



Gerald "Max" Gebhards

October 5, 1940 - January 8, 2023

Gerald "Max" Gebhards, 82, of Oakford, Illinois, passed away on Sunday, January 8, 2023, at his home. He was born October 5, 1940, to Irwin "Cap" and Geneva (Bell) Gebhards. He married Karen Hollis on June 22, 1963.

Max served in the National Guard in Springfield, Illinois. He was a prominent farmer in Menard, Cass and Mason County's where he owned his farmland. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, golfing and spending time with family and friends.

Max is survived by a brother-in-law, Steve (wife Gina) Hollis of Petersburg, Illinois; a sister-in-law, Sandra Bouillon of Carlinville, Illinois; and two nephews, Kyle (wife Sarah) King of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, and Doug (wife Dawn) Hollis of Springfield, Illinois; and a niece, Julie (husband Dr. Vipul) Trivedi of Wisconsin. He was preceded in death by his parents, Cap and Geneva, and his wife, Karen.

A private family graveside service will be held at Oakland Cemetery in Petersburg with Pastor Rick Pierce presiding. Max's family will be hosting a Celebration of Life on Saturday, January 21, 2023, at Wankel's in Petersburg starting at 5 pm.

Cremation rites were accorded by Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg. Please visit Max's online obituary at hurleyfh.com to share condolences and

memories with his family. Memorial contributions may be made to the Central Presbyterian Church in Petersburg, the Petersburg Rural Fire Department or the Menard County Food Pantry.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Cemetery

Petersburg, IL

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 21. 5:00 PM (CT)

Wankel's in Peterburg
18239 Kelly St.
Petersburg, IL 62675

Tribute Wall

ES

“ *The family have my sympathy Max & Karen were good friends*

Elsieann Sielschott - January 13, 2023 at 09:13 PM

TB

“ *Lost a great friend. RIP old buddy.*

Tom & Barb Booker

Thomas Booker - January 13, 2023 at 11:45 AM

LH

“ *Larry Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerald "Max" Gebhards*



Larry and Mary Hundt - January 13, 2023 at 09:14 AM

RD

“ *I've known Max my whole life. Lost another neighbor. Max would always wave if he saw us outside. My condolences to the family.*

Roy DeMonbrun - January 13, 2023 at 09:10 AM

BM

“ *Bob McDaniel lit a candle in memory of
Gerald "Max" Gebhards*



Bob McDaniel - January 12, 2023 at 06:11 PM