



## Gerald Gordon Ayotte

July 23, 1941 - July 1, 2020

CROSWELL- Gerald "Jerry" Gordon Ayotte, 78, of Croswell, Michigan, passed into his eternal rest in the comfort of his home surrounded by his family on July 1, 2020.

He was born on July 23, 1941 in Port Huron, Michigan to Gordon and Marguerite (Chambers) Ayotte. Gerald graduated from St. Stephen High School in 1959. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mary, daughters Christine (Marshall) Fugate and Andrea (Frank) Champine, sons Jon (Rhonda) Ayotte and Mathew (Kay) Ayotte, sisters Marilyn Duckworth and Kathy (Terry) Hillger, brothers Robert Ayotte, Danny (Brenda) Ayotte, George (Heather) Ayotte, and Chris Ayotte, sisters-in-law Kit (Dave) Sawdon, Sally Opitz, grandchildren Dr. Patricia (David) Kindsvater, Lieutenant Commander Jay (Farah) Fugate, Ben (Jenn) Fugate, Ari (Dalton) Pelc, Travis Ayotte, Laura Ayotte, Clark Ayotte, Amelia Champine, Mallory Ayotte, Gillian (Timothy) Lambert, Samuel (Alie) Ayotte, Petty Officer 3rd Class Phillip Ayotte, Isaac Ayotte, Cally Ayotte, Josiah Ayotte, and Peter Ayotte, 10 great-grandchildren and many loving nieces, nephews and extended family.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents, parents-in-law Nellie and Russel King and Jack Carpenter, infant son Peter S. Ayotte, sisters Judy (Mike) Zahnow, Barb (Milo "Curly") Crawford, Mary (Don) Calhoun, sisters-in-law Grace Ayotte, Sandy Ayotte, Nancy Ayotte, brother Ronald Ayotte, and brothers-in-law Del Duckworth and Wilhelm Opitz.

Gerald was an exemplary master automotive mechanic, demonstrating his

integrity and expertise for 44 years. He retired from Bill MacDonald Ford as a Service Writer in 2003. Gerald had the pleasure of representing Santa for the past 16 years. He thoroughly enjoyed making people happy and seeing belief in the eyes of both children and adults, inspiring them to share, care, and love their family.

Gerald was a lifetime honorary member of the Knights of Columbus.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

Memorial tributes may be made to the family at P.O. Box 157, Croswell, MI 48422. These donations will be sent to a local children's charity at Christmastime.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Large Heart - 'Death leaves a heartache' was purchased for the family of Gerald Gordon Ayotte.*



August 08, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ *I know you didn't like open flames candles, but I think this one is safe, dad.*



**Christine** - July 06, 2020 at 04:42 PM



“ *Jacklynn Krzak lit a candle in memory of Gerald Gordon Ayotte*



**jacklynn krzak** - July 06, 2020 at 06:29 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Jerry was a GREAT guy. Worked on my Volkswagen for years. A GREAT Santa. May he RIP.*

**Maryfran Cogley** - July 06, 2020 at 05:54 AM

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“ *My grandkids love santa*



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**Peggy Wilcox** - July 05, 2020 at 10:27 PM

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“ *It will always be a memory just remember he is with all the children in heaven making them Happy.*



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**Carol Hartman** - July 05, 2020 at 09:37 PM

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“ *This was taken in 2017 ❤️ back in December I took my kids to the mall and my son when is now 3 told me Santa needed cookies so I went to target got Santa his cookies and sat in line waiting for Santa to get done so my son could give them to him.. He will be missed that's for sure 😞*



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**tamara connick** - July 05, 2020 at 09:37 PM

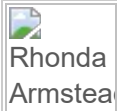
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“ So sorry for your loss Jon and Rhonda, my prayers are with you all at this time, Rest In Peace Santa, so many loved you dearly.



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**Kathy V** - July 05, 2020 at 06:39 PM



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*Thank you so much Kathy*

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**Rhonda Armstead- Ayotte** - August 08, 2020 at 05:17 PM