



Patrick Gerald "Jerry" Keefe

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Patrick Gerald “Jerry” Keefe age 91, passed away Tuesday evening, August 24, 2021 at The Trace Assisted Living of Covington, Louisiana. He was born on June 14, 1930 in New Orleans, Louisiana to John Henry Keefe and Catherine McNiff Keefe.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Lucy Bethke Keefe, his children Patrick Gerald Keefe Jr. and daughter Kathleen Keefe Speer (wife of Garry Speer), his Step-children Martin Bethke (husband of Terri Bethke), Karen Bethke Cutrell, and Amy Bethke. He is also survived by a host of nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wives Gloria Gifford Keefe (1982) and Dawson Forman Keefe (1985), his parents John Henry and Catherine McNiff Keefe, his brothers John F. Keefe, Lloyd Keefe, and Edward Keefe, his sisters Rita Keefe, Ruth Hecker, Lois Nutter, and Leah Atkinson.

A native of New Orleans, and resident of Covington, proudly served in the United States Army for 26 ½ years. In 1947, Jerry started in Anti-Aircraft Guns and Radars, then Surface to Air Missile Systems. He was selected to participate in the research and development of the first Anti-Ballistic Missile System. He retired with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer (CW4).

Jerry was a member of Covington Country Club, where he made ever lasting friendships while enjoying the social functions. He was well liked and respected by all. Jerry was a kind, caring, loving, and loyal person who will be deeply missed by all that knew him.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Patrick “Jerry” Keefe may be made to The Wounded Warrior Project at <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org> or The Alzheimer’s Association at <https://www.alz.org>.

Due to COVID-19, social distancing is encouraged and masks are required to attend services.



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Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W 21st Ave., Covington, LA 70433 on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 11:00 AM with visitation beginning at 9:00 AM until service time. Interment will follow the services in Lake Lawn Metairie Cemetery, 5100 Pontchartrain Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70124.

The family invites you to share thoughts, fond memories, and condolences online at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home Guest Book at www.ejfieldingfh.com.



Events

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Visitation

 **Thursday**, September 16, 2021

 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT


 **E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services**

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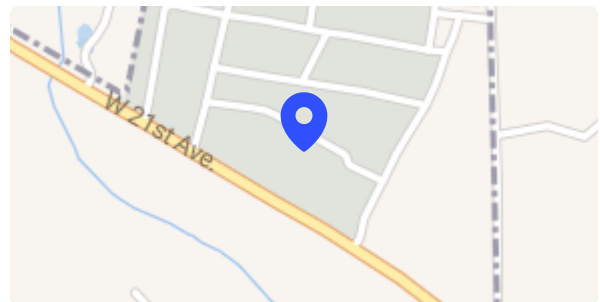
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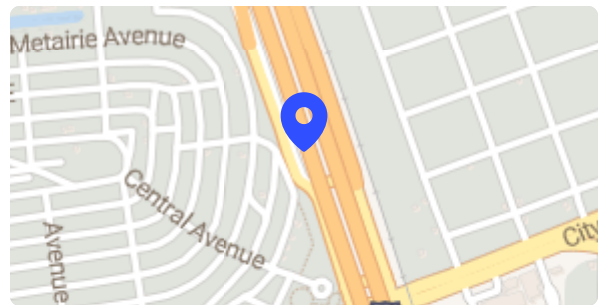
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Cemetery Details

 **Lake Lawn Cemetery**
5100 Pontchartrain Blvd., New Orleans LA 70124





Tribute Wall

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Mitchel Salmere posted:

Jerry, you always played better than par, and the one to emulate on or off the course. May you secure many numerical puzzles in Heaven. You will be sorely missed. Thank you for being Jerry.
Mitch Salmere

October 19 at 4:10 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Keefe family.



September 15 at 8:14 AM



Va Columbia Sc Devsecops - Oit sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Keefe family.



September 2 at 7:16 AM



Stephanie Bordelon posted:

As the granddaughter of the late Francis and Joyce Wegmann, I had the honor of knowing Mr. Jerry. I enjoyed countless lunches with him alongside my grandfather and their circle of friends. He was always smiling and will be missed. My condolences to the family.

August 27 at 5:15 PM

CD Catherine Wegmann Domangue September 17 at 7:45 AM

Jerry was a lifelong friend of my parents, Joyce and Francis X. Wegmann. Mom (Oma) knew him from his birth as she was his sister's Leah's) closest friend friend from 1929 till her death. Throughout my life Jerry visited my parents for many special occasions if he was in New Orleans. I really got to know him after my mother died and he had married Lucy who was his shining light. They were often together especially after mom passed suddenly and dad was grieving. He called dad often and visited. Always present at our "special occasions" he continued the Keefe- Caire Wegmann bond with dad. They had so much to share in life. May God bless him and Lucy and all who cared for Jerry these last few years. I'm grateful for his friendship, his humor and his perspective on life. He was a patriot and loved people. I was honored to have spoken to hm two days before he passed. God bless and keep you Jerry. Cathy Wegmann Domangue ,Lee (my husband), Brant, Beau, Morgan and Martine, Elizabeth W., Mark and Caroline Wegmann



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MB

Martin And Terri Bethke posted:

Keefe family. We will miss Jerry so much. Well I sp vitally miss is cornet jokes and his sense of humor

August 27 at 2:42 PM

BG

Betty Keefe Grahmann posted:

Dear Patrick and Kathleen. I'm Lloyd Keefe's daughter, Betty. I just want to say I'm saddened by the passing of my Uncle Jerry. He was the last of my uncles and aunts. I don't know if he ever told you, but after his mother died, when he was about 4, my dad and mother wanted to adopt him. However Aunt Rita didn't allow it because she wanted to keep the children together. I will remember Jerry as a good historian of our family, his kind ways, and a great storyteller and jokester. May he Rest In Peace.

August 27 at 11:17 AM

DA

Darrell posted:

Family, This man will truly be missed by all in OIT. He has a dedicated son who will keep his legend going. God has this man in his arms. Be blessed and Jerry is ok! Darrell

August 27 at 10:41 AM

LH

Labon Hardy posted:

Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal - Thomas Moore. Condolences to the Keefe Family from VA Columbia SC - DevSecOps Labon Hardy Area Manager

August 27 at 9:00 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Patrick by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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