



## Gerald Leavell

September 7, 1954 - April 3, 2023

Gerald Leavell (Jerry) was welcomed into the loving arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Monday April 3, 2023 at the too young age of 68. He was surrounded by all his family and being prayed for as he took his last earthly breath.

Jerry loved people and loved life. He was often joking with people and socializing with anyone he encountered. He had a passion for people and could make a friend anywhere he went.

Jerry's biggest passion in life was his family who he loved fiercely. He took any opportunity he could to spend time with them and one of his biggest goals in life was leaving a legacy to them and letting them know they were loved and he was proud of them.

Jerry proudly served as a police officer at the Wexford County Sheriff's Department for 30 years, retiring as a Sergeant in 2004 at the age of 50. After retiring Jerry and his wife Diane did an immense amount of traveling and wintered in Orange Beach, Alabama for 12 years. One of his favorite vacations was his cruise to Alaska.

Jerry will be lovingly remembered by his wife Diane of 43 years, daughter Holly Pitts, son Benjamin Leavell and daughter-in-law Jessica Leavell, and his 2 grandsons that he absolutely adored Joshua Leavell and Noah Pitts. Jerry is also survived by brothers: Thomas (Julie) Leavell of Davenport, Iowa and Patrick (Betsy) Leavell of Cadillac and a host of many special nieces, nephews, cousins and beloved friends.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents Frances (Dune) and Mary Leavell and his son-in-law Michael Pitts.

The family would like to especially thank all his new friends at Waterford Place, his Meadow View Court friends in Cadillac, Specialty Select hospital team at Blodgett hospital, and Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services of Cadillac for the ongoing love and support.

A memorial service will take place 11:00 AM, Monday, April 10, 2023 at First Baptist Church in Cadillac with Pastor Chad Zaucha and Pastor Will Markham officiating. Friends may meet the family an hour prior to the service at church. In lieu of flowers family asks that a memorial contribution be made to either First Baptist Church of Cadillac or Waterford Place Chapel. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
125 Stimson Street  
Cadillac, MI 49601

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Diane, We are so sorry for the passing of Jerry. We know he will be GREATLY missed by you and your family and so many others. I'll miss our fun encounters in the driveways on Meadow View Ct.! ... but Sue and I are comforted knowing that Jerry is with the Lord and that you especially, and all the rest of us, will see him again someday. May the Lord comfort you, Diane! Sue and Harvey  
Hanna

Harvey Hanna - April 11, 2023 at 12:38 PM

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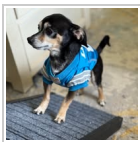
“ Jerry will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with Diane and the rest of his family.  
Bobbi (Lamphere) Moomey

Bobbi Moomey - April 08, 2023 at 02:22 PM

DD

“ Lots of great memories of Jerry thru the years. Prayers for you Diane and Holly & Ben and extended family. Lean on the Lord during these difficult times.  
Debbie & Jim Dean

Debbie Dean - April 07, 2023 at 06:47 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers for Diane and the family.

Vince & Jane (Anderson) MacDonald

Jane MacDonald - April 07, 2023 at 07:42 AM

JL

“ My condolences to Diane and Jerry's family and friends. Jerry and I grew up together on Cotey Street in Cadillac, two doors apart. It was a good time to be a kid and play around in the neighborhood.  
Jerry Lund

Jerry Lund - April 06, 2023 at 03:50 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gerald Leavell.



April 06, 2023 at 11:57 AM

VT

“ Diane, And Family, so sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Vicki & Brad Thompson - April 05, 2023 at 08:22 PM

BA

“ Sorry for your families loss, love and prayers.

Becky S Alworden - April 05, 2023 at 03:36 PM

SB

“ My deepest sympathy to Diane, Holly, Ben and the family. Jerry was a great guy. Always had a laugh. He will always be remembered. My thoughts and prayers for all of you. 🙏

Sandy Bengelink - April 05, 2023 at 11:23 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Leavell.*



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April 05, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ *Diane our sincere condolences to you and your family. Jerry was always interesting to talk to and laugh with. God bless you and your family during this difficult time.*  
*Dan and Sherry Stafford*

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**Sherry Stafford** - April 05, 2023 at 10:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald Leavell.*



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April 05, 2023 at 07:44 AM



“ *We extend our deepest sympathies to you Diane and your family. Have great memories of you and Jerry volunteering with me at Lakeview when your dad was there, and the time Brian and I spent time playing cards with you and Jerry. Hugs headed your way.*

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**Gabby Brian Chapman** - April 05, 2023 at 06:39 AM

RD

“ *Diane we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*  
*Ron and DeAnna (Brink) Doll*

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**Ron and DeAnna** - April 04, 2023 at 08:25 PM

JW

“ *Our deepest sympathies to Diane and family. Jerry was a gem of a man and will be greatly missed by all who knew, and loved, him. Our prayers are with you! Jeff & Kathy Wheeler*

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**Jeff & Kathy Wheeler** - April 04, 2023 at 08:14 PM

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“ *I met Jerry when we about sixth grade. He was a neighbor and friend of my friend. We attended different schools together. He was at parochial school..... and I was at the rough and tough public school. I got to know him much better when the parochial school kids came to the public school in our eighth grade. I have my first beer with Jerry, and Jerry Lund on the railroad tracks about halfway between our houses before a football game. We shared one beer..... and that was the start of many adventures with Jerry, a.k.a., Tuba.. . He was my very first caregiver for a few weeks after I was discharged from hospital in late 1972. I could write my thoughts for hours. And I'll end with, I can't remember being with Jerry, no matter where we were, from our classrooms, parties or in court, where both of us could make each other laugh.*

*Condolences to Diane and the children*

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**BUZZ** - April 04, 2023 at 07:52 PM