



Jerry Rapp

April 8, 1935 - December 4, 2021

Jerome "Jerry" Joseph Rapp, 86 of Holden, Missouri met his Heavenly Father on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at the Holden Manor Care Center.

He was born Monday, April 8, 1935, in Saint Louis, Missouri and was the son of the late Rienhold Rapp and the late Frances Rapp (Grabowski). Jerry graduated high school in Ferguson, MO and joined the United States Army during the Korean War. He served his country proudly and with honor. He married Frances (McKinney) Rapp on March 11, 1955 and they were married 66 years. Jerry earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from St. Louis University. He worked as a phone company manager for AT&T and Southwestern Bell, retiring in 1990 after 33 years of service. In his retirement to stay busy, he worked a short time as a deckhand on the ferry boats hauling cars across the Lake of the Ozarks. He later enjoyed work as a Biologist for the Missouri Department of Conservation, boating around on the lake keeping count of the marine wildlife and fish. When teased by Howard about, "this isn't work, you're just fishing all day!", he would reply, "yes it is, some days it rains!".

Jerry and Fran raised their family in Blue Springs, MO but moved to Holden in 2003 to be closer to extended family. Jerry was a member of the AT&T Telephone Pioneers Club, the Kansas City Optimist Club, and the Holden VFW Post 5844. He was a member and a Deacon at the New Life Fellowship in Holden. Jerry enjoyed traveling with his wife and friends, especially their trip to Nova Scotia and frequent trips to Florida. He enjoyed yard work, fishing,

being outdoors and using his chainsaw. Jerry was hardworking, independent, and proud of the life he lived; he will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Surviving are wife, Fran of the home; one son, Joseph (Debbie) Rapp of Collinsville, OK; three daughters, Mendy (Brad) Hammons of Lexington, MO, Cheryl Rapp-Crowson (Mark Viergutz) of Phoenix, AZ and Elizabeth Mangiarcina of Holden; daughter-in-law, Janet Rapp of St. James, MO; 18 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Lawrence A. Rapp and Christopher Rapp; two brothers, Arman Rapp and Donald Rapp; three sisters, Doris, Gloria, Geraldene; granddaughter, Sarah Crowson; and a son-in-law, Carl Mangiarcina.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at the New Life Fellowship located at 400 S. Main St. in Holden with Pastor Michael Wakeman officiating.

A funeral service will follow at 3:00 PM. Interment will be in Sunset Hills Cemetery in Madison, Missouri at 2PM on Thursday, December 9, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the New Life Fellowship - children's ministries 400 S. Main St. Holden, MO 64040.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

24 highway
Madison, MO 65263

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

New Life Fellowship Holden
400 South Main
Holden, MO 64040

Funeral Service

DEC 8. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

DEC 9. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TH

“ I have so many warm and fun memories of Uncle Jerome! From all the times he and Aunt Fran and family visited AZ to our beautiful trip to Kansas City with my Mom in 2005. The twinkle in his eye as he told a funny family story was his trademark and the love he had for his family especially my Mom, his sister, was undeniable. We honor him and a life well lived! Love and blessings to Aunt Fran, my cousins and their families, Theresa

Theresa Horner - December 08, 2021 at 09:14 AM

TA

“ *RIP Uncle Jerry.*

I have so many memories with you that I will cherish for life.

You probably never knew how

much of an impact you had in my life, but you sure did.

When I was a new Mommy and had no where to live you opened your home and welcomed my daughter and myself with open arms.

You helped me get clothing for my first professional Job.

You Bought me my first car 1973 Cougar for 500\$

The days at the lake house, you teaching my Son how to fish, playing card at the round table in the dining room, watching you fall

Asleep in you're chair holding the TV remote and no one wanting to take it away Lolo some silly memories but The most loving thing you

did for Me, is You loved my Mom, you allowed her to lean on you when she didn't have anyone, when she was lost in life, you gave

her hope and as Mom was Transitioning to her forever home you

held her hand, you prayed with her, you embraced her children you, brought Jesus to her bedside.

I will always remember, I will never forget.

You will so be missed.

Until we meet again.

I love you.

Tammy Sue

Tammy - December 07, 2021 at 07:56 PM

FG

“ *From Greg,Paul,Anne,Kevin,Theresa,David purchased the Garden Cross for the family of Jerry Rapp.*



From Greg,Paul,Anne,Kevin,Theresa,David - December 07, 2021 at 11:29 AM

KA

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Kate - December 07, 2021 at 11:21 AM

JO

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Jon - December 06, 2021 at 02:08 PM

JO

Loved my grandpa very much and happy he got to meet my children. A loving and caring man who wants you to find happiness as well. He will be missed but the memories are with me forever.

Jon - December 06, 2021 at 02:10 PM

CM

“ *My Grandpa had a way of just knowing what you were going through or struggling with and would always try to help with some advise or wise words or even a joke.
He gave great hugs that made me feel safe and loved.
He was a family man, a man with integrity and a man of God.
I'm trying not to have selfish thoughts because I know he has gone home now, but I'm going to miss him, his hugs and his voice so so much 🧡
I'm so grateful that my boys were able grow up and know my Grandpa.*

Cristena Morgan - December 06, 2021 at 01:52 PM

MR

Cristena Morgan, you described him to a tee! Wrapping my arms around you and sending you comfort. ❤️

Mary Rapp - December 06, 2021 at 06:07 PM

GK

We have many fond memories of our Uncle Jerome. Mom always called him Jerome. He always had time to look after our mom. Whether it was visiting in the early days or checking in by phone later on in life. Greg has many memories including adventures at the Huzzah, a baseball game at Bush Stadium and giving precious advice about life. We all loved and admired our Uncle Jerome.

Greg Kalkbrenner - December 07, 2021 at 11:58 AM

JR

Thanks to all for prayers and thoughts during this difficult time. Dad was strong, loving, God fearing, courageous, and virtuous in so many ways.

A common man with wisdom beyond his years yet understood and helped others understand that God gave all people the ability to achieve their dreams.

I believe Dad has finally achieved his ultimate dream.

Gods will be done.

Amen

Joe Rapp

Joe Rapp - December 07, 2021 at 04:28 PM

MH

I recall after our morning ritual of seining bait and fishing we trekked up that long hill for a bite of lunch. Well Jerry wasted no time diving into a hotdog Larry had heated up for him as I was slicing up some onion.

"You'd better have some of this on that dog" I said. "No I'm good" said Jerry. "You sure, it's one of them good Vadalias" I said. "Never heard of em" he said. Well he gave it a try and man what a response. "Whoo my" as he polished it off. Then "Larry, I'd better have one of those burgers too, and Hammer, another slice of that onion".

I'm thankful for the memories I have of not only the Huzzah trips, but of so many other days we shared throughout the years, and the brotherly love that binds us. I'll sorely miss my friend, though I know he's now @ peace with our Savior.

Mike Hammerbacher - December 07, 2021 at 07:08 PM