



## Gerry "Jake" L. Sorvari

September 23, 1947 - January 11, 2016

Gerry "Jake" Sorvari, 68 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Monday, January 11, 2016 at his home. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN with Chaplain Naomi Engel officiating. Burial will be at the Minnesota State Veteran's Cemetery, north of Little Falls, MN. A visitation will be held from 9:00 - 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Gerald "Jake" Leonard Sorvari was born on September 23, 1947 in Chicago, Illinois to Eino and Susan Sorvari. The family moved to Proctor, Minnesota when Gerald was 4 years old. Gerald attended Proctor schools, graduating with the class of 1965, where he earned Honor Athlete and Faculty Scholarship. He attended the University of Minnesota Duluth, graduating in 1970. After college, Gerald was drafted into the United States Army, honorably discharged in 1972. After his discharge from the Army, he furthered his education with a Psychology degree from the University of Minnesota Duluth. Gerald was employed with the State of Minnesota for 33 years in Job Service, Unemployment and Veteran's Representative. On May 19, 1973, Gerald married Barbara Olson, and they couple had two children, Todd and Stacey. The couple later divorced. Gerald remained in the Army Reserve and National Guard from 1976-2003. On August 5, 1995, he married Bernie Boser.

Gerald had many lifelong friends through the years, starting with Kindergarten. He had a love for music that was evident with his record collection that he started at age 11. Gerald loved singing karaoke and the time he spent at Alice's Attic entertaining the ladies and gentleman. He also sang at some local assisted living facilities. Gerald also enjoyed going to concerts of some of his favorite entertainers for the 50's and 60's. He loved his Minnesota teams, such as the Vikings, Timberwolves, Wild, Gophers, and the UMD Bulldogs.

Gerald "Jake" Sorvari is survived by his loving wife, Bernie Sorvari of Little Falls, MN ; children, Todd (Crystal) Sorvari of St. Bonifacius, MN ; and Stacey (Shyeve Saunders) Sorvari of St. Cloud, MN; grandchildren, Jordan, Natasha (Marcus) Meyer, Hailey Norling, Lincoln, Winston, Genevieve, Sierra, Olivia, Darian, and Jackson; great-grandchild, Jaxon Meyer; brother, Kenneth Sorvari of Duluth, MN; and faithful little dog, Wanda.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eino and Susan Sorvari.

The family of Gerald would like to thank his many fiends, relatives, and neighbors for their support prayers, and for bringing food. Naomi Engel for praying with us and bringing Communion. The Coborn's Cancer Center, Unity Family Hospice of CHI, and Shelley Funeral Chapels. You all made this journey less painful.

Remember Jake when the music is playing and "Rock On"!

# Cemetery Details

## Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115  
Little Falls, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerry "Jake" L. Sorvari



Lemieur Funeral Homes - January 14, 2016 at 12:51 PM

RI

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Rita - January 14, 2016 at 08:12 PM

BR

*Always a smile, a wonderful tribute to the memory of Jake.*

Bev Riesner - January 14, 2016 at 10:00 PM



Jenny 'Hoff'

*Gerry "Jake" L. Sorvari*

Jenny 'Hoff' Keen - January 15, 2016 at 11:44 AM

JM

*Worked with Gerry long ago at the Duluth CEP & CETA programs. Was just thinking about him the other day. My thoughts and prayers to all of you.*

*Julie Mockler*

Julie Mockler - January 17, 2016 at 04:27 PM



“ Gerry "Jake" L. Sorvari

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ The class of 1965 has lost a wonderful classmate. He loved the reunions and when he arrived we new the nite had officially started. Especially when he arrived on August 21, 1915. His spirit was so strong and carried him through his time of illness. He mentored us in how to handle adversity. Thank you Bernie and family for the care you gave him.

*What a guy!!! We will miss him!!!*

*With Love,  
Carol Condon Lonke*

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**Carol** - February 01, 2016 at 10:10 AM



“ Jake and I were classmates at PHS and the whole class was delighted to see him at our reunion last summer. Still the great smile in spite of so much struggle. He was a good friend, the kind of guy the world should have more of, not fewer. To Bernie and family, thanks for taking such good care of him, he lived longer and laughed more because of you and your sacrifices. I will remember him always. Kathleen Hannan

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**kathleen hannan** - January 23, 2016 at 10:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerry "Jake" L. Sorvari.*



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January 15, 2016 at 03:11 PM



“ *Jerry was another reason the Proctor basketball did as well as we did. He made Don and John work a little harder by guarding them in practice like Mark did for me. Sorry to see you go. By watching the Video it showed me that he was a good husband and a great father.*

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**Bob Laney** - January 15, 2016 at 10:06 AM



“ *Bernie, Jake was your soul mate, he will always be with you. My prayers are with you, God Bless!*



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**sue stachowski** - January 14, 2016 at 10:15 AM



“ *When I saw Gerry passed I was flooded with fond memories of grade school at Proctor with Gerry. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

*Randy Mattson*

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**randy mattson** - January 13, 2016 at 05:48 PM

JH

“ *Judy Herman lit a candle in memory of Gerry  
"Jake" L. Sorvari*



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**Judy Herman** - January 13, 2016 at 03:36 PM

EL

“ *Ed & LaVonne lit a candle in memory of Gerry  
"Jake" L. Sorvari*



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**Ed & LaVonne** - January 13, 2016 at 12:41 PM

RL

“ *Bernie, Very sorry for your loss. Gerry was a great person and will  
be missed by many. You and your family are in my prayers.*

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**Rita LeMieur** - January 13, 2016 at 07:59 AM

SH

“ *Stacy Herold lit a candle in memory of Gerry  
"Jake" L. Sorvari*



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**Stacy Herold** - January 12, 2016 at 09:44 PM

CL

“ Prayers, sympathy and hugs  
Charlie and Dianne



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**Charlie and Dianne Ledbetter** - January 12, 2016 at 07:21 PM

RM

“ to a dear classmate, may you rest in peace. your accomplishments  
in live will live on.

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**robert mortinsen** - January 12, 2016 at 03:17 PM

JO

“ My prayers to your family Jake and may you Rest in Peace. Your  
watch is over and your presence will be missed by all of us that  
knew you as a friend

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**John Olson** - January 12, 2016 at 02:46 PM

LH

“ Jake was a fun loving guy. He loved music as many have noted. I  
will remember him as kind, gentle, friendly, and an honorable man.  
Rest in peace friend!!!! Linda LeBlanc Hoffman

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**Linda Hoffman** - January 12, 2016 at 02:14 PM

LN

“ Larry And Naomi lit a candle in memory of  
Gerry "Jake" L. Sorvari

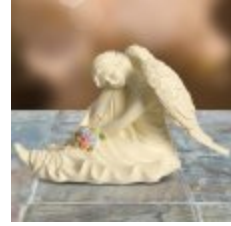


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**Larry and Naomi** - January 11, 2016 at 09:50 PM



“ *Platinum - Serene Angel was purchased for the family of Gerry "Jake" L. Sorvari.*



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January 11, 2016 at 09:42 PM



“ *Bernie, You are in my prayers. Sorry about your loss.*  
*Shannon Wisneski*



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**Shannon Wisneski** - January 11, 2016 at 08:32 PM



*Bernie and Ken..we have the best memories with Jake ever! He will never be forgotten by us. Please stay strong. Kath and Dick*

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**Kathy Jazdzewski** - January 12, 2016 at 03:28 PM



*Blessing & peace to Jake's family as you celebrate his life this week. I've known Jake since high school, most recently visited with him at Hoghead 2014. Always smiling & so kind. Treasure your many memories of Jake. Lorraine Kramer*

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**Lorraine Kramer** - January 12, 2016 at 04:17 PM



*Such a nice, friendly man that loved life and always had a smile for his friends. He was a fun loving, good man. Anyone who knew him will miss him.*

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**Kathy Besser** - January 12, 2016 at 06:31 PM

JK

*Bernie, my thoughts and prayers are with you. So sorry for your loss.*  
*Jeanne Knopik*

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**Jeanne Knopik** - January 12, 2016 at 09:39 PM

GE

*Lots of good times Jake going through school together in Proctor. God bless your family. Rest in peace my friend.*

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**Gregg Erickson** - January 13, 2016 at 06:28 PM

KF

*Our deepest sympathy, prayers, Bernie, for your loss*

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**Karen and Frank Fussy** - January 16, 2016 at 11:30 AM



*Bernie & Family, We are so sorry for your loss. We first met Gerry in 1999 when we relocated to St. Cloud and I worked along side him. He spoke of you Bernie, as well as his kids and grandkids with such love and devotion. He was a kind man and will be missed by all who knew him. May his smile live on in song....*

*Gary & Julaine (Julie) Johnson*

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**Gary Johnson** - January 17, 2016 at 02:42 PM