



Gerald Knopik

June 23, 1934 - April 2, 2018

Gerald Knopik, 83 year old resident of Royalton, MN, passed away Monday, April 2, 2018 in Royalton, MN. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN with Father Joe Herzing officiating. Burial will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Cemetery in Little Falls, MN. Visitation will be from 9:00-11:00 A.M. on Tuesday at the church. Military Rites will be conducted by the Little Falls American Legion Post #46.

Gerald graduated from Little Falls High School in 1952. He started working with his Father driving a truck and working on the sawmill together. He served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1959 in Arizona. He then returned to Little Falls and purchased his own truck and drove a milk route for over 8 years. He married Joan Masog on June 3, 1961. He then took a job hauling long distance in tractor-trailer rigs. He drove truck for more than 20 years for DeZurik Corporation, where he earned awards for 1 million and 2 million miles driven. February 1981, he was presented the Minnesota Driver of the Month award by the Minnesota Motor Transport Association. Gerald and Joan owned and operated Herbies Bar in Sobieski, MN during the early to mid 1980's. He continued to drive the big rigs several more years until he retired and even then drove truck part time for a good part of his retirement years. His favorite past time was owning, working on and driving old trucks and cars. He loved history, documentaries, reading and museums.

Gerald is survived by his sister, Madonna Ebenstiener of Forest Lake, MN; son, Brian (Jeania) Knopik of Crosby, TX; daughter, Roseanne Lala of Royalton, MN; 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Gerald was preceded in death by his wife Joan; sons Kellen and Galen; siblings, Lorraine, Eleanor and Alvin.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady Of Lourdes Cemetery

Highway 27
Little Falls, MN 56345

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 10. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church
208 West Broadway
Little Falls, MN

Funeral Service

APR 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church
208 West Broadway
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald Knopik*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - April 07, 2018 at 10:34 AM



“ *Gerald Knopik*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *1 file added to the album LifeTributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - April 09, 2018 at 12:03 PM



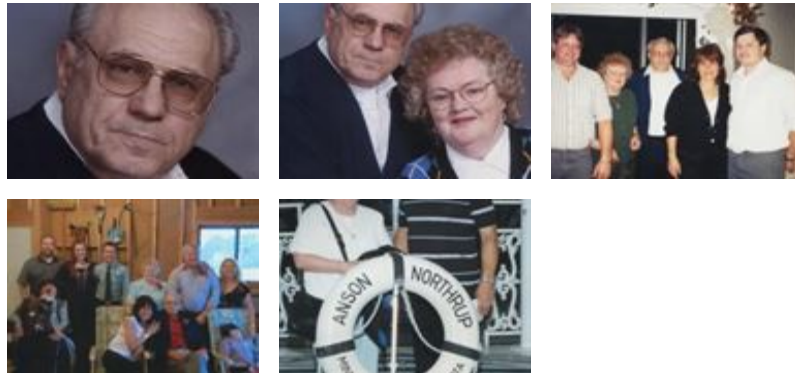
“ *Thinking of you. Sending thoughts and prayers.*



Lynn Zak - April 08, 2018 at 09:12 PM



“ 38 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - April 07, 2018 at 09:31 AM

DP

“ *Dan & Judy Prokott lit a candle in memory of Gerald Knopik*



Dan & Judy Prokott - April 06, 2018 at 05:22 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald Knopik.*



April 06, 2018 at 02:03 PM

JL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. I am so sorry for your loss.* ”



Julie Pietrowski Leitner - April 06, 2018 at 01:18 PM

JE

“ *Friends are the pillars on your porch. Sometimes they hold you up, sometimes they lean on you, and sometimes it's just enough to know that they are standing by. Jeffrey* ”

Jeffrey - April 06, 2018 at 11:36 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald Knopik.* ”



April 06, 2018 at 11:19 AM

DL

“ *Doug And Rita LeMieur lit a candle in memory of Gerald Knopik* ”



Doug and Rita LeMieur - April 06, 2018 at 09:18 AM



“ *The Endless Sky Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald Knopik.*



April 05, 2018 at 09:48 PM



“ *Debbie Jelinski-Harakel lit a candle in memory of Gerald Knopik*



Debbie Jelinski-Harakel - April 05, 2018 at 09:36 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Jerry was a very kind man! Cherish those memories you had with him and May He Rest in Peace..*



Roger and Michelle Schneider - April 05, 2018 at 04:54 PM



“ *Stan Dolores Wielinski lit a candle in memory of Gerald Knopik*



Stan Dolores Wielinski - April 05, 2018 at 03:59 PM

SM

“ *Shelley Masog lit a candle in memory of Gerald Knopik*



Shelley Masog - April 05, 2018 at 11:16 AM

DP

“ *My heart is broken hearing about Uncle Jerry. Wish I could be there but know I am just a call away if you need to talk Roseanne. So many memories of him that I will cherish. His lcky hotdish that Auntie Joan would make for him....or how many ice cubes to put in his glass he always told me I put too many in for his liking, 6 he would tell me again, so I'd put 1 more for kicks. His cigars.....if you smelled one, you knew he was around. My condolences to the family, he will be greatly missed by so many of us, but now he is back with your mom, my Aunt.*



Denise Ploof - April 04, 2018 at 06:42 PM



Catherine Masog

“ *I am so saddened to learn of uncle Jerry's passing. Thoughts and prayers to the Knopik family during this difficult time. Many fond memories that I will always hold close to my heart.*



Catherine Masog - April 03, 2018 at 12:14 PM

MR

“ *Michelle Rousslang lit a candle in memory of Gerald Knopik*



Michelle Rousslang - April 03, 2018 at 11:54 AM

MR

Thoughts and prayers to all ! So many great memories !!

Michelle Rousslang - April 03, 2018 at 11:55 AM

JM

“ *So sad to hear...Lots of great memories with the Knopiks throughout the years.*



Jeff Masog - April 03, 2018 at 09:14 AM

Jennifer Masog-Podratz

“ *Jennifer Masog-Podratz lit a candle in memory of Gerald Knopik*



Jennifer Masog-Podratz - April 03, 2018 at 09:12 AM

Jennifer Masog-

Sending thoughts and prayers as we remember Uncle Jerry! Lots of memories tucked away of him and Joan that will always be cherished. Jenny

Jennifer Masog-Podratz - April 03, 2018 at 09:14 AM

DM

“ *Our condolences to the Knopik family throughout this difficult time. Many terrific memories of uncle Jerry through the years for all of our families.*

Doug & Robin Masog - April 02, 2018 at 10:13 PM

CM

“ *Carol Masog lit a candle in memory of Gerald Knopik*



Carol Masog - April 02, 2018 at 09:21 PM

BM

“ *Barb Masog lit a candle in memory of Gerald Knopik*



Barb Masog - April 02, 2018 at 08:12 PM

LL

“ *Laura Ploof Larson lit a candle in memory of Gerald Knopik*



Laura Ploof Larson - April 02, 2018 at 04:42 PM

LL

To the Knopik Family...My prayers and thoughts are with you during this time. Wish I could be there. I will hold the memories I have of Uncle Jerry in heart like I do with Aunt Joan. hugs to you guys.

Laura Ploof Larson - April 02, 2018 at 04:45 PM

JU

Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your Dad. We have so many wonderful memories of him. We have the family and your Dad in our prayers. Tony and Judy Armbrust

Judy - April 05, 2018 at 08:48 AM