



Gerald Edward MacFalda

May 4, 1940 - August 2, 2020

Gerald “Jerry” “Mac” Edward MacFalda, 80, of Saline died peacefully at home on Sunday, August 2, 2020. He was born on May 4, 1940 in Posen, MI to the late Edward Andrew and Rose Mabel (Szczerowski) MacFalda and raised in nearby Rogers City. He attended St. Ignatius grade school and graduated from Rogers City High School. He volunteered for the U.S. Army and served 3 years in Germany during the Cold War. Upon his return to Michigan, he worked various jobs-- as a deckhand on the Great Lakes ships, in a drop forge factory, as a sheet metal apprentice, as a barkeeper—while he was earning his bachelor’s degree. He graduated from Central Michigan University in 1967. On August 9, 1969, he married Janet Louise Malone at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Saginaw. After he earned his M.A. from Eastern Michigan University, he began his teaching career at Wayne-Westland Community Schools. During their 51 years of marriage, “Mac” and Janet enjoyed their cottage on Hammond Bay, sailing on Lakes Erie and Huron, woodworking, crossword puzzles, reading and raising their children. He was a parishioner at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Saline. Jerry is survived by his wife Janet and their children: Anne (Ken) Mleczek of Rochester Hills; Elaine Sines of Tecumseh; Paul (Vanessa) MacFalda of San Marcos, CA; grandchildren Christopher, Maria, and Teresa Sines; Julia and Andrew Mleczek; Matthew, Samantha, and Alexandra MacFalda. He is also survived by his siblings Doris “Meme” Roeske, John (Pam) MacFalda, Joan (Owen) Karsten, and thirteen nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister

Anne Smith; brothers-in-law Daryel Smith and Ernest Roeske; nephew Duane Smith, father and mother-in-law John and Peggy Malone; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. A Mass of Christian Burial for family and close friends will take place on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. at the St. Andrew Catholic Church in Saline, MI. Fr. John Linden as Celebrant. Friends may join the family for a time of visitation at the church from 10:00 A.M. until the time of Mass at 11:00 A.M. Military Honors will be held under the auspices of the Washtenaw County Veterans Honor Guard. Please adhere to the social distancing guidelines and masks are required. Burial will take place in the St. Casimir Catholic Church Cemetery in Posen, MI, on Friday, August 7, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Gerald's name may be made to St. Andrew Catholic Church, Saline American Legion Post #322, or St. Jude Children's Hospital, Memphis, TN. Envelopes will be available at the Church. Those who wish to watch the Mass remotely may do so by visiting the main link: <https://youtu.be/kPvYHpJ3bho> With a backup link of: <https://youtu.be/FGFRpIVe3WI> To sign Mac's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Casimir Catholic Church Cemetery

10075 M-65
Posen, MI 49776
<https://stcasimir-stdominic.org/>

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
910 Austin Drive
Saline, MI 48176
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
910 Austin Drive
Saline, MI 48176
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a St. Andrew Catholic Church's Youtube Channel for Mr. MacFalda's Mass in memory of Gerald Edward MacFalda



Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services - August 03, 2020 at 05:27 PM



“ Gerald Edward MacFalda

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ Janet and family, So sorry to hear of Jerry,s passing. Glad I got to seeyou both at the Szczerowski reunion last summer. Barb [Bobbie] Koss {Aunt Jo's daughter}

Barb Koss - August 06, 2020 at 07:52 PM



“ Mr. MacFalda always had a lovely sense of humor and a welcoming home. The greatness of Jerry can be measured in the kind and good-hearted family he and Janet created together. He will be missed. -Molly Arndt

Molly Arndt - August 06, 2020 at 03:01 PM

EL

“ Janet,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Elaine and Mike Lauerman

Elaine Lauerman - August 05, 2020 at 09:58 AM

RP

“ Jerry was the “Midnight Stalker in college. He met Janet on a blind date at CMU. Margo Blanke encouraged her to go. Jerry was on a ship and was home for St. Patrick’s Day. He called the Panko’s and asked for Janet’s phone no. She went and the rest is history. Jerry was a great teacher and family man. He will be missed.

Richard & Margo Panko - August 05, 2020 at 09:10 AM

TM

“ Dear Janet, Anne, Elaine and Paul:
I am so sorry for your loss of your beloved husband and father.
For me, Jerry set an excellent example of being a father and uncle.
He was as good a friend as a brother-in-law could ask for. I have fond memories of sailing on his boat and visiting the cottage, sharing holiday meals, talking about history, and watching kids grow up. His good humor through all his later travails was amazing.
Heaven is lucky to have him.
I send Katherine’s and John’s love and condolences too.
Love,
Tom Malone

Tom Malone - August 05, 2020 at 12:46 AM

TC

“ *The Malone Families and their Children purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Gerald Edward MacFalda.*



The Malone Families and their Children - August 04, 2020 at 02:22 PM



“ *Stately Lilies was purchased for the family of Gerald Edward MacFalda.*



August 04, 2020 at 01:15 PM

SD

“ *Janet, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your husband Jerry. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of the family at this difficult time.*
Your neighbor,
The Dilks family

Sally Dilks - August 04, 2020 at 01:01 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald Edward MacFalda.*



August 04, 2020 at 08:45 AM

SM

“ *Dear Janet,
Our sympathy and prayers are with you and your family as you grieve Jerry's death. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.
Bill and Sue Mulka*

Susan M Mulka - August 03, 2020 at 10:19 PM

 Elaine Sines

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Elaine Sines - August 03, 2020 at 09:11 PM

PP

Beautiful picture of beautiful (inside and out) people.

Phil and Pat Potter - August 05, 2020 at 10:18 AM

 Elaine Sines

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Elaine Sines - August 03, 2020 at 09:08 PM

PP

Have known these 2 for the better part of our lives. They were great. Jerry was one of a kind. He always made you feel genuinely welcome. Wonderful man we are proud to have known. God bless him. May he now enjoy eternal peace.

Phil and Pat Potter - August 05, 2020 at 10:22 AM

CP

“ *Jerry you were the best Once a viking always a Viking rest in peace my friend my if life is better for having known and worked with you.*

Carol L Painter - August 03, 2020 at 02:41 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Gerald Edward MacFalda.*



August 03, 2020 at 02:29 PM

WD

“ *Our sympathies to Janet and your entire family. We will surely miss Gerry's (Mac's) smile and witty sense of humor. Always loved seeing him in our office.*

*Sincerely,
The staff at Woodland Family Dentistry*

Woodland Family Dentistry - August 03, 2020 at 01:38 PM

JM

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to you. He rests in the arms of the Lord.*

Janet Marion - August 03, 2020 at 01:01 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald Edward MacFalda.*



August 03, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Edward MacFalda.*



August 03, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Edward MacFalda.*



August 03, 2020 at 10:28 AM