



## Gerard J. Hayes

March 19, 1939 - November 1, 2024

Gerard Joseph Hayes “Jerry”, passed away surrounded by his loving family on November 1, 2024 in Detroit, Michigan. He was born March 19, 1939 in St. Louis, Missouri and is predeceased by his biological parents, Gertrude and Gerard Hayes. Husband of 60 years to Patricia Hayes and survived by his children, Kevin, Karen (Phil) Ladouceur, Christopher (Jennifer) Hayes and five grandchildren: Luke, Jack, and Olivia Hayes, Aaron and Grace Ladouceur. A loving husband, father, grandfather and friend to many. He was passionate about his interests and gifted with many talents: a musician, racing historian and automobile enthusiast, a verifiable “car guy.” He loved and cherished the greatest spectacle in racing, “The Indianapolis 500.” A graduate of Florida Southern College, earning a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and a proud brother of the Sigma Chi fraternity. To know him was a blessing, as he had the gift of instantly impacting your life in a thought, story or quip that you could take with you throughout your life, the mark of a true Irishman. Family was everything to him and his devotion to the sanctity of marriage WAS his moral code and identity; a true gift to observe and experience. His family is at peace knowing he is now reunited with his soulmate and loving wife. Words could never express the love we feel for him and we ask he watch over our families as we try to navigate life without him. At the family’s request there is a celebration of life on Thursday, November 14 from 5-8 pm at Wasik Funeral Home, Gendernalik Chapel, 35259 (23 Mile Road) New Baltimore, MI 48047.



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV **14.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home-New Baltimore  
35259 23 Mile Road  
New Baltimore, MI 48047

# Tribute Wall



“ Christine H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerard J. Hayes.

Christine H. - November 14, 2024 at 07:55 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerard J. Hayes.

November 13, 2024 at 07:27 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Gerard J. Hayes.



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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gerard J. Hayes.



November 12, 2024 at 08:24 AM



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“ *Jerry was always great person to talk with, when a guest at Stahls Museum would have question I couldn't answer, I would go to him who always had a detailed answer. My thoughts and prayers for Jerry and his family. Bill Willmarth*

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**Bill Willmarth** - November 11, 2024 at 12:15 PM