



## Gerald Parascandolo

January 7, 1925 - December 22, 2018

Gerald T. Parascandolo of North Judson, Indiana, passed away peacefully on December 22, 2018. Gerald was born January 7, 1925, in Brooklyn, New York, to Andrew and Josephine (Maimone) Parascandolo. Gerald is survived by his wife, Kathleen (Picchiatti), and four children: Brian (Judy) Paras, Carol (David) Swihart, Kathy Paras, and Mark (Lola) Paras. He is also survived by his brother Dominic Parascandolo and sister Cecelia Brookfield. He leaves behind nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

A veteran of WWII, Jerry served in the US Army's 86th Infantry of the 10th Mountain Division and saw combat in the Po Valley in Italy. He earned nine medals of distinction, including the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. After his release from active duty in 1945, Jerry returned to service in the Army Reserves and earned a commission, retiring with the rank of Colonel. During his time in the Reserves, he opened the nation's first 100-man Army Reserve Center in North Judson, Indiana, dedicated in 1959. In total, Jerry gave 40 years of service to his country.

As a businessman in North Judson for over 50 years, Jerry owned and operated the North Judson Lumber Yard. He served on various boards and committees in the region including the NJSP School Board, the Starke County Hospital Board, North Judson Fire Department Volunteer, SS Cyril & Methodius Church committees, and the Mint Festival Board.

Jerry was dedicated to family, faith, and country. He loved his family and was elated with each new addition. His faith guided him throughout his life, offering him comfort in his final years. Jerry's military service symbolized his strong sense of duty and honor for his country, a great source of pride.

A wake will be held at O'Donnell Funeral Home, North Judson, Indiana, on January 4 from 4-7 PM (CST). A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at SS Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church, North Judson, Indiana, on Saturday, January 5, at 10:30 AM (CST).

Memorial contributions can be made to the Kathleen and Gerald Paras Family Fund through the Northern Indiana Community Foundation, Inc. by visiting [nicf.org](http://nicf.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Saint Jacob Cemetery

500 West  
North Judson, IN 46366

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Donnell Funeral Home, Inc.  
302 Lane Street  
North Judson, IN 46366  
(574) 896-2149

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

SS Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church  
Keller Avenue  
North Judson, IN 46366

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald Parascandolo.*



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January 02, 2019 at 12:15 PM



“ *To the Paras family--our sympathies and support from the Wille mains. We have fond memories of Gerry, and his kindness and thoughtfulness live on in the extended family, with whom we have the privilege to know and love. Sincerely, Jeff, Chris, Mike and Alex.*

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**Jeffrey Willemain** - January 02, 2019 at 12:07 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy and prayers for each of you during the loss of your husband, father, grandfather, and friend. I have great respect for this man as his love and convictions and dedication for God, family, and country were what his purpose on life were. During his time living at Catherine Kasper Life Center he truly loved and respected the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ; their work, service, and dedication of their mission of caring for mankind and God's world. Gerry was a gentle giant with a strong voice and yet a loving concerned prayerful heart for God and his family.*

*Sincerely,  
Margie Wagner Pixey*

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**margie pixey** - January 01, 2019 at 09:31 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gerald Parascandolo.*



December 31, 2018 at 09:53 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gerald Parascandolo.*



December 31, 2018 at 09:36 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I always loved walking into his room at Cathrine Kasper to say good morning to him and he would say “hello sweetheart “. We always talked about his children, he loved all of you very much. He will be missed.*

**Rella Prater** - December 30, 2018 at 08:18 PM



*To Mark, Lola, Lauren, and Morgan,*

*We send our love and condolences to you. May your father/grandfather rest in Heaven. Our prayers are with all of you.*

*Love and Peace,  
Dan and Joyce Wagner*

**Joyce Wagner** - December 30, 2018 at 08:58 PM