



## Gerald L. Wonkka, Pepperell

October 22, 1948 - September 13, 2019

Pepperell: Gerald L. Wonkka, 70, of Pepperell, died Friday morning, September 13, 2019, in the Life Care Center of Merrimack Valley in Billerica.

Gerry was born in Fitchburg, on October 22, 1948, a son of the late Waino and Fernande (Bergeron) Wonkka. He graduated from Notre Dame High School in Fitchburg in 1966 and received his Bachelor and Master's degrees from Fitchburg State College.

Gerry worked for over 30 years in the produce industry, starting at the Fitchburg co-op and working for several area grocery stores throughout the years before retiring from Savenor's Market in Boston. He also owned and operated Country Road Produce in Georgetown, MA. Following his retirement from the produce industry, Gerry was employed for 10 years with Cable Connection Company out of Vermont.

He was an active member of St. Joseph's Parish in Pepperell where he served as an usher.

Gerry leaves his wife, Julie A. Wonkka of Pepperell; a son, Seth Wonkka and his wife Amy of Shirley; two daughters, Melissa Peterson and her husband Matthew of North Hampton; and Carissa Wonkka of Lincoln, Nebraska; a sister, Deborah Wonkka Gale and her husband Alan of Summerfield, NC; two

grandchildren, Abigail Cullinane and Eleanor Cullinane and many nephews and nieces.

He is predeceased by his two brothers, Waino I. Wonkka of Fitchburg and Philip H. Wonkka of Orange.

His funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 18, at 10AM in St. Joseph Church in Our Lady of Grace Parish, 28 Tarbell St, Pepperell. Burial will be in St. Bernard's Cemetery in Fitchburg. Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, September 17, from 4 to 7 PM in the T.J. Anderson & Son Funeral Home, 250 Main St., (Rte. 119) Townsend.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Fr. Steven Lusiba School c/o Our Lady of Grace, Pepperell, MA

# Cemetery Details

## St. Bernard's Cemetery

Fitchburg, MA MA

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

SEP 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend  
250 Main Street ~ Route 119  
Townsend, MA 01469  
(978) 597-2692

## Funeral Mass

SEP 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Church in Our Lady of Grace Parish  
28 Tarbell St.  
Pepperell, MA

# Tribute Wall

BL

“ Just learned of Jerry's passing. He was a close friend at Notre Dame where we ran on the cross country team together. I was part of his peer group and we went to ball games together and just generally hung out together all through high school. Though I live in Michigan I had always hoped to see him again some day. He had a great sense of humor and was just an all around good guy. I am sad to hear of his passing.

*Bill ("Luby") Lubold*

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**Bill Lubold** - January 30, 2021 at 12:04 PM

TS

“ Went to ND with Gerry, Class of 66. Nice guy, may have been the only one smaller and skinnier than I was...;)

*Nothing but good memories about this gentle soul...*

*RIP*

*Charlie DeGraw*

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**tshirtsva@gmail.com** - October 15, 2019 at 11:02 PM

PW

“ *My Dearest Julie and Family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Remember him  
with love and cherish all those good  
memories you have to hold onto.  
Sending you the biggest, tightest HUG I can  
muster.  
Love & Prayers,  
Patti-kins*



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**Pat Wentworth** - September 16, 2019 at 04:15 PM

LW

“ *Gerry was the most gentle man, Kind to everyone! I have known the  
family for many  
years. Through many good and bad times, there were many laughs  
and happy times.  
To all this family my condolences! Especially to his wife Julie and  
sister Deb. Love you!  
Louise Waitt (Vacon)*

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**Louise Waitt** - September 16, 2019 at 03:39 PM

EC

“ *Dear Julie and family,  
Your precious loved one is now with his Lord God.  
Gerry was the very best Catholic Christian, I ever knew..he loved his  
Lord and His Blessed Mother, and held constant devotion to Them.  
We , all, shall miss him , and are grateful for having known him, and  
loved him.  
May he rest in the peace of Christ.  
Mom xo*

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**Elaine Carlson** - September 16, 2019 at 10:43 AM

SM

“ Dear Julie, May your heart be at peace knowing Gerry is resting in the arms of our Lord Jesus. He is perfect and is without illness. The Chaplet of Devine Mercy was one of his favorite prayers. May you and your family be at peace knowing that Gerry is at peace as well. We love you all very much. Love, your sister, Sue & CW.



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**Suzanne & CW Macomber** - September 15, 2019 at 12:03 AM

DC

“ Julie & family, Debbie & Alan & family... So very sorry to hear of Gerry's passing. Sending our heartfelt condolences to all of you as you mourn this great loss. May your memories of happier times bring you peace and comfort you in the days ahead.  
With Love,  
Cousin Doreen Gibbons Conrad



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**Doreen Conrad** - September 14, 2019 at 11:27 PM