



Gerald A. "Jerry" Wosniewski, age 64 of Manistee, Michigan, passed away peacefully at his home on late Saturday evening, January 3, 2026.

Born January 3, 1962, in Manistee, Jerry was the son of the late Michael and Valeria (Duby) Wosniewski. He graduated from Manistee Catholic Central with the Class of 1980 and went on to attend Michigan State University.

Jerry had a varied and dedicated career. He spent nine years at Rich's Daisy A Day flower shop, followed by 23 years in the office at Kowalski Distributing Co. After retiring, he continued to serve his community, working part time for five years at Herbert Funeral Home and one year at Oak Grove Funeral Home.

A man of many interests and talents, Jerry found joy in traveling with friends, water-color painting, playing cards, visiting casinos, and tending his garden. His love of gardening was recognized by the Spirit of the Woods Garden Club, which awarded him "Garden of the Month" honors in July 2010 and again in September 2017. Jerry also appeared as a contestant on Wheel of Fortune in 1991.

Music played a central role in Jerry's life. A talented trumpet player, he was a lifetime member of the Scottville Clown Band and served for ten years as a member and organizer of the Tad Bottrell Filer Township Fire Department Band. He shared his gift of music at countless weddings, funerals, and holiday services at St. Joseph Catholic Church, as well as with various local bands.

Jerry was a faithful member of St. Joseph Catholic Church (Divine Mercy Parish) in Manistee. He was also Chaplain and a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 10 in Manistee, and a member of the Manistee Civic Club.

In addition to his parents, Michael (January 7, 1983) and Valeria (May 23, 2022), Jerry was preceded in death by his brother, Thomas Wosniewski (February 12, 2006).

Relatives and friends will pray the Evening Vigil Service on Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m. at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, where the family will receive friends on Sunday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Monday morning from 10:00 a.m. until leaving for the church at 10:40 a.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, January 12, 2026 at Divine Mercy Parish (Saint Joseph Catholic Church) in Manistee, with Reverend James Bearss celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery, where Jerry will be laid to rest beside his parents.

Memorial contributions in Jerry's name may be made to the Sons of the American Legion Post #10 in Manistee or to the Scottville Clown Band Student Services Program. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.