



## Gerald W. Cochran

October 25, 1944 - December 11, 2019

Gerald W. Cochran (Jerry), 75, of Huntley, IL passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 11, 2019, at his home.

He was born October 25, 1944, in Ft Benning, GA to Lloyd and Eunice (Johnson) Cochran. He spent most of his life living in the Wichita, Kansas area. Jerry attended Chaplain Kapaun Memorial High School, graduating in 1962, followed by graduating from Loyola University New Orleans in 1966. Jerry spent his 35-year career in the Aerospace Industry in various positions with the Boeing Company and Beech Aircraft Company from 1965 until his retirement in 2000. Also, Jerry served in the Air National Guard from 1966 to 1973. Jerry lived in Derby, Kansas from 1974 through 2010 when he relocated to Illinois to be closer to his children and grandchildren. Jerry served on the School Board in Derby from 1983 through 1987. Besides spending time with family and friends, Jerry loved music, games, puzzles, and traveling. He especially loved his chess matches against his brothers. He spent most Holidays traveling to Seattle or Ft Lauderdale visiting family. Jerry was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in his 30's and battled this throughout his life until it began to debilitate him over the past five years.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Ellen (Deignan) Cochran; his sons, Lloyd, and Eric; daughter-in-law, Maureen (Novak) Cochran; and Lloyd and Maureen's four children, Allison, Jennifer, Caroline, and Brian; his siblings; Stephen, Kathy, and Robert.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd G Cochran and Eunice

(Johnson) Cochran.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St Mary's Catholic Church, 2300 E. Meadowlark Rd, Derby, Kansas at 10 AM on Tuesday, January 7, 2020.

Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the National MS Society at [www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald W. Cochran*

January 17, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Karen and I were surprised to see Jerry's Obituary in the paper last Sunday. Jerry and I worked together for several years at Beech, he was always a joy to be with. The last time I remember seeing the both of you was at my retirement from Beech. Karen and I wish you and your family our truest condolences.*  
*Larry and Karen Osborne*

**Larry Osborne** - December 30, 2019 at 02:28 PM



“ *Rest Gerald, until you hear at dawn,  
the low, clear reveille of God.*

*Thank you for your service to this nation.*



**Harry Simpson** - December 29, 2019 at 04:08 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald W. Cochran.*



December 14, 2019 at 03:04 PM

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“ *Kathy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gerald W. Cochran.*



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**Kathy** - December 14, 2019 at 12:25 AM