



Gerald Alan "Jerry" Sours

January 29, 1952 - August 1, 2023

Gerald Alan Sours passed away on August 1st 2023 at the age of 71. He was born January 29th, 1952. Jerry grew up on the family farm in Hoxeyville Michigan, where he would later live and raise his own family. During his teenage years he became a bit of a wild man, but never got in any serious trouble. (Or at least was never caught.) It was during these wild years that Jerry met Linda Felsk. They were married on November 30th, 1974, and would remain together for 48 years until his passing.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Linda (Felsk) Sours. He is also survived by his two sons, David Sours and Eric Sours, his daughter-in-law, Stacy (Force) Sours, and his grandchildren, Marryn Sours, Cashton Sours, and Kruz Ferrel. He is survived by his sisters, Margaret (Jim) Lakies, and Rebecca (Kent) Taylor. He is further survived by brothers-in-law, Bill (Mary) Felsk, Mike (Barbie) Felsk and mother-in-law, Delores Felsk.

He was preceded in death by his father, Wallace Sours, his mother, Phyllis (Peterson) Sours, and brother, Richard Sours. He was also preceded in death by his father-in-law, William (Bill) Felsk, and brother-in-law, John Felsk.

Jerry started out the work world as a short order cook in Hoxeyville. After graduating from Cadillac Senior High in 1970, he began a career in road construction. Similar to his father plowing the roads for the County, Jerry built them. He built roads in the Upper and Lower Peninsulas. Chances are, if you have traveled at all, you were on a road Jerry built. He worked for multiple companies as a paver operator and would eventually earn a supervisory

position with Rieth-Riley Construction. He was able to retire 11 years ago. Friends and family were everything to Jerry. He maintained very close relationships throughout his life and made people laugh wherever he went. With his friends and family, he enjoyed fishing on the big and small lakes, and hunting locally and in Iowa. After his retirement, Jerry and Linda took many trips out West to see the mountains, animals, and just enjoy their time together. He loved cooking food for his family and friends. He split wood, plowed driveways, worked his garden, and took care of his neighbors and loved ones. He loved sitting with his friends while enjoying a cigar and a beer, or relaxing on his porch watching who was driving or walking by. Throughout the years, both his sons remained close to the Hoxeyville area, allowing his relationship with his kids to only grow stronger as time passed. Jerry was able to spend tons of time with his grandchildren and excelled at being Grandpa. Please join us in remembering Jerry on Saturday, August 5th, 2023, during a memorial gathering from 4pm to 6pm at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Love Inc at, 753 Sunnyside Dr., Cadillac, MI 49601. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services
205 East Cass Street
Cadillac, MI 49601
info@petersonfh.com

Tribute Wall

CE

“ Our Sympathy to You Linda and Family, We have been friends of the Sours Family for 70 years, when Wally came down to Coldwater looking for work and my parents rented them an apartment, they became lifetime friends, My parents are gone, and my husband & I used to come stay with Phyllis and Gary would always stop in to see us and make us Breakfast and drink coffee, I am Shocked to hear of his passing...and my heart is so sad...He loved being retired and going out to Iowa to hunt and do so many things like making many many pies with his Mom and giving them away !!! He will be greatly missed....He was a super guy...cherish your memories.....
Your Friends, Cheryl & Gene Ehrhardt.....Schoolcraft, Michigan

Cheryl & Gene Ehrhardt - August 09, 2023 at 06:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald Alan "Jerry" Sours.



August 05, 2023 at 11:10 AM



“ “Peace Like a River” by the Tabernacle Choir on u-tube is a beautiful tribute to Jerry.
Tom & Carol

Carol Tom Dettloff - August 05, 2023 at 11:02 AM

TD

“ Back in the felsk Vandercook Sours deer camp days 80's & 90's I got to know Jerry pretty good. He would offend wander from his home to our camp in hopes of pushing deer to our area. enjoying time joking around the campfire. His family would offer a big breakfast at there home all were welcome. Thermos bottles of coffee, Jerry's well loved ground bologna sandwiches & Linda's no baked cookies. Take as much as you want ! Rain snow cold wind the Sours clan made the best of it. I developed a special relationship with Linda David and Eric. Peace love and joy to you always. Over the years we have had to say goodbye to a lot of good people. Jerry and I kept our friendship through our mutual love for the hunt.



**HOLD STEADY !
YOU GOT THIS !
YOU EARNER IT.**

*by God's Grace
Tom Dettloff*

Tom Dettloff - August 05, 2023 at 10:21 AM

KH

“ Linda, My heart goes out to you. There are no words I can say to relieve your pain, only know that I am thinking and hurting with you. I remember the first time Jerry saw you, he fell head over heels in love with you and that love never ceased. Your love and humor together for so long was real and truly admirable. Hugs and Love to you and your family, Kandy Anderson-Hogan

Kandice Hogan - August 05, 2023 at 09:09 AM

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Thomas Perkins - August 04, 2023 at 06:30 AM

TP

Gary, my big sister and David Hilton at our family reunion, early 1960's. Gary has always had that mischievous nature!

Thomas Perkins - August 04, 2023 at 06:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald Alan "Jerry" Sours.

August 03, 2023 at 11:10 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Alan "Jerry" Sours.



August 03, 2023 at 11:10 PM

JP

“ Jerry was a great guy, he gave many years of service to the people of Henderson Township serving as both a township trustee and for many years as Township Supervisor. He will be missed by many. I am sorry i will be out of town during his memorial service. His life was certainly one worth celebrating.

Sincerely
Joe Porterfield

Joe Porterfield - August 03, 2023 at 12:51 PM

DS

Thanks Joe. That was one of the things we forgot to put in the obituary.

Dave Sours - August 03, 2023 at 06:27 PM

RH

RIP Jerry, as I know you are now in paradise with Aunt Phyllis, Uncle Wally and Rick. My thoughts and prayers are with those you have left behind. May our heavenly Father assuage the grief that Linda, David, Eric, Margaret and Becky are experiencing. May He leave you all with just the memories of the love lost and love he shared. Sincerely, Bob Hilton

robert hilton - August 03, 2023 at 10:21 PM

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Thomas Perkins - August 03, 2023 at 08:33 AM

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Hunting Wabbits!

Thomas Perkins - August 03, 2023 at 08:36 AM



Peace Like A River Viedo Prayers Tom & Carol Dettloff
<https://youtu.be/M8of9CQ9Fes>

Carol Tom Dettloff - August 05, 2023 at 10:14 AM

BC

“ *Becky and Kent, very sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. You are in my prayers and thoughts. It is hard when a piece of your life us fone.*

Becky Coykendall - August 02, 2023 at 08:57 PM

PC

“ *I did not know Gary personally, but he was - and the entire Sours family is - to my mother, Dee Carlson. I know her heart is broken with the loss of such a good man and dear friend. I thank Gary for all he did for her - if it was only checking in. His loss is felt by all and my very most heartfelt condolences to his wife and family. God be with you all, as he is with Gary.*

Pete Carlson - August 02, 2023 at 07:58 PM

CD

So sorry to hear this. I didn't know Jerry but his parents were good friends of my parents. Prayers to his family and friends.

Cindy Mattis Deming - August 02, 2023 at 08:47 PM

TP

Too many memories, I grew up together with Gary. He's my cousin, family and in many ways the big brother I never had. Gary taught me how to fish for Trout on the small steams near where we grew up in Hoxeyville, it became a lifetime sport for me. We hunted together and he taught me many things about hunting. We got in trouble together when we were younger! Taught me how to properly pick on my sisters and other cousins! Rest In Peace Gary. My most heartfelt condolence to Linda and his family.

Thomas Perkins - August 03, 2023 at 08:03 AM



Thank you. Love the part about you guys getting in trouble together!

Dave Sours - August 03, 2023 at 06:32 PM