



Gerald "Jerry" LaPan

September 16, 1937 - January 13, 2019

Gerald "Jerry" LaPan, age 81, of Laurel, was born September 16, 1937. He passed away peacefully on January 13, 2019 at home surrounded by his loved ones. He was born in Dearborn, MI and was raised in Deerfield, MI. Visitation will be held at Memory Chapel Friday, January 18 from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM with Rosary following. Funeral mass and service will be held at Immaculate Conception Saturday, January 19 at 11:00 AM. Father Ken Ramon-Landry along with Father Mike Thornton will be officiating.

Jerry, known as "Grampa" and "Grampa Great" was loved and blessed by many. He served in the Navy and was a tool and dye maker. He also loved working in his tool shop repairing and creating things. He enjoyed playing music, singing, and prison ministry "Keryx". He was a member of Immaculate Conception and sang in their choir.

He was preceded in death by wife Lorene LaPan, Joan LaPan; his parents, Clarence "Charlie" and Loretta LaPan; his son, Jerry LaPan II; and his brothers, Daniel "Danny" LaPan and Michael LaPan.

He is survived by daughter, Laura Jensen (Dennis); sons, David LaPan (Susan), Mark LaPan (Sheila), David Bengue (Heather), and John LaPan (Jennifer); siblings Juanita McMahon (Red), Paul LaPan, Kathy Chmielewski (Kenny), Rita Johnson (John), Carolyn Rayner (Jack), Loretta Ann Szur (Bill), Joe LaPan (Julie), Tommy LaPan (Gina), and Renee Berens (Dave); 15 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Jeremy Jensen, Justin Jensen, Anthony Underwood,

Joshua Mowbray, Nathan LaPan, and Tommy Elias.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
<https://www.memorychapel laurel.com/>

Rosary

JAN 18. 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

JAN 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
833 W Sixth Street
Laurel, MS 39440

Tribute Wall

GC

“ *Loved this man and his precious family. He's dancing in heaven with his beloved. Rest in peace Jerry.*

Ginger Sue Cooksey - January 18, 2019 at 10:42 AM

TD

“ *Whenever I think of Jerry and Lorene Lapan, I smile a lot. I have been blessed, sincerely Blessed, by both of them. My heart goes out to all of you, but I really know there's a celebration in heaven.*
Tom DePrekel

tom dePrekel - January 17, 2019 at 06:01 AM

LJ

Thank you Tom! I agree!

Laura Jensen - January 22, 2019 at 01:52 AM

TD

“ *My first encounter with Jerry was at a Kairos (KERYX) training session and he and Gerald Garber were just finishing playing a beautiful and powerful praise song. Jerry said “wow, that was wonderful. I want to unzip my chest and suck up some more of God's love.”*
Gerald and I looked at each other in a way that said: I can't believe he just said that!
It was just Jerry's way of showing his love for Jesus.
He will be greatly missed but KERYX Ministries will be the greater blessed for his contribution.

Chaplain (Ret) Ray Moore

tom dePrekel - January 17, 2019 at 05:56 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" LaPan.*



January 15, 2019 at 08:06 PM



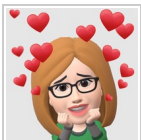
“ *Always enjoyed playing guitar with him at Keryx. Wish we could've done a few more.*

Winkler - January 15, 2019 at 06:23 PM



“ *Prayers of comfort and peace to John LaPan and all the family during this time of sorrow.*
B. J. Meche

Betty J. Meche - January 15, 2019 at 02:51 PM



“ *I will miss my sweet Veteran and his dog Freckles. My love and hugs to Laura.*
Connie Hoover
Veterans Service Center

Connie Hoover - January 15, 2019 at 11:52 AM



t/thank you Connie

Laura Jensen - January 22, 2019 at 01:55 AM

JH

“ I have fond memories of Jerry and his family when he and his family moved to Manton Mi. He worked as a furnace repair man with Kenny Whitmore. We were all young people raising our kids together in a small town area and our lives were forever joined in friendship.

Jerry and his band were celebrities at our local hangouts, playing great music and making life fun for all of us on Saturday night. There were some road trips to Kentucky to visit family down there and trips to the mall in Florence where we all had fun being silly and acting like we didn't have a care in the world.

We shared in the good times and we comforted each other in the sad times when Jerry Jr was tragically killed in accident. Through it all ,over the years we kept in touch through the family praying for each other in happy time of wedding, and the arrival of grand children and then great grands. Through the deaths of parents and loved ones suffering from cancer and other infirmities.

Jerry will be remembers as a good friend by many because he was a kind and compassionate man that loved his family and his God. I offer my deepest condolence to all of his family and his friends. May God bless each of you with comfort and peace as you say farewell.

Until we meet again Rest In Peace Jerry



Jack & Patricia Hankins - January 15, 2019 at 10:59 AM

LJ

t/hank you Pat..

Laura Jensen - January 22, 2019 at 01:57 AM

BQ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with my American family. I know Jerry and Lorene are dancing in the sky and singing in the Angels choir. They are back in each other’s arms where he wanted to be 💜



Bob and Dorothy Quinlan - January 15, 2019 at 09:44 AM

LJ

xoxo

Laura Jensen - January 22, 2019 at 01:58 AM

MJ

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all you guys. As a kid I always will remember how exciting it was to visit Uncle Jerry and Aunt Joan. So many kids close in age and always a baby to cuddle. Pure fun!

Marsha (Langmeyer) Jach - January 15, 2019 at 09:34 AM

LJ

thanks Marsha

Laura Jensen - January 22, 2019 at 01:59 AM

DD

“ Diane Livingston DeReamer lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" LaPan



Diane Livingston DeReamer - January 14, 2019 at 05:54 PM