



Father Gerald Alan Cerank

June 13, 1943 - October 16, 2024

Father Jerry passed away on October 16, 2024. He was 81 years old. He was born in Port Washington, NY on June 13, 1943 to Eugene and Ceri (Hovi) Cerank both of whom are deceased. Father Jerry is also predeceased by his brother Ronald Cerank. He leaves behind his beloved sister Jane Mary Zorn and her children Todd Zorn and Nadine (Zorn) Morton and their families.

Father Jerry went to school in Port Washington, NY until 5th grade when the family moved to Smithtown, NY. He lived there through High School, graduating from Smithtown HS in 1961 and then attended college at Plattsburg State University in the elementary education program. He graduated in 1965 and then entered the seminary after converting to Roman Catholicism. He attended St. Mary's in Kentucky, Wadhams Hall Seminary/College in Ogdensburg, NY, St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, NY, Fordham University in the Bronx, NY and was ordained in St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg, NY by Bishop Stanislaus Brzana on May 13, 1972.

Father Jerry was assigned to: St. Mary's of the Lake in Plattsburgh, NY as Parochial Vicar; St. John's in Plattsburgh, NY as Parochial Vicar and Catholic School Principal; then the Catholic Community of Keeseville, NY as Co-Pastor with St. John's, Immaculate Conception, and Sacred Heart in Port Kent, NY and St. Katherine's in Clintonville; then St. Peter's in Plattsburgh as Pastor; and finally Father Jerry became the pastor of St. Ann's and St. Joseph's

where he was a pastor for 21 years. He retired on January 1, 2014 and moved to North Port, Florida.

In Florida, Father Jerry was very active in San Pedro Parish. There he was loved by the people and he loved them as well.

Father Jerry Cerank will be laid out in San Pedro's Church with a Mass to follow on Thursday, October 24, 2024 starting at 10am. Funeral arrangements in Florida are being handled by Gendron Funeral Home, in North Port, Florida. There will also be services held in New York. Arrangements will be updated as they are finalized.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the San Pedro Respect Life Ministry in Father Jerry's name.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (est)

San Pedro Catholic Church
14380 Tamiami Trail
North Port, FL 34287
(941) 426-2500
<http://www.sanpedrocc.org>

Funeral Mass

OCT **24**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (est)

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North Port, FL 34287
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Tribute Wall

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“ There was a time when I was alone and going through a very difficult time. Fr. Jerry came to my home one day unexpectedly just to see how I was doing. He made me feel that someone cared. He was a very special priest and loved by all.

Suzanne Willis - October 27, 2024 at 08:04 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Fr. Jerry's sister Jane and family on his passing away. So proud to have known him while he served at San Pedro's. May God grant him 🙏 eternal life and peace for a life spent and devoted to saving souls for Him.
Frank and Honey Stroker 💕

fstroker9@verizon.net - October 25, 2024 at 08:00 PM