



Gerald J. "GJ" Lease

January 9, 1932 - December 8, 2017

Ridgeway – Gerald Joseph "GJ" Lease, age 85, of Ridgeway, passed away on Friday, December 8, 2017 at his home. He was born January 9, 1932 to Edward Sr. and Mary (Kiley) Lease. He was one of 11 children raised on the family farm south of Ridgeway.

He enlisted in the US Navy in 1951 serving aboard the USS Mellette A.P.A-156 stationed in Greenland and Korea. He was proud to serve his country. He drove semi for Paoli Mill before joining Hammersley Stone where he retired after 34 years. His hobbies included hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Dianne (Stampfl); his six sons Gerald (Brenda), John (Janet), Jeff (Lynn), Jay (Karen), Jan (Claudia) and Jim (Emma). As well as, his sisters, Virginia Lease and Betty Sawle, 17 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his siblings Edward Jr., Bernard, Raymond, David, Donald, Dolores, Loraine, Averill and 2 grandchildren Travis and Tara.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at ST. BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Ridgeway. Monsignor Daniel Ganshert will officiate. Burial will be held in St. Bridget's Cemetery with Military Graveside Rites accorded by the Ridgeway American Legion. Friends may call from 9:00 a.m. until time of Mass on Tuesday at the

church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald J. "GJ" Lease*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *My sincere sympathy.GJ was a cousin of mine. I fondly remember spending time in the summer when I was growing up on the farm at Ridgeway.*

Wilbur Abel II - April 28, 2018 at 01:15 AM



“ *Uncle Gary was a one of a kind uncle. When he would get together with his younger brother David, who was my dad, a great time was had by all. Miss you Uncle Gary.*

Donna Lease- Coleman - April 28, 2018 at 01:15 AM



“ *I worked with Jerry at Hammersley Stone.Always had a smile. God Bless.Bob Zurbuchen*

Robert Zurbuchen - April 28, 2018 at 01:15 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I can only wish I had known him better. My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone.*

Justin Lease - April 28, 2018 at 01:15 AM

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“ *To the Family of Gerald Lease: I am the daughter of Beth Lease Brynildson (born 1921). She was the daughter of Henry & Emma Lease, and grew up on their farm outside of Dodgeville. Mom passed in January 2007. She was a cousin to "Uncle Edie's" kids. I am writing to express my sympathy on behalf of my mother's fond memories of her cousins. May God's love and peace comfort you now in your time of grief. In Jesus Holy Name.*

Inga (Brynildson) Hagge - April 28, 2018 at 01:15 AM