



Gerald "Jerry" Keller

November 27, 1935 - June 19, 2026

In loving memory of Gerald "Jerry" J. Keller, who passed away peacefully at his home on June 19, 2026, at the age of 90. Jerry was born on November 27, 1935, in Perrysburg, Ohio, to Chester and Edith Keller. He was a man whose quiet strength and steadfast love touched the lives of all who knew him.

Jerry's journey began in Perrysburg, Ohio, where he graduated from Lake High School in 1953. It was here that he laid the foundation for a life built on hard work, honesty, and integrity. At the tender age of 14, he apprenticed as a stone and brick mason, a craft that would become his lifelong passion. His mastery of the trade led to the founding of Keller Masonry, a business that continues to thrive under the stewardship of his son, Kevin Keller.

In 1969, Jerry married the love of his life, Barbara Keller, with whom he shared 57 beautiful years. Together, they built a family characterized by love, laughter, and an unwavering bond. Jerry is survived by his devoted wife Barbara, his son Kevin (Nancy) Keller, and his daughter Kristina Keller. He also leaves behind his cherished stepchildren: Mark (Sharon) Shafer, Rebecca Castellano (Frank Junkin), Eric (Beckie) Shafer, and Martin Shafer. Jerry was a proud grandfather to five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, each of whom he adored and who brought immense joy to his life.

Jerry's career as a firefighter for the City of Toledo spanned 25 years, during which he served at Stations 6 and 25. He retired in 1990, leaving behind a legacy of courage and dedication. A proud member of Firefighter Local Union

92, Jerry was committed to the brotherhood and the communities he served. His colleagues remember him as a man of few words, yet his actions spoke volumes. He was stoic and plain-spoken, known for his honesty and his unwavering support for those around him.

A former high school basketball player, Jerry's love for sports endured throughout his life. Whether watching or playing, he found joy in the game, and his enthusiasm was infectious. He was a man who appreciated the simple pleasures, from sharing a lighthearted joke to engaging in playful teasing, always with kindness and warmth.

Jerry was predeceased by his parents, Chester and Edith Keller, his brother Raymond (Patricia) Keller, and his sister Eva Keller. He is also survived by his brother Leon Keller, who cherished Jerry's companionship and shared memories of their youth.

A service to celebrate Jerry's remarkable life will be held on June 27, 2026, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, with a Last Alarm and a sharing of memories at 3 pm at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S Reynolds Rd, Toledo, Ohio 43614. Family, friends, and all whose lives Jerry touched are invited to attend and honor his memory. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the charity of your choice.

Jerry Keller was a man whose life was defined by his quiet dignity, his commitment to family, and his love for all those around him. Though he has left this world, his legacy of love and strength endures in the hearts of those who were privileged to know him. Leave a condolence message for the family at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](https://www.CoyleFuneralHome.com).

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **27**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Sharing of Memories

JUN **27**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Tim & Jackie Houston purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Keller.



Tim & Jackie Houston - June 27 at 09:40 AM

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“ Tim & Jackie Houston planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald "Jerry" Keller.

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“ Michael B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald "Jerry" Keller.

Michael B. - June 25 at 01:17 PM

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“ “The Best Shift” Bowling Green Fire purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Keller.



“The Best Shift” Bowling Green Fire - June 25 at 12:06 PM

JG

“ Jerry was one of the nicest guys on the Toledo Fire Department. When I was a young firefighter at 17s in the late 80s, I would go relieving at 25s and work with Jerry. He was quiet but always took the time to talk to the younger firefighters. Jerry was a good firefighter and a hard worker.

Jim Graven - June 24 at 08:44 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Keller.



June 22 at 11:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald Keller.

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