



## Jerry K. Richards

March 26, 1936 - January 25, 2012

Jerry K. Richards of Cherry Grove Township died Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at Autumnwood of McBain. He was 75. He was born on March 26, 1936 in Cherry Grove Township to Elmer Allen & Martha Marie (Smith) Richards and they preceded him in death. He graduated from Hoxeyville High in 1955.

Jerry served in the United States Army National Guard for 22 years and had been employed at the Wexford County Road Commission from 1967 until retiring in 1992. He had served as Cherry Grove Township Clerk for 32 years retiring in 2006. He was a active member of the Michigan Township Association, AMVETS Post #110 of Cadillac, Life member of the American Legion Post #94 of Cadillac (where he had served as Finance officer), and had attended the Cherry Grove Church of the Nazarene and also had served on the Wexford County DPW. In the 1950\'s Jerry was a race car driver. He enjoyed baseball, softball, bowling, golfing and playing poker.

Survivors include his sons: Paul (Cherylynn) Richards of Dexter, Mark Richards and FiancÃ© Melonie Bridson of Lake City, and David (Anne) Richards of Hudsonville; 8 grandchildren: Konstantin Richards, Denis Richards, Taylor Richards, Parker Richards, Camden Richards, Sawyer Richards, Brooke Richards and Robert Perry; brother, Roger (Marilyn) Richards of McBain; sister, Margaret Carr of Cadillac; former wife, Marilyn Jones of Cadillac; many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM Saturday, January 28, 2012 at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac with Mr. Gary Pullen officiating. Full military rites under the auspices of the Cadillac Area Honor Guard will be held in conjunction with the services. Burial will be at Cherry Grove Township Cemetery in Wexford County. Friends may meet the family from 2-4 & 6-8 PM Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research or to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Michigan. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

RT

“ *Mark, Dave, Paul. Sorry to hear about your father. I remember him always having a smile.*

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**Rich (Mark) Telgenhoff** - February 01, 2012 at 12:21 PM

JH

“ *We are deeply saddened by the loss of an old friend, Jerry and Jack went to school together and enjoyed working on the race car that Jerry drove for Jack's Dad Walley .Jerry always had a happy smile on his face when he would stop into have coffee at our restaurant in Manton and we would enjoy catching up on what was happening in our old neighborhood. Jerry will be missed by many and we offer our condolences to all of the family at this time of loss. God Bless y' all and give you comfort in this time of grief.*

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**Jack & Pat Hankins** - January 28, 2012 at 12:26 PM

KD

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Jerry was funny, sweet and an all around great man. I will always cherish my memories of him whether we were bowling or telling jokes at the Ameican Legion. He will be missed dearly.*

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**Kristi Davison** - January 27, 2012 at 08:10 PM



“ *Paul, Mark, Dave: I am so sorry for the loss of your father. He was a kind, sweet man and will be sadly missed. God bless you all and your families during this difficult time.*

*All our love,*

*Cathy, Kyle, Kirsten and Alexis.*

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**Cathy Heyd (Carpenter)** - January 27, 2012 at 10:20 AM