, 2020 at 11:54 AM

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“ As a farmer in the area in the 70s,80s and 90s, we enjoyed lunches at Jerry and Marie's. There was nothing better than their Home-cooked meals. Now time to cook some of those for everyone in Heaven. Prayers and Condolences to the family. Blessings.

Eddie Johnson Family - November 24, 2020 at 10:19 AM

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“ Best chicken fried steak I ever ate

Steve Tankersley - November 24, 2020 at 07:55 AM