



Marcel J. Gervais

September 25, 1930 - July 8, 2023

Marcel J. Gervais, a devoted husband, loving father, grandfather, and uncle, peacefully passed away on July 8, 2023, at the age of 92 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Marcel's life was defined by his unwavering commitment to his family, and his love for his community.

Born on September 25, 1930, in Dryburg, Michigan, Marcel was the 11th child of Raoul and Marieanne Gervais. As he grew up on the family farm, learning the values of hard work, perseverance, and family unity, these principles would shape his character throughout his life.

On June 21, 1952, Marcel married the love of his life, Catherine Forrest, in Sault Ste. Marie. Their union lasted an incredible 68 years, until Catherine's passing in 2020. Together, they built a beautiful family and created cherished memories that will be forever treasured.

Marcel dedicated over three decades of his career to the General Motors Flint Michigan Assembly Plant, where he showcased his mechanical expertise. His skills and commitment earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues. In 1983, after retiring from GM, Marcel and Catherine decided to return to their beloved Sault Ste. Marie, where they could enjoy their well-deserved retirement.

Marcel's legacy lives on through his four children: Deborah (Rich) Prins, Gary (Karen) Gervais, Marcella (Ken Stephens) Gervais, and Gene (Sue) Gervais. He was a pillar of strength and support for his family, always there to provide guidance, love, and unwavering encouragement.

In addition to his children, Marcel is survived by five grandchildren: Jennifer Prins, Michelle (John) Guynn, Andrew Bammert, James Gervais, and Jessica Gervais. He adored his grandchildren and delighted in watching them grow and flourish. Marcel's sister, Frances (Bob) Desrochers, and numerous nieces and nephews also mourn his loss.

Marcel had a deep passion for mechanics and was known for his exceptional skills. He could fix almost anything and was always willing to lend a helping hand to friends and neighbors. He found joy in working with his hands and ensuring that things ran smoothly.

Beyond his love for mechanics, Marcel had a zest for outdoor adventures. He relished the thrill of snowmobiling on local trails, cruising on his Can-Am three-wheel motorcycle and exploring the countryside on his ATV. These activities allowed him to embrace nature and experience the beauty of the world around him.

Marcel cherished the simple pleasures of life, including sharing meals at the Pure Country Family Restaurant and gathering with his group of friends at the local Sault Ste. Marie McDonald's. These moments of companionship brought him immense joy and laughter.

Marcel leaves behind a legacy of love, dedication, and craftsmanship. His memory will forever be etched in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing him. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Visitation will be held on Friday, July 14, 2023, from 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. at Clark Hovie Galer Funeral Home in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, where friends and family will come together to celebrate Marcel's remarkable life and offer their final respects. The Funeral Service will follow at 1:00 P.M.

The final resting place will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens, in Bruce Twp, Michigan.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

Obituary as submitted by family.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

15264 South M-129
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 14. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Sault Ste. Marie
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Marcel J. Gervais*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Marcel J. Gervais*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Amazing that Marcel and Cathy were married 68 years, I had no idea. They were great neighbors. My condolences to Gary, Debbie, Gene and Marci. My best memory of Marcel is our nicknames for each other. He was "Big Foo" and I was "Little Foo."*

Mike Dailey - July 12, 2023 at 03:38 PM



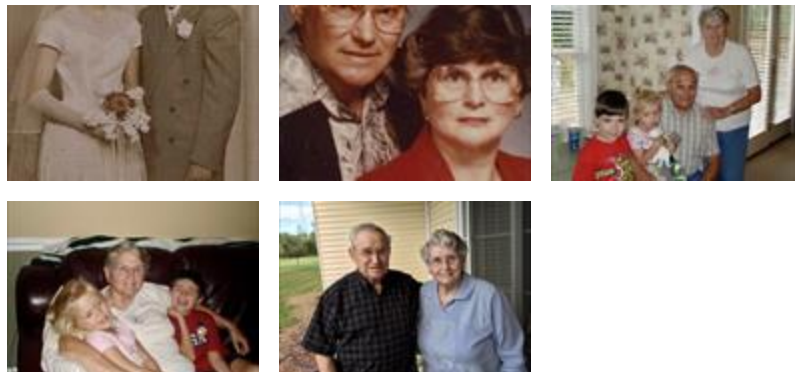
“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marcel J. Gervais.*



July 12, 2023 at 10:07 AM

GG

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Gene Gervais - July 11, 2023 at 09:34 PM

DP

“ Certainly large and in charge as the head of our family. My Dad was many things to many people. Our mother loved him all the way. I'm glad he was the one who was my dad. I know where he is now and he was talking to Mom a few days prior to leaving us. I'm told he talked to her all night long. She was waiting for him, as were others who he missed so much. Now they are all together with the Lords arms around this family. I'm so greatfull!! Deborah Prins Gervais

Deborah Prins - July 11, 2023 at 01:33 PM

KG

“ I will always remember Marcel as our next door neighbor on Kellar Ave. There were 5 of us and it seems like he was always fixing something, including our bikes. Little did I know that our families would become lifelong friends. Much later, Gary & I married and I became Marcel's daughter-in-law. Saying that I will miss him just doesn't seem like enough. I will miss you, Marcel. May you rest in peace with Catherine, together forever.

Karen Gervais - July 11, 2023 at 07:36 AM

AM

“ I had the pleasure of a breakfast meal with my dad and Marcel at Pure Country and I enjoyed speaking with him. He loved his wife and family no doubt. He had gotten a call from his coffee group post Covid. It amazed me how they all found a way to connect when many dining in places were still closed. I'm truly sorry for your loss.

Albertinia M. - July 10, 2023 at 10:11 PM

KS

“ Kenneth Stephens lit a candle in memory of Marcel J. Gervais



Kenneth Stephens - July 10, 2023 at 03:49 PM

KS

I met Marcel when I was 14. I came over to the house on Keller St. to see Marcella. Marcel put me through the full screening process. 50 years later, Marcella and I are engaged. Marcel and I joked about it a month ago. He loved Catherine and talked about her often. I'm so glad I was able to spend time with him. May God bless Marcel, his family and friends during this difficult time.

Kenneth Stephens - July 10, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marcel J. Gervais.



July 10, 2023 at 03:46 PM

CJ

“ *Breakfasts at Pure Country will never be the same....*

Clara James - July 10, 2023 at 03:35 PM

MG

“ *You were such a huge part of my life. You helped me understand so many things.*

Mary Gervais Gersten - July 10, 2023 at 12:41 PM