



Francis Jerry Harrer

January 26, 1924 - November 8, 2019

Francis J. Harrer, 95, of Mason City, passed away Friday (November 8, 2019) at Good Shepherd Health Center in Mason City.

A Memorial Mass will be held 11:30 a.m. Friday (November 15, 2019) at Epiphany Parish - Holy Family Catholic Church, 714 North Adams Ave., Mason City, with The Rev. Josh Link and Msgr. Joseph Slepicka concelebrating. Inurnment will be held in the Elmwood St. Joseph cemetery at a later date.

A visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Friday (November 15, 2019) at Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapel, 126 3rd St. NE, Mason City, IA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Epiphany Parish.

Francis "Jerry" was born January 26, 1924, son of George and Catherine (Grady) Harrer, in Mason City. Jerry graduated from the Mason City High School, Class of 1941. He enlisted into the Navy in 1943, trained as a fighter pilot, and was honorably discharged in 1945.

He was united in marriage to JoAnn (Hebel) on November 17, 1951 at Holy Family Catholic Church, and to this union six children were born.

Jerry was able to work along side his father and brother at Harrer Insurance Agency, until his retirement at the age of 63.

He enjoyed traveling and spending winter months in Florida with JoAnn and their daughter, Barbara. One of the highlights of their travels was going to Europe and being blessed by Saint Pope John Paul II. He was an avid golfer from the time he was eight years old and was a long-time member of the Mason City Country Club.

Jerry was an active member of the Epiphany Parish – Holy Family Catholic Church.

Jerry is survived by four children, Steve (Julie) Harrer, of Sioux Falls, SD., Cathy (Michael) Boyle, of Ankeny, Mike Harrer, of Mason City and Mary (Greg) Boyle, of Ankeny; thirteen grandchildren; eight great grandchildren.

Jerry was preceded in death by his wife, JoAnn Harrer; parents, George and Catherine Harrer; daughter, Barbara Harrer; son, David Harrer and five siblings.

Cemetery

Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery

1224 South Washington
Mason City, IA,

Events

NOV **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapel
126 Third Street Northeast, Mason City, IA, US,
50401

NOV **Memorial Mass** 11:30AM

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Epiphany Parish Holy Family Catholic Church
714 N Adams Ave, Mason City, IA, US, 50401

Comments



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Francis Jerry Harrer.



November 14 at 12:43 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Francis Jerry Harrer.



November 14 at 09:57 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Francis Jerry Harrer.



November 13 at 03:43 PM



“ Uncle Jerry and Aunt Jo are my godparents. As far back as I can remember they never forgot my birthday. A few years ago, before Aunt Jo passed, Mom and I were on the phone with Uncle Jerry and Aunt Jo, Uncle Jerry said he wouldn't recognize me if he passed me on the street. That was understandable since it had been a long time since we had seen each other. I think Aunt Jo would have recognized me though. The next day Mom, my brother Tom, my wife Sally and I drove to Mason City to visit them. We had a good visit and I told Uncle Jerry he didn't have an excuse now, not to recognize me if he passed me on the street. He agreed.

I will miss both Uncle Jerry and Aunt Jo!

Our deepest condolences, Craig and Sally Rodgers

Craig Rodgers - November 11 at 01:12 PM



“ I always remember the warm welcome from Uncle Jerry and Aunt Jo when I came back to Mason City. So much fun to chat with and always there for the family. I remember the family reunion in Mason City; we played golf and I was with Uncle Jerry; very intimidating since I was should I say "not very good" at golf. And of course Uncle Jerry was City Champion many times. He was so kind; helping me make putts; and Patient. We had a great time. And I cried when he and Aunt Jo showed up at the Church for Bill's funeral. I know it was not easy for them. Family! I will miss you Uncle Jerry. Bob and Jim and I send our Thoughts and Prayers to all of you. God Bless!
Ann

Ann Harrer Miller - November 11 at 12:26 PM



“ So sorry to hear this Mary. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Sharon Madsen - November 11 at 08:42 AM



“ Jerry was a kind and wonderful man. He helped me with insurance when no one would sell me car insurance. Then there is the never complained about the adventures of Glen and Dave. He could have. My condolences to the entire family! Sorry I can't be there but you are in my prayers.

Glen - November 14 at 05:55 PM



“ Mike& family, we are sorry to hear about your loss.. you are all in our prayers at this time... Lisa & Steve Swartwood

Lisa Swartwood - November 10 at 09:49 PM



“ Although having only met him a couple time we felt we knew him. When Mary would visit him we would ask how he's doing and always sent a greetings from Nebraska. He will be missed.

Mike Fujan - November 10 at 07:22 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Francis Jerry Harrer.



November 10 at 07:10 PM



“ I always called Uncle Jerry (Dad, Don Harrer, Used to call him "UNK") on golf tournament days, especially when some of his favorite players were in the tournament. We used to laugh over a few holes and critique some of the shots. He was much more generous than I was :>) He and Aunt Jo were always there for me whenever I visited Mason City. I used to love walking up to their porch and invariably Barb would be sitting there waiting for me and would greet me with "Hi Peg, How Are ya?" What wonderful warm memories I have of Uncle Jerry, Aunt Jo and the whole wonderful family! Aunt Jo was the most gentle, loving woman and I was so lucky to have them both in my life. My heart is with all of you and, as we've said, it is overflowing with joy now that Jerry and Jo are reunited, but full of sadness at our loss of them both on this earth! The Pearly Gates must be rockin' tonite!
All of my love, Peg (a.k.a Maggie)

Maggie Harrer - November 08 at 05:55 PM