



## Jerry A. Cavalieri

February 4, 1946 - February 10, 2025

With hearts full of gratitude, we celebrate the life of Jerry Cavalieri, a loving husband, father, friend and educator who passed away peacefully at home on February 10, 2025.

Born at home on February 4, 1946, in the close-knit Italian immigrant community of Iron Mountain, Jerry grew up in Utica, Michigan. Jerry's life was deeply rooted in the Central Michigan community. It was at his parents' cottage on Silver Lake that he met Helenan Langer in 1964, and they began a marriage of 57 years in 1968. The first of his family to attend college, he studied education at Central Michigan University as an undergraduate and returned to CMU for a Masters degree after serving in the US Navy. A dedicated educator, he spent the majority of his 32-year career at Farwell Elementary School, and taught prospective new teachers at Mid-Michigan Community College. Throughout his life, Jerry found joy in camping with his family, browsing antique stores for Disney figurines, traveling and living vicariously through the adventures of his grandchildren. His warmth and optimism were radiant, instantly touching those around him. He loved singing, watching Broadway musicals, savoring a good plate of spaghetti, and staying up late to watch boxing.

In death he is survived by his best friend and wife, Helenan, his daughter Lisa (Dan) Bergman, sons Matthew and Nathaniel Cavalieri (Florence Chien), grandchildren Darrin and Emily Bergman, Sophia and Abe Cavalieri and Kasima Zi-Gin Chien-Cavalieri, his aunt Darline Fisher, his beloved chocolate

lab, Bella, and a community of friends.

Visitation will be held at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home on Friday, February 14, 2025 from 6 to 8 P.M. A Memorial Mass will take place at Sacred Heart Parish in Mt. Pleasant on Saturday, February 15, 2025. Visitation will be from 10 A.M. until the time of Mass at 11 A.M. with Father Matthew Gembrowski officiating. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to 3rd Coast Lab Rescue, P.O. Box 389, Clare, Michigan 48617. On-line condolences may be left at [www.stephenson-wyman.com](http://www.stephenson-wyman.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **14**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)

1005 North McEwan St.

Clare, MI 48617

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<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

## Memorial Mass

FEB **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Parish

302 South Kinney

Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

# Tribute Wall

BN

“ We are so sorry for this wonderful family's loss. We have such fond memories of many camping trips with Jerry and Helenann. Sending the Cavalieri family prayers and condolences during this difficult time.

Bill & Paula Newkirk - February 21, 2025 at 09:54 AM

AS

“ I am so sorry for your family's loss. My all your wonderful memories bring you a piece of comfort during these difficult days. My prayers and condolences to you all, Angie (Sargent) Spaeth

Angie Spaeth - February 15, 2025 at 07:17 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry A. Cavalieri.



February 14, 2025 at 12:11 PM

KM

“ Such fond memories of Jerry from the 1970s. We taught at Farewell Area Schools (Lake Station). He and Mrs Leist (sp?) were quite a duo - she was devoted to him. Chris Clute, Jerry and I carpooled from Farewell Elementary out to Lake. It worked without a hitch! I never heard an unkind word from Jerry - so even tempered. Sometimes he would mention his Navy Days in San Diego. Happy to have known him. Kris Martin - Chicago

Kristine Martin - February 14, 2025 at 11:45 AM

LN

“ So sorry to hear of his passing. He was one of my favorite teachers at Farwell schools. And he always made my day when he found me at Menards when I worked there. He will be dearly missed  
*Lisa (Pitchford) Nederhoed*

**Lisa Nederhoed** - February 14, 2025 at 10:18 AM

MB

“ I will truly miss you. I'll miss you stopping by when I would be home and you saying, "OH, I'm bothering you " as I made you come in and sit down. Lol. I'll miss our dinners, weather at your place or ours. I'll miss you always calling and checking in on me. I'll miss YOU.

**Mark Bicknell** - February 13, 2025 at 09:44 PM

LF

“ Love, The D'Angelo Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Jerry A. Cavalieri.



**Love, The D'Angelo Family** - February 13, 2025 at 09:36 PM

LF

“ Love, The D'Angelo Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry A. Cavalieri.

**Love, The D'Angelo Family** - February 13, 2025 at 09:36 PM

DH

“ Deepest sympathy- Vashaunta Harris purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Jerry A. Cavalieri.



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**Deepest sympathy- Vashaunta Harris** - February 13, 2025 at 09:43 AM

RF

“ *Jerry's spirit is alive and will never die. Seeing this picture of him fishing is adorable--quintessential Jerry Cavalieri smile. I am honored to have known him for the past five years. He was always warm and encouraging and friendly. May love bless the whole Cavalieri family.*

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**Rev. Drew Frantz** - February 12, 2025 at 07:14 PM

BH

“ *I never talked with Jerry that he didn't have a huge smile on his face. I'll miss that. My heart will be with Hellenan and the kids and their families during this difficult time. When their hearts heal the memories full of smiles and laughter will guarantee that his joy will last and last.*

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**Bruce Hales** - February 12, 2025 at 06:37 PM



“ *Mr. Cavalieri was my third grade teacher and I still talk about him to this day. I was just talking about him a couple of days ago. He was and still is my absolute favorite teacher. He will be greatly missed*

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**Crystal Tia** - February 12, 2025 at 04:04 PM

TC

“ *Helenan, and family We are so sorry to learn of Jerry's passing. Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the tomorrows ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts Tom and Elaine Crawford*



Thomas G Crawford - February 12, 2025 at 02:12 PM



“ *JaLinda Wilson lit a candle in memory of Jerry A. Cavalieri*



JaLinda Wilson - February 12, 2025 at 01:10 PM

RR

“ *Raelene R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry A. Cavalieri.*

Raelene R. - February 12, 2025 at 11:53 AM

RR

“ *Raelene R. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jerry A. Cavalieri.*



Raelene R. - February 12, 2025 at 11:53 AM