



## James W. Gerard

October 18, 1941 - December 21, 2023

James W. Gerard of Seminole, FL sadly left us on 12/21/2023. Jimmy was born October 18, 1941 in Brooklyn, NY to Caterina (Kitty) Matteo Gerard and William A. Gerard. The family moved to Sarasota, FL, where Jimmy went to high school and college and then signed with the Kansas City Athletics baseball team. In Sarasota Jimmy met his wife, Gael, and later became the father of three daughters. Jimmy worked for Bristol Meyers and retired as a District Manager with them. Jimmy was an avid golfer and was known by all for his sharp wit and ability to make everyone smile. Jimmy is survived by the mother of his children, Gael, daughters Jennifer, Jessica (Nick), Joanna and his two granddaughters Layla and Gael. A funeral mass will be held on 1/6/24 at St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church in Seminole, FL at 11:00 AM. A celebration of life will be held following services at the Fairfield Inn, 3070 Gulf To Bay Blvd, Clearwater, Florida.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

JAN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church  
10851 Ridge Rd.  
Seminole, FL 33778

## Celebration of Life following Mass

JAN 6 (ET)

Fairfield Inn  
3070 Gulf To Bay Blvd  
Clearwater, FL 33759

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Jerry, Yolanda and Sophia purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James W. Gerard.



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**Jerry, Yolanda and Sophia** - January 04, 2024 at 05:53 PM

YB

“ Dear Sweet Friends/Family,

*The LOVE and LAUGHTER Jimmy brought to EVERY occasion will be sorely missed and never forgotten.*

*We pray the hole in your hearts be filled with God's love and your wonderful memories.*

*We also pray that knowing Jimmy is in a better place and at peace will bring you peace.*

*It is not “goodbye” but instead, “see you later.”*

*Sending all our love,*

*Jerry, Yolanda and Sophia*

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**Yolanda Betancourt** - January 04, 2024 at 05:17 PM

JC

*Thank you all so much for everything ❤️*

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**Jessica Camarra** - January 08, 2024 at 06:29 PM

YB

“ *Yolanda Betancourt lit a candle in memory of James Gerard*



Yolanda Betancourt - January 04, 2024 at 05:17 PM

DY

“ *I have nothing but the highest respect for Mr. Gerard. He is an inspiration to me and I have nothing but the best memories of him. There are few people I can say that have left a good legacy in my heart and made me better man. This is not only a gift but a blessing. RIP Mr. Gerard. Your tree produced many good fruits. May the Lord bless you richly in the afterlife.*

Dwight Young - January 04, 2024 at 03:39 PM

JC

*Thank you so much for your beautiful words and for your prayers.*

Jessica Camarra - January 12, 2024 at 09:39 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James W. Gerard.*



January 02, 2024 at 07:33 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James W. Gerard.*



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January 01, 2024 at 06:00 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of James W. Gerard.*



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January 01, 2024 at 11:30 AM



“ *Joe & Ortrud Atkinson & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James W. Gerard.*

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**Joe & Ortrud Atkinson & family** - January 01, 2024 at 11:30 AM



“ *Gael, Jennifer, Jessica and Joanna,  
You were so fortunate to have Jimmy in your lives. He loved his family. He had such an outgoing personality and was loved by all who knew him. We are praying for you during this very difficult time.  
Love, Nancy and Kevin*

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**nancy Fannon** - January 01, 2024 at 09:46 AM



*Thank you so much.*

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**Jessica Camarra** - January 02, 2024 at 08:33 PM

LS

“ Oh how he was loved. Laughing, Loving and a friend forever..



Lynda Stromberg - December 31, 2023 at 11:47 AM

JC

Yes, that was my father. We miss him so much.

Jessica Camarra - January 02, 2024 at 08:34 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James W. Gerard.



December 30, 2023 at 11:02 PM

LS

“ How we all loved you. GOODNESS, HILARITY AND WONDER. WE ALL WILL MISS YOU.

Lynda Stromberg - December 30, 2023 at 11:41 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James W. Gerard.



December 29, 2023 at 12:24 PM

LD

“ Lynda Bowman Stromberg and Dave planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James W. Gerard.

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**Lynda Bowman Stromberg and Dave** - December 29, 2023 at 12:24 PM