



Joseph Gerencer

October 3, 1915 - April 25, 2009

Joseph J. "Pa Pa Joe" Gerencer, 93, of Kankakee, died Saturday (April 25, 2009) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church. Father Dennis Settles and Father John Patrick Day of St. Louis, Mo., will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. Mr. Gerencer retired after owning/operating Tiny Tap for 45 years in Kankakee and Angelo's and Joe's "The Big Tap." He was born Oct. 3, 1915, in Fairmont, the son of Anton Paul and Elizabeth Kiss Gerencer. His wife, the former Martha Petroni, whom he married May 16, 1943, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, died Feb. 18, 1991. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during World War II. He was a member of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, the church choir, and the Knights of Columbus. He was also a member of the Kankakee American Legion Post 85 and the Illinois Liquor Dealers Association. He was an avid White Sox fan. Surviving are two sons, Tim Gerencer and Tony Gerencer, both of Kankakee; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Marty Jo and Ralph Copley of Washington, K.G. Gerencer and Pattie Jackson of Cassatt, S.C., Dianne and Rick Jenkins of Evans, Ga., Mona and Joe Jarvis of Normal, Amy and Jeff Hayes of Bloomington; 15 grandchildren, Carla, Tracy, Ryan, Stacy, Amy, Harmonie, Beth, Christopher, Austin, Joey, Stephanie, Tony, David, Emily and Sarah; 15 great-

grandchildren, Marley, Ava, Sophia, Bodhi, Addie, Emma, Lauren, Daniel, Makayla, Ronnie, Candice, Joey, Evan, Eric and Jennifer; and one sister-in-law, Arnoldene "Blondi" Petroni of Bradley. Deceased are his parents; one daughter, Myra Gerencher; one granddaughter, Angela Jarvis; two brothers, Tony and Bill Gerencher; one sister, Margaret Vitinovic; and brother-in-law and business partner, Angelo Petroni.

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“ To the Joseph Gerencher family,

I am so sorry for your loss. ĩ¿½Mona we love you and miss you. ĩ¿½You are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Heidi Bosquez##imported-end##

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“ Dear Tony and Gerencher family,

My condolences to you and your family in the passing of your Dad. He lived a long life with many memories. Tony, you and I played drums together in the Westview High School marching band, as well as played drums in various rock bands around town. You were the superior drummer whom I always looked up to. We lived on 1431 S. Fourth Avenue in Kankakee. Left Illinois in November 1979. Been a Wisconsin resident for close to 30 years now. Hope all is well with your family. Just bought a Sonor DeLite drumset. Not playing in a band at the present moment.

Danny Micha

##imported-begin##Dan Micha##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. i ½Lynn loved her Uncle Joe!!

Love, Vicky##imported-begin##Vicky Benoit-Prater##imported-end##

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“ My condolences to you Mona and your family. You and your family will be in my prays. Your Dad I'm sure was a wonderful spirit and now is going to share wonderous joys with the LORD in his new home. Anything needed, please let me know.##imported-begin##Isoke Pridgen##imported-end##

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“ It was great to know you and your family.I will rememeber Joe best at

his 90th birthday.You got to see the Sox

win the world series,and I'm a bigger fan because of you!

My thoughts are with you Tim,you'll always have a special place in my heart.

Thank you for bringing me close to your

family.

Salute!

##imported-begin##Getchen Demarah##imported-end##

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“ Dear Gerencher Family,

So sorry to hear the news. So sorry for being so late. I was probably the slowest kid on the entire south side. What a place to be able to grow up! it was a great neighborhood because of families like Pa Pa Joe's. Thanks for all the great memories Gerencher Family.##imported-begin##Max Egerton##imported-end##

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“ My heartfelt sympathy to your entire family. I don't know if Mona remembers me, but we worked together at Shapiro on Unit 101 B. I went to her wedding and we used to have a lot of fun. That was back in the late 70's, early 80's. Anyway, once again, I'm sorry for the loss you and your family are going through and God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Genice (Sumrall) Bailey##imported-end##

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“ Amy,

I am really sorry to hear about your Dad. I am thinking about you and all the Gerenchers. Ruth##imported-begin##Ruth McGrath Bohlmann##imported-end##

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“ don't know if k.g.di or miss mona remember but i certainly remember you guys from st. joes and bmhs the tap and the state hosp but here goes. Papa Joe provided millions a place to be off the street He was good and kind man even if he liked the sox. Hope all of your family is doing well and you know Papa Joe is better off God Bless you All##imported-begin##paula olsen hodak##imported-end##

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“ My sincere condolences to all of you. I was a childhood friend of both Tim and Tony and remember Mr. Gerencher well from those days. I

Paul Ziemer I

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“ I will always remember the food and fun at their 4th of July pool parties every year back when I was growing up. The Gerenchers have always been a close and loving family. I'm very sorry for your loss. Uncle Joe will be missed.##imported-begin##Leann (Dayhoff) Clemons##imported-end##

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“ We send you our deepest condolences. All of us have so many wonderful memories of your precious family. Mom and Dad Torok loved telling stories about the happy times they shared with Joey and Martha and kids. God bless you.##imported-begin##Bev Torok Carmichael##imported-end##

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“ Tony and Tim,

 I am so sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. I have great memories of your family from our years in Kankakee. God Bless.....

 She Gallagher##imported-begin##Shelley Gallagher##imported-end##

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“ Dear Tony and family - please accept our deepest sympathy on the loss of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May only the best of memories of your time with him, be with you always - ##imported-begin##Westview Class of 1975##imported-end##

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“ I am Frank Torok's youngest daughter and I am so sorry to hear about your dad/grandfather's passing. All the Gerenchers were always so kind to my family and I have very fond memories of Joey, He will be missed. I offer you my deepest sympathies for your loss.

Carol Brown###imported-begin###Carol (Torok) Brown###imported-end##

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“ I'm so very sorry. Joe will always be a person who I will have warm thoughts of and when thinking of him will have a smile on my face.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all.###imported-begin###Dave West###imported-end##

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“ Mona- I'm so sorry about the loss of your dad. He sounds like he had a full, rich life. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time.

Mary###imported-begin###Mary Aperi###imported-end##

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“ Our deepest sympathy is with you and your family at the loss of your father and grandfather. i½What a wonderful life to have lived for so long and touched so many lives!!! i½May he rest in peace with your mother!! i½

We love ya all!!

Lisa and Brooke###imported-begin###Lisa and Brooke Bailey###imported-end###

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“ Marty Jo

 i½what a wonderful man Joe was, so easy to talk to, and always time to hear what i had to say. We both loved the White Sox, and also talked alot of fast pitch softball and the Bears. He will be missed very much. Love Little 'Jimmy Cahill'###imported-begin###Jim & Carol Cahill###imported-end###

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you here at Parkside, please let us know if there is anything we can do. Krissy Hogan###imported-begin###Krissy Hogan###imported-end###

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“ Tim and Tony,

I heard about your father's death from Cynth last night. I wish I could have been with you at the wake. I remember your dad, so many years ago, as being such a big man! My thoughts and prayers are with you both and with your large, loving family during this difficult time.

Love, Lynn###imported-begin###Jessica (Lynn) Mackinnon###imported-end###

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“ NULL##imported-begin##Dennis J. Hosier##imported-end##

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“ *Tim and Tony: You have my deepest sympathy. May God be with you and your family at this time of loss. Please know that one day we will be with our parents again. Last time I talked to you Tony in the hospital we know that your father is in no more pain. Take care and I will be praying for your and your family.

Your friend always Paul##imported-begin##Paul##imported-end##*

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