



Gerald "Gerry" Donald Hiawatha Renpaul

April 27, 1926 - June 15, 2020

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RACINE - Gerald Donald Hiawatha Renpaul, 94, passed away at his home on Monday, June 15, 2020.

He was born to the late Louis Bernard and Ella Dorothea Louise (nee: Meyer) Renpaul on April 27, 1926 in Racine on the property now known as The Racine Quarry Lake Park. His dad flew the coop when he was 14 months old and left Ella with two children from his first wife who had passed away and four children with her. Gerry was a devil in his younger years and grew up to be a half decent man. In his younger years he had numerous jobs at Racine Country Club, Cold Spring Beverage Co, Chicago Rubber, Armour Meat, J I Case (3 times), Hamilton Beach and Fox Ice Co. He hitch hiked to New York, worked at Bickford's Restaurant in New York long enough to earn money to take a bus back to Racine. Gerry then worked at Webster Electric, Modine, Pittsburg Steamship Co, Massey Harris, Teleoptic Co. and finally beginning in August 1950, he was hired as a maintenance man at In-Sink-Erator, becoming a lead maintenance man and electrician. Gerry retired from In-Sink-Erator on May 31, 1985. He helped to decertify the union UAW AFL-CIO local 1264 from In-Sink-Erator in the 1960's. It took two different times before the union was decertified.

Also, in 1950 Gerry met the love of his life, Nancy Lee Wood. He married Nancy on June 9, 1951 at St. John's Lutheran Church. They had five children. They enjoyed going up north on vacation, either camping or renting a cottage.

In 1972 Gerry and Nancy purchased a tree plantation in Mt. Morris, WI, Wautoma area in Waushara County.

Gerry had about 8 1/2 to 9 years of schooling. Eight years at Rapids School, some at Washington Jr. High School and some at Racine Vocational School. He enjoyed going up north, fishing with his friends, playing golf, playing fast pitch ball, ice skating, sledding with his children and looking for golf balls.

He is survived by his children, Judith Ann (Tom) Scheel of Minocqua, WI, Ruth Lee (Jon) Tylock of Racine, twins, Nancy Renee Renpaul of Racine and David Gerald Renpaul of Colorado Springs, CO; grandchildren, Nicole Ramirez, Jason Scheel, Rachael (David Vargas) Renpaul, Jaron Tylock, Allison Tylock, twins, Karly Fitchett and Leila Fitchett; great grandchildren, Kool, Daisy, twins, Gianna and Raina, Kora Lee, Serena, Niola and Lennon. He is further survived by his sister, Violet Geranium Rose Yorgan, dear friend, Linnie Studey, nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Gerry was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy on May 30, 1981, daughter, Geri Lynn Wells in 2013; brother, Bernie (Scotty) Renpaul, sister, Niece (John) Kralicek; step-sisters, Ginna (Chuck) Johnson and Jenny (Gilbert) Andersen and dear friend, Gladys Toler.

A visitation for Gerald will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Monday, June 22, 2020 from 12 p.m. until 1:30 p.m., with a procession to Graceland Cemetery for a committal service following. In accordance with the city of Racine mandate, only 25 people are allowed to enter the funeral home at a time. You may be asked to wait outside until others have left the building. For the safety of our guests, we do ask that those in attendance wear a mask or face covering. We thank everyone for their understanding as we navigate these difficult times. A celebration of Gerry's life will be held at a later date. Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association have been suggested by the family. A special thank you to Linnie for taking my dad for rides, reminiscing around Racine, the city he loved.

This obituary was written by Gerry himself.

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

Racine, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **22**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
3014 Northwestern Avenue
Racine, WI 53404
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Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald "Gerry" Donald Hiawatha Renpaul*



Sturino Funeral Home - June 19, 2020 at 10:45 PM

SC

“ *No matter how old we are, it's never easy to lose a parent. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Memories will ease your pain during your time of sorrow. I am so sorry for your loss my deepest condolences.*

Sheila Graham Contreras

Sheila Graham Contreras - June 22, 2020 at 06:19 PM

 John Stanke

“ *One of the most unique people I have ever had the pleasure to know. Gerry worked with my Dad at In Sink Erator for 40 years and was always available to help with a side job, electrical questions, or a great joke. I will never forget you. Hope you are having a whoopensocker with Karl... Our deepest condolences to the family. John & Hollie Stanke, Racine*

John Stanke - June 22, 2020 at 09:17 AM

NT

“ MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO GERRY'S FAMILY. HE WAS A CHARACTER I'LL NEVER FORGET. HE HAD A UNIQUE AND FORWARD APPROACH TO LIFE. HIS HUMOR AND WISE QUIPS WERE SECOND TO NONE. HIS MEMORY WILL KEEP A SMILE FOREVER. REST IN PEACE AND ENJOY THE JOURNEY. SINCERELY,
NICK THIELEN
P.S. THE LONG HAired SHERIFF WILL MISS YOU TOO.

NICK THIELEN - June 20, 2020 at 09:19 PM

LI

“ Lisa lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Gerry" Donald Hiawatha Renpaul



Lisa - June 20, 2020 at 11:55 AM

LI

“ I cleaned for Gerry for a short time at Parkview Gardens, he always called me sugar plum and always had a smile. He was quite the joker with his buddy Bob. I remember one day one of the aids asked him what kind of chips he liked he said sweet and sassy, he thought she said chicks. R.I.P. Gerry and have fun with Bob in heaven. Love your sugarplum Lisa.

Lisa - June 20, 2020 at 11:48 AM

TA

“ Tammy lit a candle in memory of Gerald
"Gerry" Donald Hiawatha Renpaul



Tammy - June 20, 2020 at 10:44 AM

RK

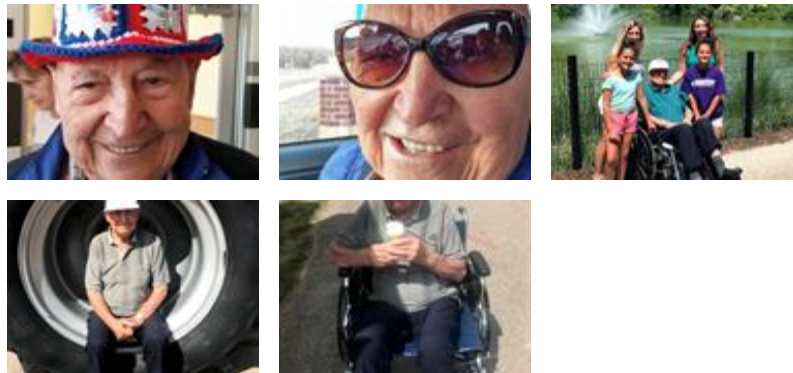
“ Rich & Terry (Jorgensen) Kropp lit a candle in
memory of Gerald "Gerry" Donald Hiawatha
Renpaul



Rich & Terry (Jorgensen) Kropp - June 20, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ 171 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sturino Funeral Home - June 19, 2020 at 10:28 PM

JR

“ He was a great Father and Grandfather.
Great memories of camping, fishing, golfball
hunting, holidays upnorth, fish fry on Friday,
coffee on Sundays and all his funny sayings.
We love you



Jon and Ruth - June 19, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Gerald "Gerry" Donald Hiawatha
Renpaul.



June 19, 2020 at 09:54 AM

WR

“ Ooh La La! is my fondest memory of him
hollering out the window when any of us
Jorgensen gals walked by! Fun, loving guy!
and a Full life he lived! Rest in Peace my
friend and Prayers to your whole family for
only good memories.



Wendy Ritacco - June 18, 2020 at 05:01 PM

NR

“ Nancy Renpaul lit a candle in memory of
Gerald "Gerry" Donald Hiawatha Renpaul



Nancy renpaul - June 18, 2020 at 02:29 PM

NR

I love daddy, always in heart, I will always be your little Nancy.

Nancy renpaul - June 19, 2020 at 05:04 PM

CM

“ *Cokitha Moss lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Gerry" Donald Hiawatha Renpaul*



Cokitha Moss - June 17, 2020 at 09:34 PM

MN

“ *Dearest Vi, I am sorry for the loss of your brother. I must admit, he wrote quite a story of his life. I never heard all of your names put together like he did. Certainly Jimmy just called you Vi. It was truly interesting to read. He had more jobs than I broke drills, and taps, when Jimmy was my leader. I would have loved to meet him. I do remember some Renpaul's from school, but not certain of which ones.? Again i'm sorry for you're loss, and hope you and you're family are doing well.*

Michael and Nina Nelson (Bill and Pat's Twin)

Michael T. Nelson - June 17, 2020 at 09:23 PM

BW

“ *Uncle Gerry, I hope your enjoying soup with my dad. I will miss your funny sayings.*
Billy Wood

Bill Wood - June 17, 2020 at 09:16 PM

CB

“ I will never forget hearing his voice (to the girls of his choice) loudly for everyone at work (ISE) to hear with the biggest smile...."AHHOUWWWWW-- WHAT- A - BOD!!
He was always such a bright light! Rejoice in heaven Gery 🙏

Christine Braun - June 17, 2020 at 07:28 PM

NR

I love you daddy, so many memories .I will always be your little nancy
❤️

Nancy renpaul - June 18, 2020 at 02:19 PM

NR

I love you daddy. So many memories.i will always be your little nancy
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Nancy renpaul - June 18, 2020 at 02:21 PM