



## Jerome J. Kijek

October 16, 1944 - July 3, 2018

Jerome “Jerry” J. Kijek, a lifetime resident of Stamford, passed away suddenly at Stamford Hospital on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 surrounded by his loving family and friends. He was born on October 16, 1944 to the late John Kijek and Regina (Bobinski) Kijek.

Jerry attended Holy Name of Jesus Elementary School and graduated from Wright Technical School in 1962. He served his country honorably in the Navy during the Vietnam War. He was the proud owner of Kijek Electric, A1 Snowplowing and Constitution Sparklers Sales, LLC. He was a respected master electrician who worked for a few electrical firms including Weingold Electric, Burns Electric, and Acme Electric before starting his own electrical company. He was an excellent problem solver who was called upon by many contractors in the field to solve their electrical problems. He had an amazing knowledge of not only electrical but also all phases of construction. Jerry was passionate about teaching and mentoring many of the up and coming electricians and family members because he felt it was important to pass on his trade.

When fireworks first became legal in Connecticut, Jerry was the first licensed pyrotechnician and established fireworks stands in Stamford. His true lifetime passion was entertaining his family and friends, often ending the evening lighting up the sky with a colorful fireworks display to the pleasure of all in

attendance. He also loved his classic muscle cars and listening to “doo-wop” music. He was a member of the Train Collector’s Association for many years and loved fixing and repairing Lionel Trains for himself and his friends. His other favorite pastime was boating on Woodridge Lake in Goshen, CT with his family and friends, that he loved to entertain. He touched many lives with his wit and humor and will be remembered fondly by his family and many friends.

Surviving are his beloved wife Esther Cerbone Kijek of Stamford, CT; his two daughters Gina Lynn Kijek of Yonkers, NY and Melanie Roofe and her husband, Patrick of Haverhill, MA; two stepsons, Frank Grillo and his wife, Theresa of New Haven, CT and Anthony Grillo and his girlfriend Megan Robustelli of Stamford, CT; two brothers, Martin (Marty) Kijek and Thomas (Tom) Kijek and his wife Myra of Stamford, CT; two nephews, Mario Cerbone, his wife Kimberly and their children, AJ, Andon, and Adriana Cerbone and Ross Cerbone; his aunts, Josephine Bobinski of Niantic, CT and Genia Bobinski of Torrington, CT; and by many loving cousins, family and friends throughout the country; as well as by his beloved German Shepherd, Duke.

Family will receive relatives and friends at Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Ave in Stamford, on Sunday, July 8th from 4pm to 8pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, July 9th at 11am the Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 325 Washington Blvd, in Stamford. His interment will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial donation in his memory to: American Diabetes Association, <http://diabetes.org/> .

If you would like to leave a condolence message online please visit the family guestbook at [www.bosakfuneralhome.com](http://www.bosakfuneralhome.com) or at [www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome](http://www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome) to share memories with his family.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home  
453 Shippan Avenue  
Stamford, CT 06902  
(203) 325-9300  
<https://www.bosakfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Name of Jesus Parish  
325 Washington Blvd.  
Stamford, CT 06902  
(203) 363-0381  
[info@holynamestamford.org](mailto:info@holynamestamford.org)  
<http://www.holynamestamford.org/>

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ Jerry was a great friend since we were 6 years old, went to school together , plowed snow together, traveled together, played baseball together had many great times with him and his family. He was like a brother to me. Pam and I will miss Jerry..Esther to you and all the family God bless you and God bless Jerry Pam and Charlie Setaro

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**charles setaro** - July 08, 2018 at 02:11 PM

RD

“ Dear Esther and family

*I just wanted to send my sincere condolences to you and your family...*

*Jerry was a great guy...just recently he helped me find a contractor to do some special wiring work in my home ...when I went to call him to thank him my brother Ray*

*told me what had happened to him...I felt so bad for him...*

*I sing in the "The Barons" and every time we performed Pledge of a Fool he always would*

*come up to me latter to tell me how much he loves that song...*

*so...we The Barons*

*with be performing tonight at Fairfield...We will announce to everyone that this song*

*is deliciated to Jerry and great guy...I know it's not much.. but I know he'll be listening.*

*Sincerely*

*Ron and Cindy DeAngelis*

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**ronald deangelis** - July 08, 2018 at 11:38 AM

JK

“ Tom and Myra, For you and your family - please accept my sincere condolences.

Jackie Kaiko

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Jackie Kaiko - July 07, 2018 at 05:24 AM

DH

“ Esther, Frankie, Anthony and family,  
I am so sorry to learn about the passing of Jerry. I remember him being so involved with you guys when you were at Roxbury. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Mrs. Donna Hughes (Diehl)

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Donna Hughes - July 06, 2018 at 12:28 PM

LC

“ So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing! My sincere condolences to Jerry's Family and Friends at this difficult time! May your memories sustain you and peace fill your Heart! He will live on in your Heart forever ! God Bless ! 🙏 Linda Cerbone

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Linda cerbone - July 06, 2018 at 09:19 AM

VI

“ We are very sorry about the passing of Jerry our sincerest condolences to all the family & friends. May God be with you at this sad time.

Vivian & Joe Kyek

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vivian - July 06, 2018 at 07:23 AM

PB

“ *Our sincerest condolences to all the family & friends of Jerry. May the love and memories you hold give you peace as you face the difficult days ahead. With love, Walt and Pam Brzoska*

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**Pam Brzoska** - July 06, 2018 at 12:24 AM