



## Gerald J. "Jerry" Lukes

March 26, 1949 - December 28, 2022

A Memorial Mass for Jerry will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Geneva, Nebraska with Father Harlan Waskowiak presiding.

Praying of the Rosary will be held prior to the Memorial Mass on Tuesday, January 3, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Geneva, Nebraska.

A Book Signing will be held on Monday, January 2, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with family present from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva, Nebraska.

Burial of Ashes will be held at a later date in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Geneva, Nebraska.

Memorials are to be directed to the family to be designated at a later date.

Gerald Joseph "Jerry" Lukes was born to Arnold Joseph Lukes and Eloise Theresa (Kerber) Lukes on March 26, 1949 at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and passed away December 28, 2022, at his home in Geneva, Nebraska at the age of 73 years. He was one of 6 children in the family.

He was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and went to school there until his family moved to Fairmont, Nebraska when he was 12 or 13 years old. He lived in Fairmont until the age of 19. Jerry attended Fairmont Public High School completing his 11th grade year. On completion of his 11th grade year, he entered in the United States Navy in 1968. He met the girl of his dreams that he wanted to spend the rest of his life with and married Deloris Reinsch in February of 1969.

Jerry served our country where he was stationed in Japan and Vietnam in 1969. He received an Honorable Discharge in April of 1970. When returning home Jerry and Deloris rented a home for a couple of years before buying their first home in 1972, which they were still living in at the time of his passing. He started his working career at the Safeway Grocery Store in Geneva as a Produce Manager, learning to cut meat in the meat department and worked his way up to be Assistant Manager of the store before he left after 9 years to begin working at the Fillmore County Roads Department in 1980. Jerry worked for the Fillmore County Roads Department from 1980 until he retired at the age of 65 years. From a young age and until the time of his death, he enjoyed fishing and hunting. During retirement he enjoyed the trips to Harlan County Lake to fish and trips to Missouri to see family.

To complete his high school education Jerry took courses through the University of Nebraska in Lincoln in Arts and received his GED in 1973.

Gerald was married to Deloris Reinsch of Geneva, Nebraska on February 4, 1969, and to them 2 children were born, Amy and Andrew.

He was a longtime member of the Geneva VFW being a member from 1970 until his passing in 2022. Jerry was also a member of the National Rifleman Association. Some of his favorite hobbies included hunting and fishing. He loved going hunting or fishing with anyone that wanted to join and if it was

their first time catching a fish or shooting their first deer the excitement on their face gave him great joy. Drawing was another hobby that he enjoyed doing when time allowed. Jerry thoroughly enjoyed his time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jerry was preceded in death by his mother and father, Arnold and Eloise Lukes; sister and brother-in-law, Karen (Lukes) Teeslink and George Teeslink; niece, LeAnn (Teeslink) Shown; great nephew, Jeral Shown and father and mother-in-law, Clarence and Bernice Reinsch.

He is survived by his wife, Deloris of Geneva, Nebraska; daughter, Amy (Tony) Wilson; their son and his wife, Jaron (Victoria) Wiseman and their children, Ariyana, Mila and Harlyn; daughters, Rayna and Mavis Wilson, all of Bolivar, Missouri; son, Andrew (Crystal) Lukes and their children, Vanessa, Hunter and Carly of Geneva, Nebraska; brother, Larry (Kathleen) Lukes of Saronville, Nebraska; sister, Susie (Frank) Adams of Saronville, Nebraska; brother, Terry (Debra) Lukes of Humansville, Missouri and sister, Renae (Lukes) Wingen of Oklahoma.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

# Previous Events

## Book Signing

JAN 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home  
242 N 10th Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present

JAN 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home  
242 N 10th Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## **Rosary**

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**JAN 3.** 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
831 E Street  
Geneva, NE 68361

## **Memorial Mass Of Christian Burial**

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**JAN 3.** 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
831 E Street  
Geneva, NE 68361

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ So sorry for your loss. Jerry was a very friendly man. I always enjoyed meeting up with Jerry. He always tried to do everything right. He will be missed.

Don and Shirley Rytych - January 05, 2023 at 11:43 AM



“ 52 files added to the album Flower Arrangements



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - January 03, 2023 at 01:17 PM

AP

“ Deloris, Amy, Andy and families, Our prayers and sincere sympathy to all of you at this time of deep sorrow. Jerry was a fun-loving guy and will be missed. You have a lot of good memories to cherish.  
Arlo and Ava Petersen

Ava Petersen - January 03, 2023 at 10:40 AM

RL

“ *Deloris and family, Our prayers and condolences to all of you. Jerry was a really nice guy and we thought a lot of him. We are heartbroken and will miss him terribly. We were so glad to spend time with him at the ships reunions this year and made more special memories. Know we will continue to pray for you and your family.*



*Rachelle , Chief, and Kayla Lane*



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**Rachelle Lane** - January 02, 2023 at 07:18 PM

VJ

“ *Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Gerald Lukes*



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**Virginia Johnson** - January 02, 2023 at 02:15 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald J. "Jerry" Lukes.*



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January 02, 2023 at 08:35 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald J. "Jerry" Lukes.*



January 01, 2023 at 03:00 PM



“ *Fly high Uncle Jerry!! Thanks for watching and learning how to make the cinnamon rolls and dinner rolls that Grandma (your mom) always made!!! You always knew how to make a person smile or laugh!!! You will be greatly missed!! To Aunt DeDe, Amy and Andy, I wish you all the best, Prayers and healing hands!!! Love to all!!!*

**DeVee Teeslink** - January 01, 2023 at 07:45 AM



“ *Continued prayers for you DeDe and your family.  
The gals in the Treasurer's office always enjoyed it when Jerry stopped in for a short visit. Always had a good laugh. Jerry will be missed by his family and friends! RIP*



**Barb Trapp** - December 31, 2022 at 05:13 PM



“ *Linda Heinisch lit a candle in memory of Gerald Lukes*



**Linda Heinisch** - December 31, 2022 at 09:48 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald J. "Jerry" Lukes.*



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December 31, 2022 at 08:47 AM



“ *Jim Votipka lit a candle in memory of Gerald Lukes*



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**Jim Votipka** - December 31, 2022 at 02:49 AM



“ *I have so many wonderful memories of Uncle Jerry!! He taught me how to hunt and so many other things!! I remember being young watching him turn on the record player and dancing around, we all laughed & laughed! He always knew how to make everyone smile! I will miss you Uncle Jerry! To Aunt DeDe I'm so sorry! Thank you for so many wonderful memories in your home! My last visit there Uncle Jerry & I groomed Amy's dog in the garage 😊 I love you and am praying God help us all get through this! ❤️*



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**Jackie Metzger** - December 30, 2022 at 08:17 PM

RR

*My deepest condolences to Jerry's family. I worked with Jerry at Safeway. I remember him as a very hard working man. He was always so willing to help and teach a fellow worker how to do a job and do it right. We didn't have a break room so we would just stand around the coffee pot and talk. Such fond memories. You made a job fun!*

**Ronda Rich** - December 31, 2022 at 08:35 AM

AF

“ *Aunt Rhoda & Rombough cousins and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gerald J. "Jerry" Lukes.*



**Aunt Rhoda & Rombough cousins and family** - December 30, 2022 at 03:09 PM

PW

“ *So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. DeeDee, Bob & I always enjoyed it when you guys stopped for coffee at Rep City. He always had that onery twinkle in his eye. Many laughs. My Sympathy to all the family. God Bless!*

**Patricia Whitehead** - December 30, 2022 at 02:45 PM

BB

“ *Worked several summers with Jerry on the "bridge crew" back in the early 80's. Great guy and will certainly be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers to the family! - Brad Best*



**Brad Best** - December 30, 2022 at 02:24 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gerald J. "Jerry" Lukes.*



December 30, 2022 at 11:24 AM



“ *Jerry was a great man always had a smile , he could make anyone laugh . I am so thankful that my granddaughter Got to have him and there Grandpa.*



**Tammie Hammond** - December 30, 2022 at 10:34 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald J. "Jerry" Lukes.*



December 30, 2022 at 10:21 AM



“ *Randy Rhonda Schlick lit a candle in memory of Gerald Lukes*



**Randy & Rhonda Schlick** - December 30, 2022 at 10:07 AM

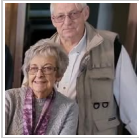
SM

“ *Sandra Mewhirter lit a candle in memory of Gerald Lukes*



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**Sandra L Mewhirter** - December 30, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Jerry was a classmate of mine. He was such a great guy, and always willing to help anyone. My heart goes out to his wife and family. He'll be missed by many.*



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**Barbara Zimmermann Engelbrecht** - December 30, 2022 at 09:32 AM

HF

“ *Holly & Doug Fischer lit a candle in memory of Gerald Lukes*



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**Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer** - December 30, 2022 at 08:25 AM

DM

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss! Harold & Dorothy*

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**Dorothy Moravec** - December 29, 2022 at 11:19 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald J. "Jerry" Lukes.*



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December 29, 2022 at 09:11 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald J. "Jerry" Lukes.*



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December 29, 2022 at 06:28 PM



“ *Our condolences to the family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*



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**Carol Best** - December 29, 2022 at 06:19 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends.*



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**RodandSandi Renken** - December 29, 2022 at 06:15 PM