



Gerald O'Meara

February 18, 1936 - November 1, 2021

Gerald (Jerry) Joseph O'Meara, age 85, of Indianola, formerly of Schaller, passed away peacefully on Monday, November 1st, 2021 at The Village in Indianola.

Funeral Mass will be Saturday, November 6 at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Early, Iowa. Burial will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Schaller, Iowa. Visitation will be Friday, November 5, 2021 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in SCHALLER, Iowa. A Rosary will be at 7:00 p.m. following the visitation. The Galva Legion will be conducting Military Rites. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Schaller, Iowa is in charge of arrangements.

Jerry, son of William Clare and Viola (Schulke) O'Meara, was born February 18, 1936, in Galva during a blizzard. He was raised there and graduated from Galva High School in 1953. He loved baseball and was an accomplished pitcher during his high school days. Jerry proudly served his country from 1954-56 in the U.S. Army. He also was a railroad dispatcher for several years before attending Buena Vista College, graduating in 1962. He earned his master's degree in History from Loras College in 1968. On August 10, 1963, he married the love of his life, Rose Eberhart at the Assumption Catholic Church in Charlotte. They were blessed with nine children.

Jerry taught high school History, German, Debate, and Social Studies for 35 years starting at Northeast (Goose Lake) (3 yrs), Fort Dodge St. Edmond (2 yrs), and Schaller/Schaller-Crestland (30 yrs). He coached baseball at the youth and high school levels for over 25 years with many successful seasons. He was the announcer for Schaller Rockets Football for many seasons. He also taught classes at Buena Vista College as well as Iowa Central.

After retirement, Jerry spent many hours doing genealogy, producing detailed histories of the O'Meara and Schulke families. He was an avid reader and expert crossword puzzle solver. He very much enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren play various sports and was a fan of Chicago Cubs baseball, Iowa Hawkeyes basketball, and Notre Dame football.

Jerry was a faithful Christian, baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church where he was a lector for many years and member of the Knights of Columbus. He was also a proud member of the American Legion. Jerry was always there for his family, especially Margaret and Matthew. He loved it when his kids and grandchildren filled the home.

Left to sweetly remember him are his wife of 58 years, Rose, and their children Michael (Marguerite) O'Meara of Indianola, Iowa; John (Deborah) O'Meara of Rochester, MN; Patrick (Ovanda) O'Meara of Indianola, Iowa; Jean (Paul) Knockel of New Sharon, Iowa; Joanne (Brian) McEvoy of Fort Dodge, Iowa; Matthew O'Meara of Indianola, Iowa; and Timothy (Lisa) O'Meara of Waukee, Iowa; 19 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild; sisters-in-law: LaVonne O'Meara; Alice Butt; Helen Burken; Janet (Don) Parker; Joyce Eberhart; brother-in-law, Joseph (DaVonne) Eberhart; many nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Margaret Mary; son, Thomas Clare; parents, William and Viola; in-laws, Albert and Rosa Eberhart; brothers, Bill, Jim, and Ron; daughter-in-law, Shelley; brothers-in-law: William, Walter,

Robert, and Earl Eberhart; Maurice Butt; Wesley Witt; sisters-in-law: Mary Witt; Beverly O'Meara; Dorothy O'Meara; Vineda Eberhart; Carole Eberhart; Agnes Eberhart.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery -- Schaller

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Schaller
306 S Main St
Schaller, IA 51053
(712) 275-4205
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Rosary

NOV 5. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

NOV 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church --Early, Iowa
501 Church Street
Early, IA 50535
<http://www.nemahaweb.com/sacredheart/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald O'Meara*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - November 05, 2021 at 12:25 PM



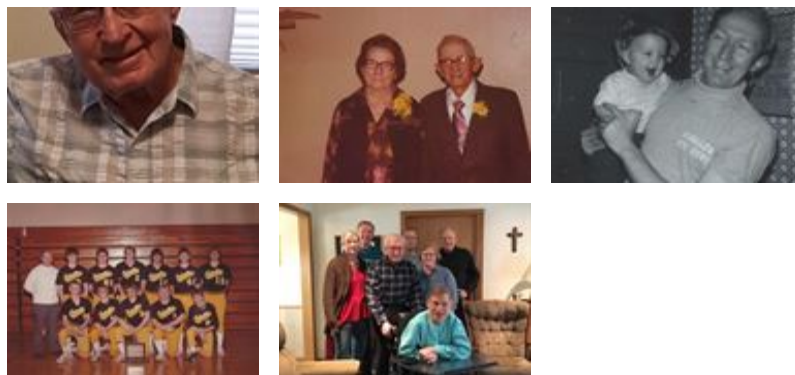
“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen - November 05, 2021 at 12:00 PM



“ *65 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - November 05, 2021 at 11:52 AM

HB

“ *Rose and family,
I offer my deepest sympathies on Gerry's passing. I will miss talking to him about our time in Puerto Rico, which always made me feel like we were still there. We had great times together and he was a great buddy.*

Howard Boller

Howard L Boller - November 05, 2021 at 11:44 AM

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“ *From, Your UPH Ft. Dodge Family purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Gerald O'Meara.*



From, Your UPH Ft. Dodge Family - November 05, 2021 at 11:12 AM



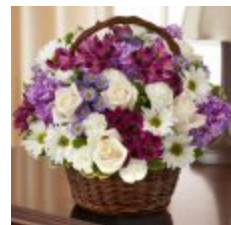
“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gerald O'Meara.*



November 05, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Gerald O'Meara.*



November 05, 2021 at 08:41 AM

LC

“ My condolences to Rose and family for their loss. I was in the first German class Jerry taught at Northeast. He was also the advisor of the first Student Counsel and was instrumental in getting it started. As the first president, he and I butted heads many times. It is one of my fondest memories. He always listened and always had my respect. He married into a wonderful family from my hometown of Charlotte.

Lynn Christiansen - November 04, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Gerald O'Meara.



November 04, 2021 at 08:07 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy* was purchased for the family of Gerald O'Meara.



November 04, 2021 at 01:12 PM



“ *Eternal Love* was purchased for the family of Gerald O'Meara.



November 04, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gerald O'Meara.*



November 04, 2021 at 12:09 PM



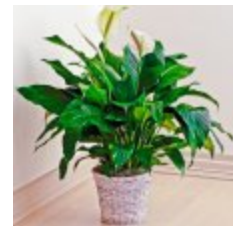
“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Gerald O'Meara.*



November 03, 2021 at 08:28 PM



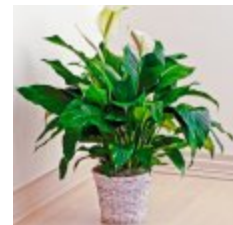
“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Gerald O'Meara.*



November 03, 2021 at 04:11 PM



“ *LaVonne O'Meara and Family purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Gerald O'Meara.*



LaVonne O'Meara and Family - November 03, 2021 at 03:52 PM

DR

“ Rose and family Sending my sincerest sympathy to you. Mr O'Meara, I guess after all these years, will always be Mr O'Meara to me. He was an amazing teacher that I respected highly, and then our neighbor in Schaller for many years. Now safe in the arms of Jesus. Darlene Raveling

Darlene Raveling - November 03, 2021 at 02:01 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Gerald O'Meara.



November 03, 2021 at 09:06 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Gerald O'Meara.



November 02, 2021 at 09:03 PM

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“ Angela Mumm lit a candle in memory of Gerald O'Meara



Angela Mumm - November 02, 2021 at 02:54 PM