



Gerald F. LaDuke

January 14, 1935 - March 18, 2014

Gerald (Jerry) Frederick LaDuke, 79, passed away Tuesday, March 18th, at Decatur Co. Manor in Parsons, TN. He was the son of the late Edwin and Selina LaDuke. Jerry was born January 14, 1935 and grew up in Chicopee, MA. He was a friend to all he met, with a generosity as big as the sky. He adored his family, always putting others before himself. He served his country in the U S Marine Corp receiving an honorable discharge in 1956. Jerry joined the Town of Groton Connecticut Police Department in 1965 where he served as a patrol officer and later as a dispatcher. He was known for his calmness, concern and the ability to get things done, three wonderful qualities cited by his fellow officers. He faithfully served for 30 years.

Retiring to Decaturville, TN to be with his family, he enjoyed fishing, camping, traveling and his animals. He was employed with Tinker Home Center in Parsons, where he enjoyed meeting and helping people. Jerry will be remembered as a wonderful uncle to a host of nieces and nephews.

Mr. LaDuke is survived by four grandchildren, Kenneth Andrew LaDuke, Jenny Marie Busmire, Joseph LaDuke and Rebecca LaDuke, and a great-grandson, Michael Garrett LaDuke.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his beloved wife of 46 years, Leona "Lee" Rector LaDuke, a daughter, Penny LaDuke Busmire, two sons, Frederick LaDuke II and Jerry Meriwether LaDuke, a brother, Harold LaDuke and three sisters, Dorothy Parrow, Lorraine Fleury and Irene Mastroianni.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Regina Catholic Church, Parsons, TN, at 12 PM on Friday, March 21st, with Father Paul Wangaih officiating. Burial will follow in Decaturville Cemetery with military honors. Visitation will be Friday 11 AM until service at St. Regina Catholic Church.

Cemetery Details

Decaturville Cemetery

N. Pleasant St.
Decaturville, TN 38329

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Jenny Busmire sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerald F. LaDuke* ”




Jenny Busmire - February 01, 2015 at 06:22 AM

JM

“ *Jennifer Moore lit a candle in memory of Gerald F. LaDuke* ”



Jennifer Moore - March 28, 2014 at 12:33 PM

 Diana Thorstens

“ *Diana Thorstenson lit a candle in memory of Gerald F. LaDuke* ”



Diana Thorstenson - March 24, 2014 at 11:05 PM

KD

“ Jerry was one of the nicest police officers that I had the priveledge to work with. He was always honest and kind to all persons. Jerry was known for his ability to handle whatever calls came in to the desk with the utmost diplomacy. I also remember riding with Jerry while in training. He took his job seriously and taught me a lot, and to wait for the rain down pour to end before arriving at a vehicle lockout! Rest in peace Jerry. I know you will be missed by all who knew you.
-Kathy Doyle, GTPD 721



Kathy Doyle - March 24, 2014 at 10:52 AM

JB

“ Jenny Busmire sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerald F. LaDuke



Jenny Busmire - March 23, 2014 at 05:05 AM

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“ Dorothy Paulette Laduke was added to the Family Tree.

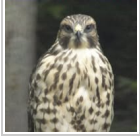
Jenny Busmire - March 23, 2014 at 05:04 AM



“ Jenny Busmire lit a candle in memory of Gerald F. LaDuke



Jenny Busmire - March 23, 2014 at 04:58 AM



“ I worked with Jerry for 26 years on the Groton Town Police Dept Groton, CT where Jerry was a Patrol Officer. Jerry was a great guy and a good friend. Jerry retired in 1994 after 29 years on the PD.. I was privileged to visit him several times in Parsons, TN. And he was the same ole Jerry we went over our memories of the years we worked together... Wishing to make contact with his Family. Can be reached at sulliospnm@aol.com. Our thoughts and Prayers are with you. Marty Sullivan

Marty Sullivan - March 22, 2014 at 11:55 AM

DV

Marty- Thank you for the kind words. No one could have expressed those kind words for Jerry any better.

David Valinski - March 22, 2014 at 03:13 PM