



## Jerald Anton Sustarsic

December 5, 1949 - March 18, 2025

Jerald Anton Sustarsic, known to all as Jerry, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at the age of 75, surrounded by the love and prayers of his family and friends.

Born on December 5, 1949, to the late Honorable Tony and Helen (Palsa) Sustarsic, Jerry was a passionate and dedicated individual throughout his life. He was a proud member of the St. Joseph High School Marching Band and had the honor of performing in the 1964 St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City. Jerry graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1968.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Geraldine (Nielsen); his son, Tony (Sara Hufnagle); daughter, Paula (Woody) Wood; sister, Judy (Rick) Malachowski; grandchildren, Jordan Wood, Eddie, Alex, Joe Wood, and Little Tony; and many cherished extended family members and friends. He shared a special bond with his cousin, Dennis (Vicki) Sustarsic, with whom he spent many Friday nights.

After high school, Jerry served in the Ohio National Guard for six years, embodying his sense of duty and service. From 1972 to 2012, he worked as a draftsman at CT Consultants (formerly Frank Thomas and Associates). Jerry's deep commitment to service extended to his community as well, following in his family's footsteps by serving the residents of Euclid for nearly two decades. He held the position of Civil Service Commissioner, appointed by Mayor Tony Guinta, and spent twelve years on City Council, including as Council President. A proud moment for Jerry was serving alongside his son

on City Council from 2003 - 2005.

Jerry was also deeply involved in several organizations, including the American Legion Post 343, where he once served as Post Commander, and the Euclid Veteran's Club. He was a lifelong member of Ss. Robert and William Catholic Parish.

In his personal life, Jerry found joy in spending time with his grandchildren, exploring new restaurants, traveling, and enjoying a good Manhattan. He was a fan of big band music and the band Chicago, a die-hard Cleveland Browns supporter, and had a talent for sharing dad jokes. Above all, Jerry will be most remembered for the immense love he had for his wife, Gerry.

Family and Friends are invited to celebrate Jerry's life during visitation on Monday March 24, 2025, from 4 pm to 8 pm at the Monreal Srnick Funeral Home, 35400 Curtis Blvd., Eastlake.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday March 25, 2025, at 11 am at Ss. Robert and William Church 367 E 260th Street, Euclid, OH 44132 PLEASE MEET AT CHURCH.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Gary Sinise Foundation.

[www.garysinisefoundation.org](http://www.garysinisefoundation.org) or Gary Sinise Foundation, Gift Processing Department, P.O. Box 1858, Merrifield, VA 22116-9641

# Tribute Wall

CG

“ Gerri,  
*I am so sorry to read of Jerry's passing. My deepest condolences to you & your family. May God bless you with peace & comfort now and in the days ahead.*  
Sincerely,  
Colette Grice

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**Colette Grice** - March 26, 2025 at 08:47 PM

PP

“ Dear Gerry,  
*My Husband Gary & I are saddened that your Beloved Husband Jerry passed away. We want to extend Our Deepest Condolences & Sympathy to you & your Family. May God wrap his loving arms around you & your Family to ease your Grief & all the Love from our Lord.*

*Love Penny & Gary Pecek*

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**Penny & Gary Pecek** - March 24, 2025 at 11:32 PM

HT

“ *With Deepest Sympathy to your family*

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**Hope and Bob Tilk** - March 23, 2025 at 08:19 PM

BQ

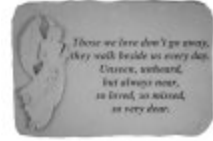
*I'm so deeply sorry for your loss! My prayers to you and your family! ☐*

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**Barb Quinn** - March 24, 2025 at 07:10 PM



“ Garden Accent - *"Those we love don't go away..."* was purchased for the family of Jerald Anton Sustarsic.



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March 21, 2025 at 03:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerald Anton Sustarsic.

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March 21, 2025 at 03:24 PM

DE

“ Being both neighbors on E. 272nd in Euclid and Classmates at St. Joseph High School, I and others in The Eckart Family valued the times and interactions that we enjoyed with Jerry and his Family. Whether it was double dates, playing pool in his basement, traveling to away high school football games, or later on in life sharing political and community activities, Jerry always put others first in every interaction... except when he would beat me like a drum at pool!

Always a smile, or a great "remember when" story, it was a joy to be in his company. Simply put, Jerry had the capacity to help you feel good in his presence.

Jerry continued his Father's (Tony) love affair with his hometown, Euclid, and shared the deep reverence they both had for the sacrifices of our veterans across the generations. There wasn't a Memorial Day in Euclid that we weren't regaled and humbled by the stories of those sacrifices.

Sharing a common Slovenian and Veteran heritage we are proud of and grateful for our lifetime connection with Jerry and The Sustarsic Family.

Our Fathers' (Tony and Ed) service as well as our neighborhood, parish, ethnic background and school brought us together, and now, altho separated by Jerry's passing, we will forever be united by great memories of our shared experiences.

Our sympathies to The Sustarsic Family

Sincerely,

Dennis & Sandy Eckart

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Dennis Eckart - March 20, 2025 at 09:37 AM

JM

Thank you for your kind words, Dennis and Sandy and family. So many good memories❤️ Love, Judy and Rick

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judy malachowski - March 20, 2025 at 10:26 AM

DS

*We were neighbors on Willow Drive...Paula was my kiddos babysitter. Jerry and Gerry were such a nice couple & we spent time in their pool and at bbq's! Such a wonderful Family and their marriage was a role model for me❤️..such love! My condolences to all especially Gerry ...Sincerely,  
Dar Soeder 🙏*

**Dar Soeder** - March 23, 2025 at 10:13 AM

MN

“ *Marilynn R. Neff lit a candle in memory of Jerald Anton Sustarsic*



**Marilynn R. Neff** - March 20, 2025 at 09:36 AM

BE

“ *Bev and Lad Erzen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jerald Anton Sustarsic.*



**Bev and Lad Erzen** - March 19, 2025 at 05:36 PM

RJ

“ *Godspeed Jerry! May the Lord bless you and your family!*



**Ray Jorz** - March 19, 2025 at 04:03 PM

JP

“ *Jeff Lapuh & Hannah Perrine purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jerald Anton Sustarsic.*



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**Jeff Lapuh & Hannah Perrine** - March 19, 2025 at 12:42 PM