



Gerald J. Stemas

March 15, 1943 - July 29, 2020

Gerald J. Stemas, 77 of East Peoria, passed away on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at Generations at Riverview in East Peoria.

He was born to Jacob and Pasquina (Melchiori) Stemas on March 15, 1943 in Eureka, and married Carol Suzanne Haller on February 14, 1995 in Las Vegas, NV.

Gerald is survived by his wife Carol of East Peoria; son, Brian Stemas of Normal; stepdaughters, Nicole (Brad) Ingold of East Peoria and Danielle Winders of Prairie Village, KS; and two step-grandchildren, Sierra and Thomas Voorhies of Prairie Village, KS.

Gerald earned a master's degree in education from Illinois State University. He was Superintendent at East Peoria Grade School District 86 and retired in 1995. He was an avid golfer and a member of the Toluca Country Club.

It was Gerald's wish to be cremated, and a private family graveside will be held at St. Ann's Cemetery in Toluca at a later date.

Memorials may be made to East Peoria Grade School District 86.

Gary Deiters Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements and condolences may be left online at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald J. Stemas*

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *Thinking of you Brian during this time. My family and I are so sorry for your loss. Your Dad was such a huge part of my childhood with being the Principal and my neighbor. All us kids were lucky to have him as a mentor! #ROBEINROCKETS*

Jananne Brockman - August 15, 2020 at 04:30 PM



“ *Brian I'm so sorry to hear about your dad. Jerry was s really good man.*

Jeanie Tisdell - August 05, 2020 at 02:48 PM



“ *Please accept my sincerest sympathies and condolences, Brian and family. Your Dad certainly had a welcoming smile. The impact he had on so many lives young truly is incalculable. I remember fondly the trips George's Pizza in EP; that pinball machine had no chance, nor did anyone playing with Mr. Stemas and Brian. May he rest in peace as one of the great Robein Rockets!*

Mark Skaggs - August 04, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ *Alice and I are sorry for your loss. Jerry was a good friend and mentor. He was a joy to be around. His smile lit up the room. May he Rest In Peace. Paul and Alice Bahnfleth*

Paul Bahnfleth - August 03, 2020 at 10:37 AM

LM

“ Carol and family - sorry to hear of Jerry’s death-condolences to the family-Linda Maas

Linda Maas - August 02, 2020 at 04:13 PM

RW

“ Carol and family,
I am saddened to see that Jerry has passed and I hope you are okay. He was a good guy and will be remembered.

Roark Williams - August 02, 2020 at 11:41 AM

GD

“ My sincerest condolences Brian and family. It's been a long time but your Dad was always there for everyone. He was a pillar of the school. May he Rest In Peace. Gina Bone DeBoeuf

Gina DeBoeuf - August 02, 2020 at 12:12 AM

JG

“ My condolences to the family. His picture takes me back to my days at Robein School with Mr. Stemas and that big smile. Rest In Peace Mr. Stemas.

Jenny Guilfoyle-Castine - August 01, 2020 at 10:09 AM

KW

“ My sincere condolences Brian and Carol. What a wonderful picture of Jerry. That happy and mischievous smile brought back many good and fun memories of him as a friend to our family, and to many as our longtime Principal/Superintendent at Robein School. Rest In Peace Jerry.

Karen Wheeler - July 31, 2020 at 10:11 PM

MP

“ Brian and family, please except my sincere condolences on the loss of your dad, he was such a kind and EXTREMELY patient man with some many crazy kids (me included)! I have many fond memories of Robein grade school!!

Michael Pisano - July 31, 2020 at 09:00 PM

SH

Some of happiest moments as an educator was both knowing and then working with Jerry. He was the consummate professional and just a fun guy. Going to lunch with him was a real treat. Karen and I offer our condolences to Carol, Brian, and the family He will be greatly missed and the education profession lost a “great one.” RIP old friend. You were loved. Steve Hutton

Steve Hutton - July 31, 2020 at 11:28 PM

AS

Carol and family
So sorry for your loss.
Prayers and hugs dear Cuz.

Annie Snider - August 02, 2020 at 02:55 PM

KP

My condolences on hearing of Jerry's passing. As a colleague from Central Grade School, Jerry and I enjoyed each other's company and friendship. He was a true professional, always wanting the best for his "kids." He will be missed.

Ken Prater

Ken Prater - August 09, 2020 at 12:12 PM