



Gerard R. "Jerry" Vanasse

October 14, 1937 - September 11, 2022

Gerard R. "Jerry" Vanasse, 84, lifelong resident of Northampton/Florence, passed away on Sunday, September 11, 2022, at Cooley Dickinson Hospital surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Northampton on October 14, 1937, to the late Gerard P. and Agnes (Charbonneau) Vanasse.

Jerry was a police officer with the Northampton Police Department for 23 years before his retirement. He was a communicant of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, formerly Sacred Heart, where he served on the Parish Council, he also was a member of Massachusetts Police Association.

He is survived by his son, Jeffrey R. Vanasse and his wife Donna of Cummington, his daughter, Renée Grise and her husband Ronald of Florence, his grandchildren, Diana Vershon and her husband Adam, Jeffrey P. and his wife Alisha Vanasse, Kerri-Ann Russo, Heather and her husband Matt Robinson, and Justin Vanasse; five great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He leaves behind his brothers-in-law, Wallace Boyer and his wife Nancy, and Roger Blanchard. Jerry also leaves behind his special friend Elinor "Ellie" Adamowicz and her children.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his loving wife of 51 years, Nancy (Boyer) Vanasse, whom he missed dearly, his son Gary F. Vanasse; his siblings, Roger, Robert, Philip and Lorraine Vanasse, Lucille Smith, and Jean Blanchard.

Jerry's family will receive relatives and friends for a visitation prior to the service from 10 AM – 11:00 AM on October 8, 2022, at St. Elizabeth Ann

Seton Parish, 99 King St., Northampton. A Funeral Mass will immediately follow at 11:00 AM. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME of Northampton has been entrusted with his services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jerry's memory to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 For more information, or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit Drozdalfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
99 King St.
Northampton, MA 01060

Funeral Mass

OCT 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
99 King St.
Northampton, MA 01060

Tribute Wall



“ *My condolences to Gerry's family from a long-time partner. He will be sorely missed.*

Jeff Brown, I.D. 20, N.P.D.

Jeffrey Brown - October 06, 2022 at 11:15 PM