



Gerald Curtis

November 10, 1939 - December 12, 2019

Gerald "Jerry" Curtis, 80, of Merriam, Kansas, passed away peacefully at home on December 12, 2019.

Gerald was born on November 10, 1939, in Kansas City, Missouri, to Patrick and Catherine (McCaffrey) Curtis. He graduated from St. Joseph High School before enlisting in the Navy where he served on the USS Ranger from 1957-1961. During his time as a sailor, he traveled throughout the Pacific and South America as a mechanic for the fighting squadron. After his service, he moved to San Francisco where he was a bus driver during the '60s, which garnered future tales to entertain his family with. Later, he used his mechanical knowledge from the Navy to become a factory machine operator where he spent the remainder of his career. He returned to Kansas during retirement to be closer to family.

Jerry was a loving father, grandfather, and brother. He was known for telling stories full of character that highlighted his sense of humor, which people grew to love him for. He gave big hugs and always offered a listening ear. He had many hobbies, including restoring radios as the "Old Radio Fixer-Upper Guy." He enjoyed collecting and gifting coins to loved ones, with the promise that they could not cash them in until retirement.

He is survived by his daughters Debra Bunce, Tracey Curtis, and Barbara Curtis; grandchildren Aaron Bunce, Dylan Bunce, Marissa Curtis, and Tyler Martin; siblings Catherine Curtis, Mary Ann Curtis, Paul (Sharon) Curtis and Jack (Sylvia) Curtis; and a niece Katy Curtis.

A visitation will be held from 9:30-10:30 with a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:30 A.M. Thursday, December 26, 2019 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church (2646 South 34th St. Kansas City, KS 66106) with burial to follow at Leavenworth National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to the the Veterans Administration.

<https://www.volunteer.va.gov/apps/VolunteerNow>

Cemetery

Events

Leavenworth National Cemetery

150 Muncie Road

Leavenworth, KS, 66048

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Visitation

09:30AM - 10:30AM

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

2646 S. 34th St., Kansas City, KS, US, 66106

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Mass of Christian Burial

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Burial

12:30PM

Leavenworth National Cemetery

150 Muncie Road, Leavenworth, KS, US, 66048

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - December 24, 2019 at 10:32 AM



“ Jerry was my father in law for a big part of my life. I loved him like he was my dad!! We did alot together. I will miss you.

Jeff bunce - December 29, 2019 at 07:03 PM



“ Missing you Dad. Missing Deb. Too much loss to bear. Love you both

Tra - June 15, 2020 at 12:56 PM



“ Remember when we watched Shameless together at Deb's house? It was uncomfortable (haha) but a precious memory.

Tra - July 29, 2020 at 10:25 PM



“ Dad. You're in my heart on my mind every day. I wonder how you'd feel. I find myself asking, what would Dad do? Miss you <3

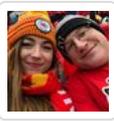
Tra - September 18, 2020 at 08:08 AM



“ Shirley Parsons sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerald Curtis



Shirley Parsons - April 12 at 01:04 PM



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Barbara Curtis - March 26 at 08:26 PM



“ Shirley Parsons lit a candle in memory of Gerald Curtis



Shirley Parsons - January 01 at 12:21 PM



“ I am thankful for all the great memories we shared. I think of you every day. I will never forget you. You are loved and missed. 12 lunar months have passed and I look up in the sky and remember the great times that we had. I MISS your voice and your laugh. I am thankful that you had such a wonderful family and that you are at peace now with Deb. I love you.

Shirley Parsons - November 26, 2020 at 12:46 AM



“ Happy birthday, dad! I wish we could have celebrated your 80th. We all miss you so much! 11.10



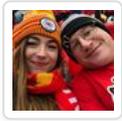
Barbara Curtis - November 08, 2020 at 01:31 PM



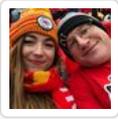
“ November 10th is a Special day. A VERY SPECIAL MAN was born 81 years ago. HAPPY BIRTHDAY JERRY. You left us December 12th, a year ago. Your body may be gone, but your spirit lives on. You will never be forgotten. I love you so much.



Shirley Parsons - November 02, 2020 at 05:28 AM



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Barbara - November 05, 2020 at 08:55 PM



“ Thinking of you, Dad

Barbara Curtis - August 02, 2020 at 07:18 PM



“ I miss my Jerry Berry Bumkins so much. I think about you all day long and every memory is a treasure. You left us too soon. I love you so much.

Shirley Parsons - July 31, 2020 at 11:02 AM



“ Tra Cur lit a candle in memory of Gerald Curtis



Tra Cur - July 20, 2020 at 01:33 AM



“ Happy Father’s Day, dad. We all miss you so much still. My card would likely have been late as usual - no surprise there, ha. I love you.

Barbara Curtis - June 20, 2020 at 09:15 PM

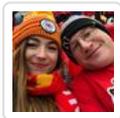


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Tra - July 29, 2020 at 10:29 PM



“ I still do not fully understand the enormous loss of you, Dad. Every day I find myself struggling in a new way. How do I go on with this pain in the heart? Both you & Mom are gone, forever. It’s a lonely, scary place and I don’t see it ending. No matter what I’m doing or how my day is going, there is a heavy weight on my heart. I hope you know how much you are missed and how much you are loved. xo, Tratz

Tra Cur - April 09, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ An everlasting wound.
Barbara - April 11, 2020 at 07:10 PM



“ 3 months have passed and it feels like a lifetime. I’m so sad you're gone. Everything is different now. I miss you Dad ❤️

Tra Cur - March 10, 2020 at 08:23 PM



“ I miss him too. I will never forget him. Memories may make me smile, but my heart will ache forever. Tracey, just remember how much he loved you and smile when you feel sad. His daughters were the love of his life.

Shirley - March 11, 2020 at 01:02 PM



“ Remembering JERRY

I miss your voice, your touch, your laugh, your humor, your warmth, your quick wit and everything about you. I love you so much. I will never forget you. I think about you all the time. I will cherish our memories, my "Jerry Berry Bumkins". You are SPECIAL!!! I miss you.



Shirley - March 01, 2020 at 06:32 AM



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Tra - March 01, 2020 at 07:13 PM



“ I remember the little note card trails we would leave each other when I was a little girl. You worked the night shift so before I went to bed, I left note cards for you to follow with an “I love you” at the end of the trail. When I woke up, I’d have my own trail to follow where you left me a sweet message and your famous doodle portrait of yourself, mustache and all. Miss you, dad.

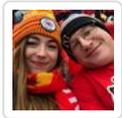
Barbara Curtis - February 19, 2020 at 07:57 PM



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Barbara, I am so happy that you have wonderful memories of your Dad. He loved You Tracey and Deb so much. He always mentioned your names in our conversations. He had so much LOVE in his heart. We all will remember him dearly and forever miss him. I will. Great memories last forever.

Shirley - February 22, 2020 at 10:42 AM



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Thank you, Shirley My sisters and I are lucky to have many cherished memories of my dad. Thank you for being such a great partner to him for so many years.

Barbara - February 22, 2020 at 08:02 PM



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Tra - March 01, 2020 at 07:14 PM



“ "Jerry" you are in my thoughts today and every day. You are an AMAZING man. You will be forever missed. YOU ARE LOVED.



Shirley - February 11, 2020 at 06:51 AM



“ KIND, THOUGHTFUL and LOVING. Jerry exceeded ALL expectations of what a MAN should be.♡

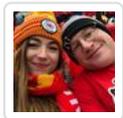
Shirley - February 11, 2020 at 11:01 AM



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Tra Cur - February 07, 2020 at 10:22 AM



“ Hugs sister

Barbara - February 08, 2020 at 07:04 PM



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Tra - February 10, 2020 at 08:57 PM



“ Memories will stay with us forever. Forever missed.

Shirley - February 11, 2020 at 06:58 AM



“ I miss my dad.



Tra Cur - January 14, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ I do too :(

Barbara Curtis - January 16, 2020 at 08:57 AM



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Tra - January 17, 2020 at 06:30 AM



“ Words seem inadequate to express the sorrow felt by the loss of your Dad. My heart is with you. Someone as Special as Jerry will never be forgotten. He will remain in our hearts forever. We will always cherish the beautiful memories he gave us. May you find comfort in knowing how much he loved his girls and family.

With love and remembrance,

Shirley

Shirley - January 18, 2020 at 08:06 AM



“ Thank you so much Shirley

Barbara Curtis - January 20, 2020 at 07:14 PM



“ Thank you Shirley

Tra - January 26, 2020 at 01:42 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Shirley Parsons - December 30, 2019 at 09:18 PM



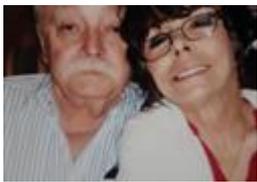
“ Gone, yet not forgotten,
Although we are apart,
Your spirit lives within me,
FOREVER in my heart.

I love you, my "Jerry Berry Bumkins".

Shirley Parsons - December 31, 2019 at 09:57 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Shirley Parsons - December 30, 2019 at 09:16 PM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Barbara Curtis - December 28, 2019 at 04:21 PM



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tracey curtis - December 31, 2019 at 07:53 AM



“ Jerry was and forever will be my sweetheart. We shared our thoughts and so many wonderful, exciting, funny, loving, adventurous memories for 11 years. He was a kind, loving, caring, thoughtful man, always talking about his daughters and his loving family. He was young at heart. He was amazing. He will be forever missed. I loved Jerry with all my heart.
I miss you my, “Jerry Berry, Bumkins”.

Forever loved, forever missed. You will live in our hearts forever. Our hearts will ache in sadness and secret tears will flow
What it meant to lose you,
No one will ever know

Love,
Shirley Parsons

Shirley Parsons - December 25, 2019 at 05:22 PM



“ Hi Shirley. It was nice to finally meet you, although I am sad for the circumstances. Thank you for sharing a side of our Dad we did not see everyday. I'm so happy you have such loving wonderful memories of him. He WAS young at heart and I know why I am too. He left us with many gifts of love, he was a wonderful dad and grandfather. I'm grateful he had a loving, genuine and caring partner for the last years of his life. Thank you for your condolences. We are sending you lots of love and support to you during this very difficult time. Love, Tracey

tracey curtis - December 28, 2019 at 09:30 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Jack Curtis - December 25, 2019 at 10:59 AM



“ Cathy, I was so very sorry to hear from Cleve Wade about Jerry's death. I cannot begin to comprehend how tough and painful this time must be for his children, you and his other siblings. Please know that you will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. Marguerite Bastien, Belle River, Ontario, Canada (McCaffrey Cousin)

Marguerite Bastien - December 24, 2019 at 05:22 PM



“ Marguerite - Thank you for your kind note & condolences.
Tracey Curtis.

Tra - December 27, 2019 at 06:55 AM



“ 57 files added to the album LifeTributes



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - December 24, 2019 at 10:32 AM



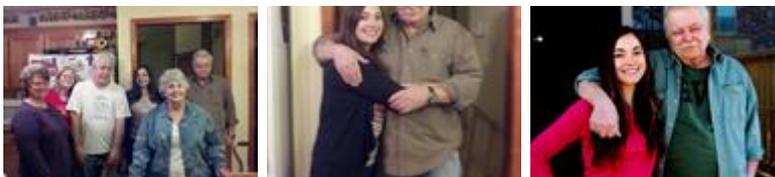
“ From Barbara's Salsa Dance Family in Pennsylvania purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gerald Curtis.



Linda Pang - December 23, 2019 at 09:02 AM



“ 20 files added to the album Memories Album



Tracey Curti - December 22, 2019 at 06:22 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



tracey curtis - December 22, 2019 at 04:58 PM



“ My prayers and sympathy to the Curtis family. Good memories of Gerald as a classmate at St. Joe high!

Tom Audley - December 22, 2019 at 01:42 PM



“ Hello Tom. Thank you for your condolences. So happy my Dad leaves behind long lasting/fond memories. Tracey Curtis

Tra - December 27, 2019 at 06:59 AM



“ I remember Jerry fondly from high school, he was lots of fun. Looks like he enjoyed life with a loving family.

Ed Reinhart - December 21, 2019 at 09:36 PM



“ Hello Ed. Thank you so much for your kind words. It was a pleasure to meet you at my Dad's service yesterday. Thank you for coming. I know he was smiling down on us all. Take care. Tracey Curtis

Tra - December 27, 2019 at 07:02 AM



“ All the Frazier's, Ben, Marilyn, Binky and Sarah purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gerald Curtis.



All the Frazier's, Ben, Marilyn, Binky and Sarah - December 20, 2019 at 08:58 PM



“ 36 files added to the album Memories Album



Tracey Curtis - December 20, 2019 at 05:49 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald Curtis.



December 20, 2019 at 12:24 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gerald Curtis.



December 20, 2019 at 12:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald Curtis.



December 19, 2019 at 12:24 PM