



Gerald Bernard "Jerry" Pignatiello

September 13, 1935 - December 18, 2025

Gerald Bernard "Jerry" Pignatiello, age 90, of Manteno passed away Thursday, December 18, 2025 in Beecher. He was born September 13, 1935 in Chicago, the son of Gerald J. & Geraldine (Cupicciotti) Pignatiello. Jerry married Miriam T. Hawkins on August 10, 1957 in Chicago.

Jerry was an automobile mechanic. He was a member of the Automobile Mechanics' Local #701. Jerry was a Grand Knight at the Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Manteno, IL. He enjoyed target shooting and golfing and had worked at the Manteno Golf Course. Jerry spent lots of time in the garage tinkering and fixing things.

He was a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manteno.

Surviving are his wife of 68 years, Miriam Pignatiello of Manteno; his children, Deborah Widdowson of Manteno, Scott Pignatiello of Manteno, and Bonnie (Bill) Leer of Manteno; five grandchildren, Angela Widdowson, Gabrielle Leer, Jeremy Leer, Dan Williams Jr., and Joey Williams; as well as nieces and nephews. Jerry is preceded in death by his parents; one daughter and son-in-law, Sandra & Dan Williams; one grandson, Jimmy Williams; one son-in-law, Daryl Widdowson; one sister and brother-in-law, Sharon Pignatiello and Tom Pickering; and one brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jerry & Josephine Hawkins.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 3 p.m. until the time of the 6 p.m. memorial service on Friday, January 9, 2026 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno. Deacon Patrick Skelly will

officiate the service.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 9. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Manteno - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
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Tribute Wall



“ *Bonnie Leer lit a candle in memory of Gerald Bernard "Jerry" Pignatiello*



Bonnie Leer - January 15 at 09:36 AM

SH

“ *Offering Miriam, Scott and the family our sincere condolences. Hoping the good times you shared continue to bring you happy memories of a man that was well loved. Sue Hammer & Heather Keene*

Sue Hammer - January 04 at 07:26 PM

SP

Thank you

Scott Pignatiello - January 11 at 11:50 PM

DH

“ *Jerry was my "favorite father-in-law" for almost 30 years. We joked that I was his favorite daughter-in-law, since I was the ONLY DIL. I am so sorry to hear of his passing, but he lead a long and fulfilled life. He was surrounded by his family in the end, which I am grateful for. My heartfelt condolences go out to the entire Pignatiello family.*

Debbie Hammer - January 04 at 06:39 PM

SP

Thank you

Scott Pignatiello - January 11 at 11:52 PM

EB

“ I knew Jerry and Miriam for many years from St. Joseph Church. I had the pleasure of bringing them Holy Communion while home bound and for the short time they were at Heritage Woods. Jerry was always the jokester, but cared deeply about Miriam and his family.

My deepest sympathy to Miriam and family.

Liz Becvar

Elizabeth Becvar - December 29, 2025 at 09:35 PM

SP

Thank you

Scott Pignatiello - January 11 at 11:54 PM