



## Gerrit R. Willemse

March 19, 1927 - December 8, 2021

Gerrit (Gerry) R. Willemse of Dearborn Heights, MI passed away peacefully on Dec. 8, 2021.

Gerry was a member of the US Navy and finished boot camp in time to graduate with his class from the Edison Institute just before he turned 18. He served on the Destroyer USS Welles and was honorably discharged after serving 2 years. He married Eugenia (Jean) at the Martha Mary Chapel, and she remained the love of his life for over 65 years.

He earned an associate degree at Michigan State and Bachelor of Science from Wayne State University. He was an employee of Ford Motor and retired after 43 years. Gerry was active in charities in Dearborn Heights including the Jaycees as President and the Dearborn Heights Goodfellows as President. He founded the popular Dearborn Heights Ski Club for middle school students and served as Entertainment Chairman for the Dearborn Heights Spirit Festival. He was elected to the Dearborn Township Recreation Commission and to the Fairlane School Board. Gerry was chairman of the Dearborn Heights Head Center, a methadone clinic helping heroin addicts combat their addiction. He was a proud member of the Masonic Lodge Dearborn #172. Gerry was honored as Jaycees Man of the Year, Dearborn Heights Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year and Dearborn Heights Goodfellow of the Year. Gerry was preceded in death by his brother John and his wife Jean. He is survived by daughter Gail (Al) Morad, grandchildren, Jason (Jennifer) Morad, Megan (Alex) Dietrich and great-grandson Walker Morad.

An interment side memorial service for Gerry is planned for December 18, 2021 at 11:00AM. The service will be at White Chapel Temple of Memories, 621 W. Long Lake Rd. Troy, MI 48098. All are invited to attend. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

# Cemetery Details

## White Chapel Cemetery

621 W. Long Lake Rd.  
Troy, MI 48084

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

DEC 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerrit R. Willemse*



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**Dryer Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 14, 2021 at 10:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerrit R. Willemse.*



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December 15, 2021 at 10:38 AM



“ *Exie Markowsky lit a candle in memory of Gerrit R. Willemse*



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**exie markowsky** - December 14, 2021 at 06:52 PM



“ 25 files added to the album LifeTributes



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Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - December 13, 2021 at 04:00 PM