



Gerard "Jerry" Lacertosa

April 18, 1953 - April 12, 2024

Gerard "Jerry" Lacertosa, 70, of Sarasota, FL, passed away on April 12, 2024. He was born on April 18, 1953. Gerard was known for his selfless nature and willingness to help others. He had a great sense of humor and kindness that touched the lives of many. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and a respected civil servant.

A proud veteran, Gerard served in the Air Force as well as the National Guard Reserves. He had an outstanding thirty year career with the Sarasota Police Department, retiring at the rank of Captain. After enjoying eighteen months of retirement, he put on his uniform yet again and served as a Sergeant with the SRQ Airport police department. He loved going to work every day.

Gerard is survived by his loving wife of fifty years Ellen Ann Lacertosa (Stoeckert), daughter Kyle Ann Lacertosa, son Tyler Scott Lacertosa, daughter-in-law Melissa Mesman, and grandchildren Luca and Cora. He is also survived by his six sisters Elaine, Geraldine, Delores, Janet, Carolyn, and Marjorie, as well as numerous brothers/sisters-in law, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Gerard Lacertosa, Sr, and mother Theresa Lacertosa.

Gerard was a parishioner at Incarnation Catholic Church.

A visitation will be held on Thursday April 18, 2024, from 4:00pm until 7:00pm, at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Colonial Chapel, 40 N Orange Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236.

A funeral mass will be held on Friday, April 19, 2024, at 9:30am, at Incarnation Catholic Church, 2901 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL 34239.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to honor his memory may donate to Incarnation Catholic School, Tunnel to Towers, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or a dog rescue.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **18**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel
40 N. Orange Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34236
(941) 955-4171
info@toalebrothers.com
<https://www.toalebrothers.com/>

Funeral Mass

APR **19**. 9:30 AM (ET)

Incarnation Catholic Church
2901 Bee Ridge Road
Sarasota, FL 34239

Tribute Wall

EK

“ I met Jerry at the Airport and worked with him for many years there. One of the most stand up persons with a high integrity! I feel blessed that I not only worked with Jerry, but I could call him a friend. He will be truly missed!

Ed Kish - April 18, 2024 at 04:56 PM

LC

“ I was very sad to hear that Jerry passed away. When he worked at the Sarasota Police Department, and I worked at the Medical Examiner's Office, we worked many cases together over the years. He was always very kind, willing to help out and very professional. My condolences to his family and to his brothers and sisters in law enforcement. Linda Cummings

Linda Cummings - April 17, 2024 at 03:50 PM

DL

“ Jerry was a very kind person. He would do anything for anybody and was always willing to help anyone out. He had a warm smile that was very comforting. I will miss him.

Debbie Iamielle - April 16, 2024 at 08:20 PM

MH

“ I am one in a long list of then kids- now adults- who benefited from being around Jerry nearly every week. At our young age we were too busy running around a Beef O' Brady's to comprehend how privileged we were to be influenced by men like Jerry; but now, I am forever grateful. Unfortunately, as the years progress, we are losing great men, and I hope we can learn more every day to walk in their footsteps. My family and I send our condolences to the entire family, and I will be praying that peace is found, at least in moments.

Matthew Hester - April 16, 2024 at 09:13 AM