



## Gerald "Papa" Koldash

December 24, 1935 - February 13, 2023

Gerald "Papa" Koldash, age 87, of Manteno, passed away Monday, February 13, 2023 peacefully, surrounded by his family.

He was born December 24, 1935 at home in Chicago, the son of Anton & Verna Pajc Koldash.

Gerald married Marie Przybysz on April 22, 1961 in West Palman. She preceded him in death in 1998.

He had been a warehouse supervisor at Ball Glass for several decades until his retirement.

He loved to travel all over the world and had a passion for world cuisine. Gerald enjoyed shopping and spending time with friends and family.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Gerald had been a parishioner of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Mokena for a number of years.

Surviving are two daughters, Lorianne Mihelic of Manteno and Kimberly Parmer of Manteno; one sister, MerciAnne Renner of Palos Heights; one

sister-in-law, Stevie Koldash of Manteno; three grandchildren, Anthony Koldash of Manteno, Laurin & Justin Stauffenberg of Bourbonnais, and Kyle Parmer of Manteno; and two great-grandchildren, Jace Stauffenberg and Bryce Stauffenberg.

In addition to his wife, Gerald is preceded in death by his parents; his twin brother, James Koldash; two sons-in-law, Donald Mihelic Jr. and Keith Parmer; and one brother-in-law, John Renner.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A private family services and private family inurnment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery will be held.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno.

Please sign his guestbook at [www.clancygernon.com](http://www.clancygernon.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kim and Lori.*  
*My condolences on the passing of your dad. I always enjoyed our visits and I considered our friendship a gift that helped me as much as I hope it helped him. Your dad was a great guy. I met a lot of very special people in my work with Catholic Charities. I'm glad he was one of them.*  
*Roger Groen*

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**Roger Groen** - March 11, 2023 at 03:26 PM



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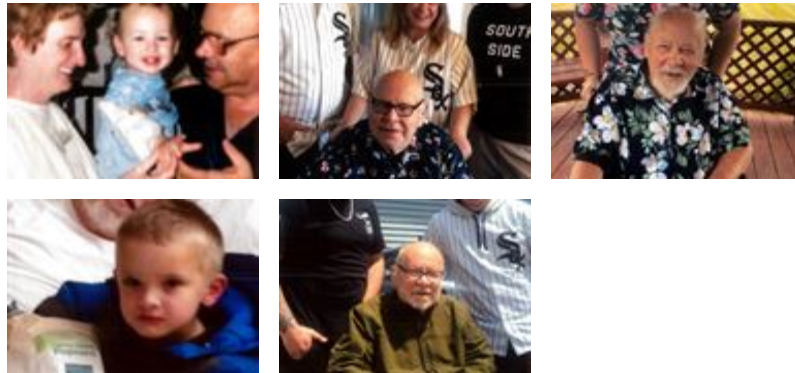


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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - February 28, 2023 at 01:00 PM



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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - February 27, 2023 at 03:23 PM

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“ *Dear Kim,  
Sending our deepest symphaties to you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Your dad was a great man. He was fun loving, kind and considerate. He will remain in your hearts forever. May he R.I.P.  
Love,  
Debbie & Richard Abel*

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**Debbie** - February 26, 2023 at 09:30 AM

MC

“ Dear Kim, Lori and families,  
My deepest heartfelt sympathies go out to all  
of you. Your dad was the best guy I've ever  
known! He was a kind, fun loving man. He  
was always there for you and your family. I'll  
miss the joy he brought into all the lives around him. I know you're  
hurting right now. Keeping you & your families in my thoughts and  
prayers. R.I.P. Gerry



Sincerely,  
Marcia Crichton

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**Marcia Crichton** - February 24, 2023 at 05:09 PM

SA

“ Please accept the deepest sympathy of the  
parish family of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic  
Church in Peotone, IL.



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**St Paul the Apostle** - February 24, 2023 at 04:20 PM