



## Gerardo "Jerry" Casas

March 21, 1973 - May 12, 2020

Gerardo "Jerry" Casas, 47, of Huntley passed away suddenly Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at Northwestern Medicine Huntley Hospital in Huntley.

He was born March 21, 1973, in Elgin, the son of Jose Ignacio and Valentina (Gonzalez) Casas Sr. Jerry was raised in Elgin and attended St. Joseph Catholic School. He was a 1992 graduate of St. Edward High School. He met his wife, Lourdes and they shared their first kiss at the stroke of midnight, Jan. 1, 1997. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Huntley and the Knights of Columbus Council # 11666. He was a truck driver for Ozinga Trucking for six years.

His family was his #1 priority. An avid Chicago White Sox, Bulls, and Bears fan, he hosted viewing parties and organized family gatherings that now provide cherished memories. He always greeted his family with a bear hug and a smile. Jerry had a lot of interests including riding his motorcycle, working out, and collecting Michael Jordan memorabilia that would make anyone jealous. He enjoyed traveling and visited places like Costa Rica, the Caribbean, and Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates with his family. He enjoyed going to concerts, festivals, and comedy shows where his booming laughter filled the room. He will be deeply missed by his entire family, extended family, and everyone who became like family throughout his life.

He is survived by his wife, Lourdes; his son, Jerry Jr.; his mother, Valentina, of Elgin; his brothers, Jose I. (Juanita) Casas, Jr., and Alonso (Gloria) Casas, all of Elgin; nieces, and nephew, Cecilia Casas, of Sycamore, Sabrina, Loraina,

Sofia, and Alejandro Casas, all of Elgin; two aunts, many cousins, his in-laws, Raul (Elsie) Mora, of Elgin, Veronica (Abel) Aleman, of Huntley, Alfredo Gomez, of Elgin; nieces and nephews, Lissette and Alfredo Jr. Montanez, Elijah and Evelyn Gomez, Valerie Aleman of Huntley; and countless friends. He is preceded in death by his infant son, Xavier Ignacio Casas, in 2007; his father; his maternal grandmother, Guillermina Ramirez; his grandfather, Jose Santos Ramirez; and his paternal grandparents.

A wake will be held from 1 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, at the James A. O'Connor Funeral Home, 11603 E. Main, in Huntley. The funeral home will provide details on how visitation will be handled based on regulations due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The family respectfully asks attendees to refrain from hugging, kissing, and shaking hands during the wake. A simple nod of expressed sympathy is all that's required.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be private. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery in Huntley.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Cemetery

Dean Street  
Huntley, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 19.** 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

James A. O'Connor Funeral Home  
11603 E. Main PO Box 74  
Huntley, IL 60142  
(847) 669-5111  
jaoconnorfh@att.net

## Mass of Christian Burial

**MAY 20.** 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
10307 Dundee Road  
Huntley, IL 60142

# Tribute Wall



“ Gerardo "Jerry" Casas

January 17, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ Jerry was one of the most loving and dedicated people I've ever had the privilege of calling a friend. We could go periods of time without talking and pickup like we hadn't missed a second. He was the most loyal person I know and that is what I always respected and I appreciated. Since I met Jerry years ago I always felt a strong brotherly bond with him because of how genuine he was. You could always count on Jerry, and he loved his family more than life itself. I am proud to have known Jerry, and I am broken that he is gone. Jerry I love you brother may you Rest In Peace.

Rob Rytel - May 21, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerardo "Jerry" Casas.



May 19, 2020 at 07:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerardo "Jerry" Casas.



May 19, 2020 at 11:17 AM



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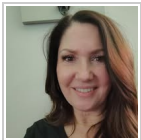
May 18, 2020 at 05:52 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gerardo "Jerry" Casas.



May 18, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ He had a big heart & always had a big smile. My favorite was seeing his face light up when he would see Evan. Love you



Jody Williams - May 18, 2020 at 02:02 PM

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“ Dearest Lulu and family my prayers and heart go out to you. I did not have the pleasure of meeting Jerry in person but met him when Lulu and I did video conference calls together for work. Heard many stories on what a talented and wonderful man he was. Sending deepest sympathies and hugs your way.

Kathy Scent - May 18, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gerardo "Jerry" Casas.



May 18, 2020 at 09:01 AM

LG

“ Jerry, It is so hard to believe that you are not around us anymore. I remember you walking with my daughter Liliana to school, and also, when Tina celebrated your 7 years old birthday. You were always playing around and kidding. Your family were so special to me, and my two children, and we have so great memories of you all, Nacho, Guille, Santos that are already in heaven, and Tina, Junior, Alonso. We love you and appreciate you very much, and will never forget those great times with you and your family. You will be always in our hearts. Rest in peace my dear Jerry. Lucero, Carlos and Liliana

John 11:25 Jesus then said, "I am the one who raises the dead to life! Everyone who has faith in me will live, even if they die."

Lucero Salgado Gonzales - May 17, 2020 at 11:05 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerardo "Jerry" Casas.*



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May 17, 2020 at 05:10 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerardo "Jerry" Casas.*



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May 17, 2020 at 01:13 PM



“ *Muscles and smiles, this is how I will remember you Jerry. My family and I will all miss you dearly.*



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**Anastasia Morales** - May 17, 2020 at 11:07 AM

JA

“ A couple years ago Jerry heard my brother and I talking in the drivers room, my brother had asked if I had enough money to go pick up a 59 Chevy I had been trying to buy. I told him that I would have to wait another week because I was 500\$ short. Jerry never said a word, when I got home later that night and opened my door, an envelope had been slid under it. I picked it up and inside was 500\$ and a note that said “Bro you waited 16 years for this car to be yours, don’t wait another day” Jerry always had my back. I miss him so bad already. Love you Jerry

jeff annis - May 16, 2020 at 10:49 PM

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My Brother Jerry,, Your humbleness and care for your son and family are what you always talked about and how special you were as a human being on this Earth for this short period of time,, I will carry you in My Heart ❤️ Peace to you and your family 🙏

Efi Perez - May 17, 2020 at 01:26 AM



Jerry, our St. Joseph class was close. I remember when we put on that talent show of 50s music in 7th grade and you were always a good guy. Rest in God's glory.

David Alexander - May 21, 2020 at 09:46 PM

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“ Your smile is infectious and you had a way to make us all laugh.



Sara Hutson - May 16, 2020 at 10:49 PM



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May 16, 2020 at 08:46 PM



“ Still can't believe Jerry is actually gone. Its like it was just yesterday he was in our office fixing something 😭😭 One of the kindest person I knew that was always willing to help no matter what and always went above and beyond. Heaven now has another beautiful soul! You'll be missed Jerry!!!



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**Kristie cochrane** - May 16, 2020 at 08:39 PM



*My deepest sympathies to Jerry's family. I first met Jerry at a Knights of Columbus initiation ceremony. One of the best guys I got to meet. May he rest in peace.*

*Mike Turso Fellow Knight*

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**Mike Turso** - May 17, 2020 at 05:27 PM



*Jerry and I where initiated into the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary's Catholic Church on the same evening back in Nov. 2017. That is when I first met him, a special guy with a special heart. He will be missed and always loved. To his family I am so sorry for your loss, may the Lord Bless and comfort all of you in this time of sorrow.*

*Mark Tito Fellow Knight*

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**Mark Tito** - May 19, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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**Mariah Trevino** - May 16, 2020 at 08:25 PM