



## Gregory J. "Joe" Gerou

June 7, 1945 - January 8, 2025

Gregory Joseph "Joe" Gerou, 79, of Estero, FL, passed away peacefully at his home on January 8, 2025, after a courageous battle with cancer. Born on June 7, 1945, in Minneapolis, MN, Joe was the beloved son of the late Forrest Claire and Signe Avilda (née Amenrud) Gerou.

Joe grew up in Columbia Heights, MN, where he graduated from Columbia Heights High School. After attending college, he embarked on a career as a salesman at Liberty Carton Company before becoming General Manager of Northern Package acquired by Liberty and finally ending his successful career at Liberty Carton as Sales Manager before retiring in 2010.

In 2012, Joe and his wife Kay relocated to Estero, FL, where they embraced their retirement years. He spent most days on the golf course following his passion. Known for his devotion to family, kindness, and keen sense of humor, Joe was very proud of his 35+ years of sobriety.

He is survived by his loving wife, Kay M. Gerou, of Estero, FL; his two cherished daughters, Christina Horsman (Thomas) of Estero, FL, and Maria Glodek (Stephen) of Coon Rapids, MN; and his two stepchildren, John K. Schermann (Jennifer) of Zimmerman, MN, and Lora Lee Knutson of New Hope, MN.

Joe will be deeply missed by his five grandchildren, Elizabeth Heintz (Jackson), Lucas Richmond, Jay John Stafsholt, Benjamin Richmond, and Nicholas Richmond, as well as his two great-grandchildren, Joel Heintz and Eleanor Heintz, who brought him immense joy in his later years.

Joe's Celebration of Life will be on February 22 at Stoneybrook Estero Community Center from 1pm-3pm.

To sign Joe's guest register or leave online condolences, please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, family owned and operated since 1978.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB **22**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Stoneybrook Estero Community Center  
11800 Stoneybrook Dr.,  
Estero, FL 33928

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gregory J. "Joe" Gerou.*



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February 20, 2025 at 09:40 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gregory J. "Joe" Gerou.

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“ *Uncle Joe and I shared a common bond of Sobriety, and Family, When I joined the program he was there for me with a little guidance, and inspiration. Over the years we would check in with each other randomly, and during one of our conversations, he told me how happy it made him that Christina and Maria and I had reconnected . Family was so important to Joe. I am going to miss our calls, and the " Gerou" sense of Humor. May you rest in peace, and I will see you again in heaven .*

*Love and Prayers to my " FAMILY "*

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**Paul Gerou** - January 24, 2025 at 09:25 AM