Richard J. Reidy Funeral Home

Timothy "Tim" Frank Gerek

(July 19, 1943 - May 04, 2022)

Timothy Frank "Tim" Gerek Sr. 78, of Lorain, fondly known as "Papa G" was born on July 19, 1943, in Lorain. We are invaded by a deep sadness. Regrettably we lost him on Wednesday, May 4, 2022.



Tim was the consummate family man. He enjoyed spending time with his beloved wife Linda, daughter Shelley, and son Tim Jr. His greatest pride and joy were his grandchildren, Jessica (nee Coonrod) Brown, Anthony Coonrod, and Timothy S. Gerek, and his 3 beautiful great granddaughters Raelynn, Melodee, and Oakley Brown. He was our "Favorite father-in-law", "Favorite brother-in-law", and best friend.

He was a Lorain Police Officer for 32 1/2 years and retired on June 3, 2002. He truly loved his job and treated every person he encountered with respect and dignity.

Anyone who was fortunate enough to meet Tim," Papa G" or "FOSSIL", as he was affectionately called, would not forget him. Tim left a positive mark on **every** life he touched. He always had time to talk with everyone and was always there for those who needed him.

As his children were growing up, Tim was an assistant coach for Lorain Police minor league baseball team and later the manager of Burger King little league baseball team which won the Lorain City Championship 2 years in a row. Tim was also actively involved in Lorain Police softball team as a Pitcher and 1st baseman.

Tim was also a huge car enthusiast. He still owns a 1968 Bonneville Convertible and a 1975 Monte Carlo, both of which he bought brand new.

After retiring, travel became his new passion. He enjoyed vacationing in Mexico and Kelleys Island with his family and friends.

Tim will be dearly missed by his wife of 58 years Linda L. Gerek (nee Zieba) of Lorain, daughter Shelley (Mark) Johnson of Las Vegas, son Tim (Ingrid) Gerek Jr., of Lorain; grandchildren Jessica, Tony, and Timmy, great granddaughters Raelynn, Melodee, and Oakley, sister Gerrie Shinsky, and multiple nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Timothy L. and Anna (nee Halenar) Gerek.

His family will receive friends at the Richard J. Reidy Funeral Home, 1783 E. 31st Street, Lorain, on Monday, May 9, 2022 from 4 to 8 pm. Services will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday, May 10 at 10 am. Burial will follow at Ridge Hill Memorial Park, Amherst.