



Frederick Joseph Geist

April 18, 1941 - December 15, 2020

On Tuesday, December 15, 2020, Frederick J. Geist of Northville passed away at age 79 due to complications of Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

Fred was born on April 18, 1941, the second child to Bob and Anne on Staten Island, NY. At a year old, the Geist family moved to Detroit, Michigan where he grew up, graduating from University of Detroit Jesuit High School in 1959 and after service in the Michigan National Guard, he subsequently graduated from Lawrence Technical Institute with a degree in Business Administration. He worked in administration at Detroit Diesel Corporation for 38 years.

Fred married the love of his life, Jean, in 1980. Together, they had four children. Unfortunately, in 1994, Jean passed from colon cancer. With the help of his family, in-laws, and friends, he stayed strong to raise his children.

Fred was a strong-willed and independent person. When he was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma in 2012 after shattering his femur due to a softball sized tumor, he very frankly told his doctors that he would “walk it off.” This positive attitude served him well and he lived another eight years before his most recent diagnosis.

Fred was a lover of animals, baseball, golf and music. He was especially devoted to his golden retriever, Porter. An avid Detroit sports fan, he was a dedicated follower of the Tigers, always enjoying a game at Comerica Park but often reminiscing about the golden days when the team played at Tigers’ Stadium on Trumbull. Fred loved golf. He would have played all year if the weather allowed and some of his favorite times were spent on the course with his best friends, only frustrated when at the putting green. He loved music, especially Johnny Cash and other classic country. Fred was a devout Catholic and member of the Knights of Columbus. He often told very detailed stories, and he will always be remembered for his tempered sense of humor and generous spirit.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, sister Roberta, wife Jean, and parents-in-law

Frank and Rose. He is survived by his brother Bob and sister-in-law Pam; brother-in-law George; children Laura, Jennifer, Jamie, and Frank; sons-in-law Jason, James, and Joel; sister-in-law Andrea and brother-and-sister-in-law Jim and Susan; nephew Jim; and granddaughters Ally, Hayden, and Brynn, as well as numerous friends. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Visitation at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River Avenue, Novi, 248-348-1800 Tuesday, December 22, 2020 from 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Instate Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi from 10:00 AM until time of funeral liturgy 10:30 AM. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

In lieu of flowers the family welcomes memorial contributions to the Knights of Columbus Council 11811 at Church of the Holy Family.

Fred's Mass will be stream live on Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at 10:30 AM.

Cemetery

Events

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W 10 Mile Rd
Southfield, MI,

DEC

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Viewing

02:00PM - 07:00PM

O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home

41555 Grand River Ave, Novi, MI, US, 48375

DEC

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Liturgy

10:30AM

Church of the Holy Family

24505 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi, MI, US, 48375-2845

Comments



“ My heart goes out to the family of Fred. He was a wonderful, generous man with a most pleasant personality. He was truly a devoted husband and father. He was incredibly proud of his children and had a special place in his heart for his grandchildren. He will be sorely missed by all those who knew him

Andrea Henderson - December 22, 2020 at 04:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frederick Joseph Geist.



December 21, 2020 at 10:29 AM



“ MDHHS Bureau of Grants and Purchasing purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Frederick Joseph Geist.



MDHHS Bureau of Grants and Purchasing - December 21, 2020 at 10:10 AM



“ Linda & George purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Frederick Joseph Geist.



Linda & George - December 21, 2020 at 10:07 AM



“ Like all of the men of the KofC council Fred touched my life as he did others. He was a giving caring man who always looked out for others. I had the pleasure of playing in one of the council's golf outings and his wit and wisdom provided a great day for all of us. Rest in peace Brother Fred.

Timothy May - December 21, 2020 at 08:08 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frederick Joseph Geist.



December 20, 2020 at 04:25 PM



“ many regrets to Fred's family. A group of us used to go on a golf trip yearly. He was a tough competitor, strong willed, and yet had a soft spot for the song God Bless America sung by Kate. God bless you Fred ..One of your golfing buddies John Bishop

John Bishop - December 19, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ I was Freds room mate on our golf trips we always had a good time, he and Paul Ellis ,Paul Shubnell always went to church on our golf trips all devout believers in god. I hope see Fred in heaven. Fred will now be with his wife. Good friend, John Peterson

John Peterson - December 19, 2020 at 04:31 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Frederick Joseph Geist.



December 19, 2020 at 02:18 PM



“ I remember when Fred came to our council he was very interested in doing events , he was a very talkative man with very interesting stories. He loved and talked about his family. Rest in peace brother Fred.

SK Dave M. Stulock PGK - December 19, 2020 at 12:36 PM



“ We loved Fred, he was always willing to volunteer to help others. Fred will be in our prayers. All of us here at K of C Council 11811 will really miss Fred.

Raymond Domzalski - December 19, 2020 at 05:12 AM



“ I fondly remember numerous talks & walks down memory lane with Fred. Whether it was a teacher at U of D High, friends I had that worked with Fred at Detroit Diesel, or who should have won last weekends golf tournament, they were pleasant interchanges. A very humble, giving of his time, religious man, I am happy to have known. God grant you your reward & rest, Fred. Look down on us with favor. Rick Lombardi, brother Knight, Holy Family Council #11811

Richard Lombardi - December 18, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frederick Joseph Geist.



December 18, 2020 at 04:14 PM



“ I remember vividly when my friend and colleague (Jean) at Cooley High School met and eventually married Fred. They were divinely happy as a couple and over-joyed when they had their four beautiful children. Sadly, tragedy struck in 1994 when Jean was taken from Fred and the children. However, though deeply saddened by his profound loss, Fred rose to the occasion of facing his new normal with strength and courage. His main task was to raise his children, and that he did superbly. He raised and educated four fine human beings. Fred was moral, a man of faith, a man of character, and a man that possessed kindness and love. This is the legacy that he gave to his children, and they should be very proud. We can all find solace in the belief that he is now in the loving arms of his beloved Jean once again. God bless you all~~~~

Linda Gerard Jones - December 18, 2020 at 12:09 AM



“ Im Joels uncle and i was very sad to hear about his passing. I attended their beautiful wedding and i know that the family was very supportive of the newlyweds. I believe that you honor those who pass by remembering them and teaching about them to your children.

Laurence Rosenthal

Laurence Rosenthal - December 17, 2020 at 08:11 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frederick Joseph Geist.



December 17, 2020 at 09:49 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frederick Joseph Geist.



December 16, 2020 at 09:12 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frederick Joseph Geist.



December 16, 2020 at 06:48 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frederick Joseph Geist.



December 16, 2020 at 05:33 PM



“ I feel a deep loss of my dear friend Fred I knew him from Diesel and worked with him for many years and have a lot of memories of our time together both at work and after work.

The story that Fred told me was that everyday he would walk his dog and pray the rosary as they walked. Fred always displayed a deep love for his faith and our Blessed Mother.

I am sure She was waiting for him when Her Son called him home.

Fred enjoy your reward and save a place for me .

robert caty - December 16, 2020 at 02:49 PM