

John J. Gerber, age 89 of Perham and Dent, MN, passed away on November 10, 2025. John passed away at his home after a battle with cancer and left us with broken hearts, but with joy too, because we will see him again with Jesus.

John Joseph Gerber was born March 10th, 1936, the second child of Aloysious "Wishy" and Dorothy "Dotty" (Hoffmann) Gerber. He was born at the home of his grandparents, John and Birdie (Lein) Hoffmann because the roads in March were impassable any further towards Perham. He was delivered by Mary Goyke, midwife and Grandma Birdie.

John had a wonderful time growing up on the Gerber family farm with his sister, Mary. They had many pets, and the rule was if you named it, you could keep it.

In September 1941, John had his first day of school at the one room Rose Hill country school that he attended through the eighth grade. In 1943, his baby sister, Rosanne, was born into the family. When she was five years old she started school at Rose Hill and John, who was in the eighth grade, watched over her. He would carry her little lunch pail and help her get over the snow drifts that could get ten to twenty feet high over the roads. The drifts would then freeze rock hard, allowing John and Rosanne to walk on top of them from school to home.

John followed his big sister, Mary, to Perham High School and graduated with the class of 1954. After high school, John farmed with his dad and Uncle Fran. He always enjoyed farming.

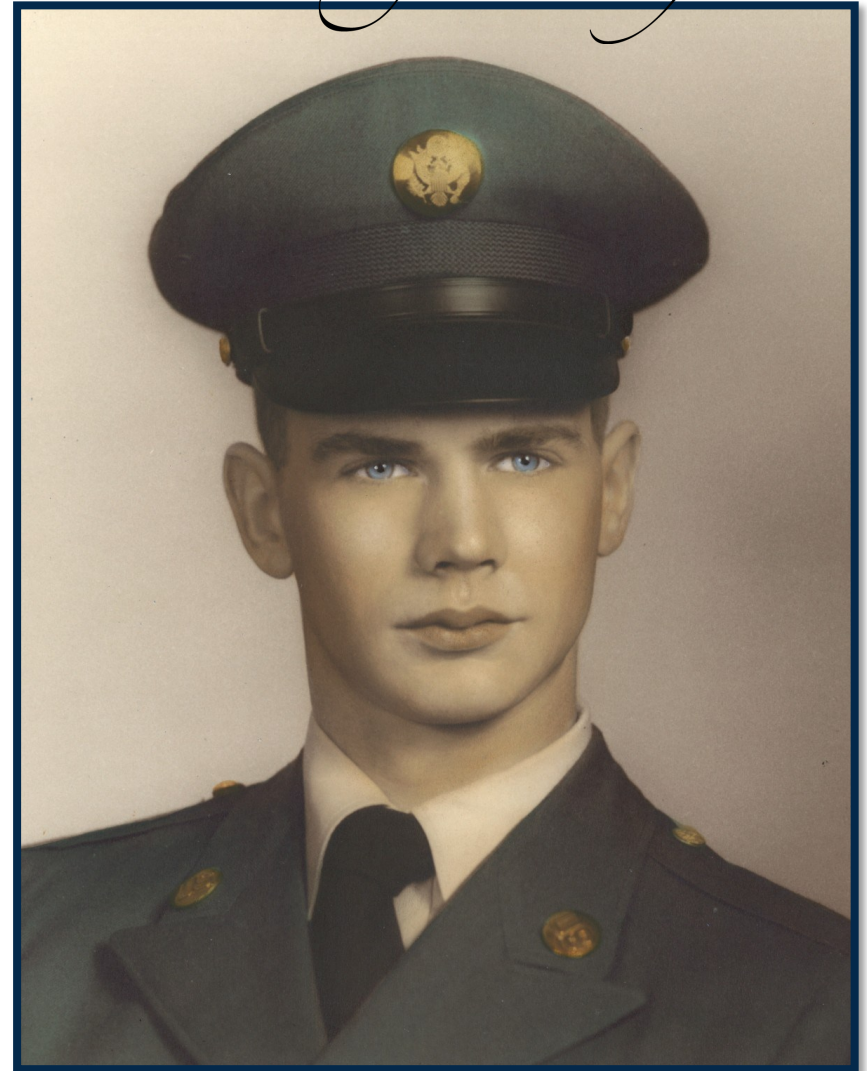
In 1958, John was drafted into the US Army. He was at Fort Carson, CO for basic training, Fort Ord in California, and shipped overseas from Fort Dix, NJ. John served with the NATO Forces in Germany as a member of the 4th Armored Division. He and his buddies had many adventures in Germany. He was honorably discharged in 1964.

John loved garage sales and always found a special treasure. He also enjoyed metal detecting with his sister, Rosanne, on Sundays and they found many neat artifacts hidden in the ground. He enjoyed farming and tending to his animals for many years. John also worked in carpentry with Cyril Palubicki for several years. Cyril and Karen were his good friends. He had many good friends who became like his brothers. After a long and fun life attending get-togethers, birthdays, and holidays, the years flew by and it was on to Heaven for more lovely times.

John is survived by his sisters, Mary Graves and Rosanne Estrem; nephews, Dan (Jodi) Hughes and Tim (Cathy) Graves; a niece, Kathy Clemmer; great nieces, Holly and Cameo; great nephew, Forest; and many wonderful friends. He was preceded into to Heaven by his parents, Wishy and Dotty Gerber; many friends; grandparents and great grandparents.

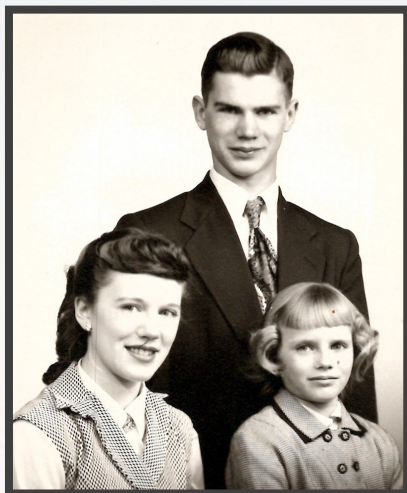
Good-bye dear brother! May Jesus and His angels take you to paradise.

Celebrating THE *Life* OF



John Joseph Gerber

March 10, 1936 - November 10, 2025



I am home in Heaven dear ones;
Oh, so *happy and bright!*
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.
All pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at
peace forever.
Safely home in Heaven at last.
There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand,
Do it now, while life remaineth -
You shall rest in Jesus' land.
When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh the joy to see you come!

Funeral Mass

Friday, November 14, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Dent, Minnesota

Officiated By

Father Omar Guanchez

Musicians

Diana Porath
Sacred Heart Church Choir

Casket Bearers

Tim Graves - Daniel Hughes - Dave Moenkedick
Mark Riestenberg - Ryan Schmitz - Laird Stoll

Honorary Casket Bearer

Joseph Tschida

Military Honors Provided By

Dent American Legion - Perham VFW
Minnesota Army National Guard Honor Guard

Interment

St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery
Perham, Minnesota