



Deacon Gerald A. Gagne

July 27, 1946 - January 27, 2024

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

Deacon Gerald A. Gagne, age 77, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 11:55 a.m. on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper, Indiana.

Jerry was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, on July 27, 1946, to Arthur and Beatrice (Sontag) Gagne. He married Martha Gaesser on November 23, 1972, at St. Ferdinand Catholic Church in Ferdinand, Indiana.

He was a 1964 graduate of Gardner High School in Gardner, Massachusetts.

He was a United States Air Force Veteran.

Jerry had worked for 12 years at Uebelhor and Sons, and then retired as the Chief of Communications from the Jasper Police Department, where he had worked for 28 years. He was also on the Board of Directors for the Jasper Community Arts Commission.

He was a Permanent Deacon at Precious Blood Catholic Church for 18 years, was a chaplain for the city police and an on-call chaplain for Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

He was a member of Precious Blood Catholic Church in Jasper, Precious Blood Men's Society, the Ferdinand American Legion Post #124, and the V.F.W. Post #673.

Jerry loved to hike and fish, and spending time with his family and friends.

Surviving is his wife, Martha Gagne, Jasper, IN, two children, Brian (Jill) Gagne, Greenwood, IN, and Michelle (Adam) Welp, New Albany, IN, four grandchildren, Grace and Evan Gagne, and Benjamin and Emma Welp, and one brother, Ron Gagne, Orlando, FL.

Preceding him in death is his sister-in-law, Norma Gagne.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Deacon Gerald A. Gagne will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 2, 2024, at Precious Blood Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. The American Legion Post #124 will conduct military gravesite rites.

A visitation will be held from 3:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana, and one hour before services from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at the church on Friday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Precious Blood Church Endowment Fund.

Condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown
214 East 7th Street
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4141
email@becherkluesner.com

Visitation

FEB 2. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Precious Blood Catholic Church
1385 W 6th St
Jasper, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

Precious Blood Catholic Church
1385 W 6th St
Jasper, IN

Tribute Wall

JB

“ My deepest sympathy/prayers to you and your family, friends!
Respect 🙏

James Birkle - February 08, 2024 at 09:40 PM



“ I worked with Jerry at the police department. He was that fella that had the tough exterior but soft inside. It did not take long to realize that soft inside contained a heart of gold. Today, if I close my eyes, I can still hear him say, “all are welcome” when I commented on my status as a “heathen Protestant”. I can still hear him telling other colleagues, “it’s time”. He always referred to my husband as a “fisher of men”. It was such a privilege to bear witness to the ceremony where he was ordained as a Deacon. Thank you for your service Jerry buddy.

My thoughts and prayers are with Martha and the entire family.

Lisa J. Miller, Chief, CO Office of the Attorney General (ret)

Lisa Miller - February 05, 2024 at 07:44 PM

KF

“ Martha, Brian, Michelle and families,
I am so sorry for your loss. Jerry was a great man and a wonderful friend. Always kind and caring, even through his own health battles. I am sure my Dad was happy to see him and they can chat once again. Hugs and prayers for you all.
Kim Fleck



Kim Fleck - February 01, 2024 at 08:27 AM

GR

“ I first met Jerry when he worked as a wrecker driver and was always Johnny on the spot when law enforcement needed him. I then got to work with him for many year at JPD. He could always be counted on to go above and beyond, often stepping up when extra help was needed. This attitude propelled him to develop and lead the Communications and the Traffic Auxiliary and eventually to become deacon so he could help many more.
Thank you for your dedication and service my friend. You will be greatly missed by many.
Martha and the family are in our Prayers.
Rick Gunselman

Gunselman Rick - January 30, 2024 at 06:34 PM

MP

“ I enjoyed working with Jerry at the hospital. My prayers are with you.

Marie Patton - January 30, 2024 at 04:47 PM

RW

“ Dear Martha and family,
So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. I ministered with him at the Cancer Center a few years ago. I always enjoyed his humor. He was very determined to keep going even though his knees gave him a lot of pain. Wish I could make it to the funeral but it won't work out. Know that you and your family are in my prayers. Sister Rose Wildeman

Rose Wildeman - January 30, 2024 at 09:30 AM

CH

“ My deepest sympathy and prayers to Martha and the family. May Jerry enjoy eternal rest.



Chris Bohnert Hinkle - January 30, 2024 at 07:22 AM

GM

“ Gerry Miller lit a candle in memory of Deacon Gerald A. Gagne



Gerry Miller - January 29, 2024 at 10:35 PM

DM

“ I was in Deacon Jerry's Diaconate class. You always knew where you stood with him. He was always straightforward with his what he believed and strong in his faith. I'm sure he will be missed by all those he touch while serving as a Deacon. I give my sincere condolences to his family on their loss.
Deacon David Mayer

Deacon David Mayer - January 29, 2024 at 09:03 PM

AK

“ Deacon Gerry will always hold a special place in my Daughter and I's hearts. I will always remember him coming to visit me at the hospital after my daughter was born and asked me if he could baptize my daughter! He did just that! Praying for the entire family

Amber Knies - January 29, 2024 at 06:39 PM

DS

“ *DuaneJennifer Sermersheim lit a candle in memory of Deacon Gerald A. Gagne*



DuaneJennifer Sermersheim - January 29, 2024 at 03:15 PM

AB

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the Gagne family.*

Adam, Kaelyn and AJ

Adam Blessinger - January 29, 2024 at 01:53 PM

PH

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family. Deacon Jerry will be greatly missed.*

Paul, Sue, Thomas & Olivia Habig

Paul Habig - January 29, 2024 at 11:48 AM