



## Jerry V. Rademacher

June 3, 1931 - November 21, 2020

Jerry V. Rademacher lifelong Grand Ledge resident passed away November 21, 2020. Jerry was born June 3, 1931 in Dallas Township, Clinton County, Michigan to the late Louis and Mary (Dwyer) Rademacher. He worked for MDOT, the final 23 years as the state-wide overhead sign and hi-speed freeway paint line supervisor retiring in 1993, after 38 years of service. Jerry was a Korean War veteran S/Sgt., 140th Tank Battalion and life member of the VFW Post 3293. He was recognized with numerous awards and merits during his years of service and in 1991, he was awarded the Highway Director Skilled Craftsman Award. Jerry enjoyed his yard and garden, garage sales, flea markets and auctions. He was known as Uncle Toy for many years because of the bikes, toys, and games he gave away to kids over the years. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Patricia (Donley) who passed away April 22, 2001; son, Robert Bachman; brothers, Charles, Norbert, Edward and sister, Mary Martin. He is survived by son, Jerry (Angela) Jr. and daughter, Terri (Aaron) Collins; daughter-in-law, Katherine Bachman; grandson, Jacob; granddaughters, Sarah, Amanda (Haden Mosey), Heather (Michael) Franklin, Theresa (David) Burcham, Katherine (Joel) Robinson, Patricia (Art Jahmel) Davis, Suzanne Gonzalez and Jacquelyn (Kevin) Krummtum; great grandchildren, Haley, Michael, Noah, Nathan, Mason, Madison, Carlee, William, Ronan, Eliot, Ethan, Ashley and Dominic.; siblings, Leo (Janet), Matthew (Jean), Clarita Fedewa, Janice (Mike) Fox; sisters-in-law, Clare, Janet and Susanne Rademacher along with numerous nieces,

nephews and cousins. So long dad, thanks for everything, have a good one. Jerry wanted to let his brother, Leo and cousin, the late John Dwyer know that he appreciated all the help they had given him. The family would also like to thank the staff of Home Away from Home Adult Foster Care for the support and care they provided Jerry the past few years.

A private family service will be held. Visitation will be Tuesday, November 24, 2020, from 4-7:00 p.m. at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge. A military graveside service will be Wednesday, November 25, 2020, 12:00 p.m. at Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge. Memorial contributions in Jerry's name may be given to VFW Post 3293, 731 N. Clinton Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837 or the Eaton Community Palliative Care, 2675 S. Cochran Avenue, Charlotte, Michigan 48813.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

299 Halbert Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **24**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
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Grand Ledge, MI 48837  
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## Military Graveside Service

NOV **25**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Oakwood Cemetery  
299 Halbert Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

# Tribute Wall



“ *Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Jerry V. Rademacher*



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**Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home** - November 24, 2020 at 05:35 PM

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*Thank you for sharing the video for those who couldn't be there!*

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**Golda Rademacher** - November 25, 2020 at 04:15 PM

MR

“ My earliest memory of Uncle Jerry was his deep voice. As I grew out of childhood I realized it was not gruffness, but confidence and love of life. I also remember numerous times when he and my father (Edward) would get together to talk about work and life. It usually involved a couple cuss words and a lot of laughter.

Jerry was a whiz at numbers and his mind was like a calculator. He would have made a top-notch CPA, but his talents with diagnosing and solving problems, attention to detail, and working with his hands led him to a supervisor position with the MDOT.

He had a special fondness for children and numerous children in the city of Grand Ledge benefitted from his kind gifts of a small toy or stuffed animal. I know he made a special point to drop off toys to my three girls when they were young.

Jerry was extremely family-oriented. He cared deeply for his children, grand children and great-grandchildren. I would also like to mention the numerous times he visited with my father as he battled cancer in 2004.

Thank you for your military service during the Korean War. One can only imagine the bravery and sacrifice made by Jerry and all the other servicemen and women to protect our nation.

" Lord, you got another good one"

Mark Rademacher

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MARK RADEMACHER - November 24, 2020 at 08:52 PM

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“ My father in law always treated me just like one of his own and I feel very blessed to have known him for the past 20 years. We would see him pull up to the driveway and go to greet him. But when you opened the door, he was no where to be found. I would look at my husband ( Little Jerry) and say ‘isn’t that Dad’s car? Where the hell did he go!’ Then a couple minutes later he would pop up from around the other side of the house or garage... ‘Jerry! You got some trees growing back here that need to be pulled... about time to mow the yard don’t ya think?... I watered the garden, lookin a little dry’. You also had to be careful in conversation with him. If you told him you enjoyed things such as candles, every week he would go around to the garage sales and snag up as many candles as he could find... that were reasonably priced of course. I swear we were the best prepared house in town for power outages! You are missed already Dad. Love you.

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**Angela Rademacher** - November 24, 2020 at 01:26 PM

BR

“ Jerry was such a great neighbor to us. My kids and now my grandkids have toys that he has given to them. He was always going to garage sales during the summer which he enjoyed so much. Our sympathies to his family. Rest in peace.

*John and Brenda Reed*

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**Brenda Reed** - November 24, 2020 at 12:36 PM

AK

“ Uncle Jerry always held a special place in my heart and always will! He went out of his way to communicate with me and my family. We looked forward to his letters that he wrote to us every year until he no longer could. Of course my kids also experienced the joys of visiting him in Grand Ledge and being overwhelmed with the opportunity to pick a toy out of his vast collection. He was always present for my big events which meant so much because he had to travel to get there. I cherish the memories of the many times we visited with him whenever we were traveling through the area and oh, the stories he would tell. He was so fascinating to listen to. We will miss you, Uncle Jerry!

Annette (Fox) Kruger

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Annette Kruger - November 24, 2020 at 11:26 AM

CR

“ Uncle Jerry always had a deep laugh and smile. I'll remember the trinkets, treasures, and stories he always had for us at family reunions. What a great guy!

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Cori Rademacher - November 23, 2020 at 05:21 PM

RD

“ Uncle Jerry, gave me two offers for a job working for the State of Michigan. After filling out the paperwork I gave it to him. even though I didn't go to work for him , I did go to the State wide Maintenance. After talking about it to him I chose the job to work with the State wide bridge maintenance. Too him I owe my life . Many times through the years I have walked in to his office and sat and talked about life . His big smile and his big heart helped me through the years. Rest in peace uncle Jerry

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Roger Donley - November 23, 2020 at 03:19 PM

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“ One of my favorite memories of my grandpa took place whenever my siblings and I would go to his house to do yard work. We would work for a few hours, take a soda break, work some more, and then we'd come inside for lunch. Now lunch was never anything fancy, but it was always something special. Grandpa would root through his cupboards and find a variety of foods to make for lunch; for example, we'd often have canned ravioli with toast, canned beef stew with corn bread, or other prepackaged surprises. While we were enjoying lunch, grandpa would pull out his handy notebook and calculator and work out just how much each portion cost and then educate us on how much money lunch at a fast food restaurant would cost instead. Working for my grandpa and listening to him calculate the cost of meals helped teach me the value of money. He was nothing if not a frugal man, and I have adopted some of the same principles about saving money in my life, though maybe not to such an extreme extent (depending on who you ask).

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Amanda Rademacher - November 23, 2020 at 02:34 PM

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“ He was my great grandpa, and I loved him so much. I remember my freshman year of high school I would walk to his house sometimes after class. We had planned on going to his favorite Chinese buffet and I told him I could be dropped off at his house at 1pm. He showed up 11am all ready to go, excited. We would go garage saling around Grand Ledge and he would pick up toys and always told me to pick something out. He will forever be the kindest, funniest, and most welcoming person I have ever known :)

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Haley Huhn - November 23, 2020 at 02:18 PM

RM

“ Jerry was my boss at Overhead Signs. I can't stress how much he has meant to me and my wife. We have stayed in touch over the years and became close friends. Jerry was a great man with a heart of gold and always entertaining!  
We will never forget him. He's was our 2nd dad!  
We love you Jerry!  
Randy and Sheila Miles

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**Randy Miles** - November 23, 2020 at 01:14 PM

BM

“ I grew up across the street from him on Union street, I have so many memories of him. He was a big man with a low booming voice. And scared me. when I was playing with Terri Jane, I'll always remember him. Because he may have been big, but his heart was bigger.  
Jerry, I know you are with your beautiful wife Pat. There's that big euchre game going on right now. I love you Jerry. ❤️❤️❤️

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**Billie Jo McAuley** - November 23, 2020 at 12:40 PM

DG

“ I love this picture! Uncle Jerry liked to present himself as rough and tough, but he had a giant heart! He loved to make others happy, especially the children! My daughters all have a something special that he gave to them.

One of my favorite memories of him was a few years back, the St. Michael Youth Group went to his house to sing Christmas Carols. He stood on the stoop with a tear in his eye and said "No one ever sang Christmas Carols to me before. Thank you."

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**D'Anne Golub** - November 23, 2020 at 10:20 AM