



Joseph Gerrity

February 3, 1931 - September 8, 2013

Joseph Patrick Gerrity of Pawleys Island, SC, formerly a 36 year resident of Florham Park, NJ died September 8, 2013. He was born on February 3, 1931 in Newark, NJ, to the late Michael J. Gerrity and Mary Connell. Joe retired from the Newark Police Department as Lieutenant in 1993 after 38 years of service. He was an Army Veteran serving in Germany and France during the Occupation Forces in 1951-53. Joe was a member of the Superior Officers Association, Fraternal Order of Police of Essex County and the NJ Retired Police & Firemen's Association. Joe will be remembered for his love of family and Irish heritage and was an avid reader especially of Irish literature. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and uncle. He was fondly known as "Mr. Niceguy" by his collegees. A member of Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church in Pawleys Island SC, he is survived by his loving wife of 55 years Margaret "Della" Swansboro, daughter Kathleen Genna and husband Thomas, two grandsons Michael J. and Kevin T. Genna all of MD, son Brian J. of FL, sisters Mary Winter, Dolores Hayes, Florence Perry, brother Matthew and his wife Rosemary and 19 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by sisters Julia Tobin, Alice Kalicki and brother Michael J. Gerrity. The funeral will be held on Saturday Sept. 14, at 2pm at the Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church. The family will be receiving visitors on Friday Sept. 13, 7-9 pm at the Goldfinch Funeral Home, Litchfield-Pawleys Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of your choice in Joe's name or the Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Litchfield-Pawleys Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **13.** 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Litchfield-Pawleys Chapel
202 Hinnant Lane
Pawley's Island, SC 29585
(843) 237-1336
info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com
<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

Service

SEP **14.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Precious Blood of Christ Roman Catholic Church
1633 Waverly Rd
Pawleys Island, SC 29585
(843) 237-3428

Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph Gerrity



Goldfinch Funeral Home - September 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find comfort from your memories, as well as the comfort found in God's word the bible. Romans 5:12 says, "That is why, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned." How loving of God to promise what is found at Revelation 21:4 which says, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.”

J. Bell - September 17, 2013 at 07:35 AM

BL

“ I was so sorry to read of Joe's passing - the IACI has missed Joe and Margaret, they were such valued members. My deepest sympathy to Margaret (never called you Della) and all your friends and family.

*Barbara A. Lyons, West Orange, NJ'
IACI Board*



Barbara Lyons - September 15, 2013 at 02:59 PM

UM

“ My sincere condolences to the Gerrity family on his passing. He can never be forgotten. I worked with Lt. Gerrity in Newark PD. He was a great boss and one of the finest gentlemen I ever met. Rest in Peace.

Urban L. Morrow, Bridgewater, NJ

Urban L. Morrow - September 13, 2013 at 02:46 PM

JG

“ Della and Family, So sorry, my prayers and sympathy are with you.

*Jackie Gerrity & Children
Toms River, NJ*

Jackie Gerrity - September 12, 2013 at 06:44 PM

PC

“ I AM SORRY TO LEARN OF THE PASSING OF JOSEPH GERRITY,MY CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY!HE ALWAYS HAD A SMILE, A WARM GREETING, A HANDSHAKE,A SINCERE PERSONALITY, AND WAS A GENUINE NICE GUY.HE HAD A LOVE FOR IRISH ACTIVITIES , IRISH PEOPLE, AND EVERYONE HE MET.HE WAS LIKE WILL ROGERS ,HE NEVER A PERSON HE DID NOT LIKE! HE WAS A GREAT GENTLEMAN AND HIS EPITAPH COULD BE," HE WAS NICE GUY TO EVERYONE" WHEN YOU SPOKE TO HIM ON THE STREET YOU CAME AWAY HAPPY TO HAVE MET HIM THAT DAY ! " .THE WORLD IS A POORER PLACE WITHOUT HIM! R.I.P.JOE PETER CULLEN , NEWARK,N.J.

PETER CULLEN - September 12, 2013 at 01:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Gerrity.



September 11, 2013 at 07:34 PM

WU

“ RIP Soldier !!!

Wayne Williams - USMC - September 11, 2013 at 08:10 AM

KG

Thank you so much for your thoughts. So glad that PFC Genna, Michael could get here. He was so composed, read two readings at church and supported his grandmother so well. The whole family was extremely pleased he was able to attend.

Kathleen Genna - September 22, 2013 at 08:06 PM

MM

“ *RIP Lt. What a wonderful man and great boss. He was a true mentor to all of us who worked as precinct clerks. Heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Della.
Mike and Lyn Mulvey, Weston Florida*

Mike Mulvey - September 10, 2013 at 07:25 PM

RN

“ *Rest in Peace There will be another police officer guarding the heavens Was a great guy while on the job
George Lytwyn FOP Lodge 12 Newark Police Department*

Ret Detective George Lytwyn NPD - September 10, 2013 at 02:47 PM

DS

So sorry to hear about the passing of this good man. My father, his cousin and brother police officer, is sure to greet him at the gates of heaven. Rest in peace.

Debbie Bossert Shepherd - September 10, 2013 at 05:39 PM

MI

My Uncle was a great Police Officer and a great Family man, with a heart of gold. May God hold his soul in the palm of his hands, and enjoy the stories of Ireland, that only he can tell.

Ret. Police Officer and nephew Michael J. Gerrity III (Buddy)

Michael J. Gerrity III - September 10, 2013 at 07:25 PM

MU

Thro I never met him the condolences He has receive test fry to the fact he was a nice person may the hope of a resurrection be of comfort to his family and friends .(John 5:28-29).

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