



Jerald "Jerry" Matt McCabe

July 21, 1943 - January 13, 2023

Retired Police Lieutenant Jerald "Jerry" Matt McCabe, age 79, of Watersmeet, MI

passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on Friday, January 13 2023 after

a long illness. He was born July 21st, 1943, in Chicago, IL to James and Dorothy (Rafferty) McCabe.

McCabe graduated from Mt. Carmel High School (61), where he was proudly a member of the state championship football team. He attended St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa, where he received his degree in History in 1965.

Following graduation, he joined the U.S. Army, where he served from 1968-1971.

Following his service, Jerry began his law enforcement career with the City of Davenport Police Department in 1977, where he served for 26 years earning the rank of Lieutenant. He was a true mentor and friend to many Police Officers and

other members of the Law Enforcement Community.

Ever the Irishman, he co founded the St. Patrick's Society of the Quad Cities USA

in 1985. He proudly marched in the first Quad City St. Patrick's Day parade, his

very favorite holiday, in 1986.

Jerry was lucky enough to find his own heaven on earth, and after retirement, moved permanently to Watersmeet, MI, where he built his own cottage in the woods. He loved to host friends at the lake.

He was preceded in death by James and Dorothy McCabe (parents), Jimmy McCabe (brother), Judith Ann Hillgard (sister) and Curtis Z. Shinneman, grandson.

Many will miss his wonderful stories, including his daughter Melissa (Curt) Shinneman, Mindy McCabe, and Meghan (Charles) Cote, grandchildren Charlie

and Julia Shinneman, Teddy and Henry Cote, and great grandchildren Evelyn, Anders and Bodhi Shinneman.

There will be a small Celebration of Life ceremony at his lake house on Cloverleaf

Lake in Watersmeet MI in July.

If you're lucky enough to be Irish, you're lucky enough.

Guestbook

MM

“ Mike Maloney lit a candle in memory of Jerald "Jerry" Matt McCabe



Mike Maloney - November 08, 2023 at 06:17 PM

JH

“ Visits with Jerry were always an enjoyable part of my yearly trips north. We shared stories of the early days of Camp Daly and planned projects to maintain and improve the old homestead.



Jim Hoelzel - January 20, 2023 at 08:23 PM

LB

“ Our wonderful memories of Jerry are from our time spent together in Gelnhausen, Germany as newlyweds from 1968 to 1970. Rick and I lived off base in an apartment with a German family, and Jerry was often with us. The pictures below are of Mary Ann (his then wife) and me (Linda, the blonde). SO many fun times ~ road trips to Italy and beyond, raucous parties, semi-serious conversations... and Jerry's famous quote as the evenings wore on, "The night is but a pup!" Thank you for the memories, good man ~ and RIP with the angels. Love, Linda & Rick Becker

Linda Becker - January 19, 2023 at 06:35 PM

LB

“ 3 files added to the album Jerry with friends in Gelnhausen , Germany 1968~1970



Linda Becker - January 19, 2023 at 06:20 PM

LB

Happy times together ~ you were a dear friend, even for those few short years of our youth. RIP, Jerry

Linda Becker - January 19, 2023 at 06:36 PM

RG

“ To the family and friends, so sorry for your loss.
Rest Easy Hero

Randy Gumkowski (INPGR)



Randy Gumkowski - January 19, 2023 at 08:04 AM

DW

“ Jerry was a dear friend of my brother, Dennis "Denny" Walsh. I have very special memories of "McCabe" as I was instructed to call him by my brother Dennis. I even remember a very special moment when Dennis got sick the night before The Walsh's Irish Open and Dennis had to be rushed to the hospital. One person beat us to the hospital and that was "McCabe"...and he stayed with us all night. I will miss you "McCabe" 🍀🍀🥹🍀🍀

David M Walsh, brother of Denny Walsh - January 18, 2023 at 09:53 PM

BC

“ Great Irish gentleman. Jerry had his own special sense of humor, I always enjoyed his wit Jerry and a few other companions had the duty of raising a huge Irish flag from the top of the Davenport Bank building. It was always an adventure. The days at Mac’s Tavern with Jerry are fond memories.
Thank you Jerry for your warm friendship.

Bill Collins - January 18, 2023 at 08:19 AM

JD

“ On behalf of the St.Patrick Society Quad Cities, our deepest condolences to Jerry’s family. A great Irishman and one of Davenport’s Finest. Rest in Peace. 🍀 - Joe Dooley

Joe Dooley - January 18, 2023 at 08:11 AM

SW

The Walsh family sends it's deepest regards.

Sue Waldh - January 18, 2023 at 09:03 PM

RS

“ Jerry was a dedicated police officer and a great guy. He will always be remembered in the Quad Cities for his dedication and wit. May he RIP

Robert Schwartz - January 17, 2023 at 06:28 PM

VL

“ Jerry..we will miss having you across the street! You were always a ray of sunshine, and one of the few people Fergus actually “loved!” Tom will miss beers in the garage, with History Channel on, and you coming over to look through his latest “junk” finds! Mel and I considered you a grandpa across the street and always loved hearing your stories, fun facts and your sweet smile and twinkling blue eyes. We hope you are in a canoe right now, drinking a cold beer and enjoying the Northwoods in the sky! We won't every forget you. Xo. Val, Tom, Mel, Harper and of course, Fergus ❤️

Valerie Heuring Leonard - January 17, 2023 at 05:05 PM