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## Frederick A. Gerken

July 10, 2016

Frederick A. Gerken, Jr., 95, passed away Sunday, July 10, 2016, at his home on Holcomb St., Watertown with his family by his side.

A funeral service will be held at Cummings Funeral Service, Inc., 214 Sterling St., Watertown on Monday, July 18, at 11AM. After the service the family will receive friends at Ives Hill Country Club. There will be no calling hours.

Fred was born in St. Louis, MO on April 20, 1921, son of Frederick A. and Gertrude (Williams) Gerken, Sr. and he attended schools in St. Louis. On August 12, 1943 he entered the US Navy. He received the American Campaign and World War II Victory Medals and was honorably discharged on December 8, 1945. He married Mary Herlehy on June 10, 1949 in Jersey City, NJ and Mrs. Gerken died on April 6, 2014.

From 1938 - 1954 Fred was a professional baseball player. He then worked at J. R. Miller Co. and The Globe Store in Watertown. In 1958 he began his career with W. T. Burns, Watertown, as a truck driver, driving for the company until his retirement in 1982. From 1987 - 2008 he worked for the Tournament Players Club at Eagle Trace Golf Course in Coral Springs, FL.

He was a member of Pompano Beach (FL) Elks Lodge, Watertown Golf Club and Ives Hill Country Club. Fred was a player and coach for the Watertown Athletics. He enjoyed baseball, golf and skiing.

He is survived by a daughter from his first marriage, Patsy and Bill Farr, Fremont, OH; his two sons, Gary F. and Karen E. Gerken and David J. and Candi A. Gerken, all of Watertown; his two daughters, Teri G. and Thomas Austin, Cazenovia and Lanie M. Cahill, Watertown; eight grandchildren, Kylie, Travis, Shane, Skylar and Chance Gerken, Amy Mitchell, Sara Michaud, and Will Austin; five great grandchildren, Trent and Tony Mitchell, Nick Tufo, and Austin and Aydin Michaud; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by daughter-in-law, Kathy L. Gerken, June 12, 1992, and son-in-law, Jim T. Cahill, June 23, 2005.

Donations in his name may be made to either Hospice of Jefferson County, 1398 Gotham St. or Immaculate Heart Central's Varsity Baseball Team, attention Mike Delaney, 1316 Ives St., both in Watertown, NY 13601. Online condolences to his family may be made at [www.cummingsfuneral.com](http://www.cummingsfuneral.com) (<http://www.cummingsfuneral.com>).

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#12 (/memorials/item/405-frederick-a-gerken.html#comment-5313) **stanford zeccolo** 2016-07-15 12:14

to Lanie and family--

Mary and I were saddened to see this obit. I really enjoyed seeing Fred and was pleased to use his old golf clubs. They helped me progress and enjoy the sport. I know he really enjoyed it too, and was proud of his championships. Love and encouragement to all of you that he left behind.

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#11 (/memorials/item/405-frederick-a-gerken.html#comment-5311) **Chris cartin** 2016-07-14 17:44

I hope they allow fivesomes to play in heaven, here comes the fith player.

Fred

Stu Jamison

Bunn Quinn

Kink Cartin

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#10 (/memorials/item/405-frederick-a-gerken.html#comment-5310) **Barbara Douglas** 2016-07-14 13:46

I did not know Fred personally, but enjoyed watching him play for the Watertown Athletics in the early 1950s. He was a good player and was very respected. I am sorry for your loss.

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#9 (/memorials/item/405-frederick-a-gerken.html#comment-5308) **fred gill** 2016-07-13 16:52

Dave, Gary and Lanie and families

Our deepest sympathies with the passing of Fred

Gilly and Cinda

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#8 (/memorials/item/405-frederick-a-gerken.html#comment-5307) **fred gill** 2016-07-13 16:50

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#7 (/memorials/item/405-frederick-a-gerken.html#comment-5305) **Diane Herlehy Parker**

2016-07-13 11:51

To all the Gerken Family, very sorry to hear about Fred's passing. I can only imagine the reunion he had with Mary! They are together again!

God Bless your family!

Diane

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#6 (/memorials/item/405-frederick-a-gerken.html#comment-5301) **Dick Dunaway** 2016-07-12

20:53

Gary, Dave, and family,

So sorry to learn of your loss. I thought highly of your dad.

Dick

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#5 (/memorials/item/405-frederick-a-gerken.html#comment-5300) **Ann Denney** 2016-07-12 13:16

Deepest sympathies to all of the Gerken family. Sending prayers to all.

Robert and Ann Denney

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#4 (/memorials/item/405-frederick-a-gerken.html#comment-5296) **Eliot&Carmen Dickson**

2016-07-11 12:41

Froggie was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. He had a wonderful sense of

humor and loved teasing people. He was however so much more than that, he was an icon. I am sure he had no idea of the many people, whom he never met, that admired him and who he inspired. My older brother was just one that wanted to emulate him on the baseball diamond. I know that he is just one of countless others. Fred will never be forgotten and forever loved. Our deepest sympathy and love to his children and their families, may you find comfort in his love for you all.

Eliot and Carmen Dickson

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#3 (/memorials/item/405-frederick-a-gerken.html#comment-5295) **Christina Mastascusa**

2016-07-11 12:11

Dear Gary, David, Lanie, Teri, and family,  
Thinking of you all at this time. Sending prayers and hugs to all. Fred will be missed. Love to all~

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