

Gerald (Jerry) Sacre was born July 28, 1937, in Minneapolis, MN to Franklin and Edna Sacre. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1955 where he lettered in basketball and football. He attended the University of Minnesota and was an active member in the Theta Chi fraternity. In 1959, Jerry graduated from the U and was commissioned into the United States Air Force through Air Force ROTC. On October 17, 1959, Jerry married Joy Elliassen and together they began his Air Force career.

Jerry proudly served in the US Air Force for 26 years as a navigator flying the C-130 aircraft. During his career, Jerry participated in missions across the globe. He retired in 1986 from the Defense Mapping Agency in St Louis, MO where he worked to transform paper maps into digital format, leading the way for what is now commonly known as the global positioning system (GPS). Shortly after his retirement, Jerry and Joy moved back to Minnesota to be close to family and friends. Jerry was a loving son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather. Pocket Lake in Lowry, MN was his "happy" place. He meticulously cared for their home; lawn work was truly one of his favorite pastimes! Jerry also enjoyed spending the winter months with Joy in Destin, FL where they have many dear snowbird friends. Jerry was a man of strong faith and an active member at Calvary Lutheran Church. He was also an avid Gophers, Vikings, and Twins fan and he wore his team baseball caps proudly.

Jerry passed away peacefully on November 1, 2021, in Alexandria, MN at the age of 84. He is survived by his wife, Joy; son, Jeffrey Sacre (wife - Mary Besterfield-Sacre); daughter Jodi Jordan (Husband - Dan Jordan); four grandchildren, Eric Jordan, Brian Jordan, Alexandra Sacre, and Bryce Sacre; sister-in-law Carole (Sacre) Kramer; and niece Jenny (Sacre) Niello. Jerry is preceded in death by his parents (Franklin and Edna), his brother (Ronald Sacre), and his mother-in-law and father-in-law (Cleo and Kenneth Elliassen).

We would like to offer our most sincere thanks to Dr. Marion Raffles (Alomere Health Oncology), Dr. Theodore Ruzanic (Centracare Wound Center, Sauk Centre), Dr. Anthony Lussenhop (Alomere Health Alexandria Clinic) and their staffs as well as the teams at Knute Nelson Home Health Care, Short-Term Rehab Center, and Hospice Care. Our family is forever grateful for their compassionate support and attention.



Celebrating the Life of
Gerald F. Sacre

July 28, 1937 † November 1, 2021

Memorial Service

Anderson Funeral Home Chapel
Alexandria, Minnesota

Sunday, November 14, 2021

3:00 PM

Officiant

Hans Dahl

Guitarist

Sara Severson

Special Music

“Soon and Very Soon”

“God Bless America”

“Off We Go Into the Wild Blue Yonder”

Honorary Pall Bearers

*All of Ken's former fellow fliers in the private,
military and commercial world of aviation.*

Interment

Fort Snelling National Cemetery
Minneapolis, Minnesota



HIGH FLIGHT

By John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered
wings;

Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tum-
bling mirth
Of sun-split clouds—and done a hundred
things

You have not dreamed of—wheeled and
soared and swung

High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.

Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the windswept heights with
easy grace

Where never lark, or even eagle flew.

And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of
God.



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