



Gerald Harvey Purser

July 4, 1939 - May 28, 2025

Mr. Gerald Harvey Purser, 85 of Buford, GA passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 28, 2025. Gerald was born in Rochester, New York on July 4, 1939 to the late William Harvey Purser and Louise Housler Purser. He moved to Atlanta with his family when he was three and attended Christ the King Elementary and Marist High School when it was located in downtown Atlanta. He was known as the Golden Toe for kicking barefoot for the high school football team!

He graduated from Georgia State and was a founding member of Kappa Sigma fraternity chapter there. While at Georgia State, he met his wife to be, Fieda Jordak. They were married August 4, 1959 at Christ The King Catholic Cathedral. He served in the military briefly in 1960-61. After college and a brief stint with Sears in Macon, he decided to return to Atlanta and begin carpet installation which his father had also done. Gerald was a very loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was married to Fieda for over 65 years and was a great father to Rick and Bobby. He had a long career in carpet installation including many years with his son Bobby. Gerald never really retired!

He loved to fish and spend time at his lake house with his family and friends. He enjoyed Marist football and playing blackjack. He was a hard worker and enjoyed fixing things and taking care of his house and yard. He was always willing to help others.

He is preceded by his parents William and Louise, his sisters Janet Mattison

and Sr. Kathleen Purser (Grey Nuns) and his brother Paul Purser. He is survived by his wife, Fieda; sons Rick (Maureen), Bobby (Stacey); grandchildren Sean, Kelsey (David), Krista (Pete), Sydney, Jordan (Leah), Olivia and Trevor; great grandchild Lane; Sister Roberta (Robert) Breitbeil, Sister in Law Marie Purser and Brother in law Raymond Mattison. Many nieces and nephews also survive to cherish Gerald's memory.

A time of visitation will be held at Flanigan Funeral Home at 4400 South Lee Street in Buford, GA on Monday, June 2, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with a Prayer Vigil at 7:00 p.m.

A Funeral Mass will be held at Prince of Peace Catholic Church at 6439 Spout Springs Road in Flowery Branch, GA at Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. with Father Pete Coppola officiating. A reception will follow at the Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. www.alz.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 S. Lee St.
Buford, GA 30518
(770) 932-1133
<https://www.flaniganfuneralhome.com/>

Prayer Service

JUN 2. 7:00 PM.

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

Funeral Mass

JUN 3. 11:30 AM (ET)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
6439 Spout Springs Rd
Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Tribute Wall

CR

“ Though I don't ever remember meeting Brother Purser, I will always be thankful that he and his fellow Sigma Kappa Chi Fraternity Brother at the then Georgia State College, after 12 years of being a local Fraternity, became Charter Brothers of the Epsilon Omega Chapter of Kappa Sigma National Fraternity on 9/15/58. Brother C.P.A.C. Reynolds (82), EO #117, 2/16/64

CPAC Reynolds - June 13, 2025 at 09:01 AM

CC

“ Gerald was always a gentleman. I worked with him at R&S and remember all those houses he and Bobby did for me. Thank you Gerald Purser and Bobby.. pleasure knowing you both. Prayers for the family. 🙏🙏🙏

Cynthia Corbin - June 01, 2025 at 08:42 PM

BW

“ Gerald had a very positive influence on my life. After college, me and some friends moved from Florida to Atlanta. Gerald and Fieda took us all in and even put us to work laying carpet with him. Even though that work was not for me, it showed a mixed up young kid that you needed to work hard to be able to take care of yourself and your family. Gerald and Fieda set an example of what family values and life was all about in raising two sons into solid responsible family men. I have so many memories of my time with them in Atlanta and many years after that at their Lake Lanier house. Gerald, I will miss you very much!

Billy Ward - June 01, 2025 at 11:59 AM

KH

“ We will always remember Gerald's kindness at Lake Hartwell and enjoyed our time together as neighbors. Thinking of Fieda and family during this difficult time. Love, The Halcomb Family

Kelly Halcomb - May 30, 2025 at 07:55 PM

JE

“ Gerald purser was one of the finest men I ever met. He was always looking for a way to serve others. He would insist on doing something that would help you no matter what the situation. Often when I was ready to give up he would give me the encouragement I needed to continue! He lead a beautiful life of humble service to all that knew him especially his lovely wife of 65 years,Fieda.
Joe & Beverly Estafen

Joe Estafen - May 29, 2025 at 02:50 PM



Much agree. Great comments.

Robert Breitbeil - June 01, 2025 at 02:31 PM

JH

“ Mr. Purser always had a smile on his face when I saw him. Despite knowing that we were being rascals, Gerald knew we were just having good clean fun. I appreciated his patience with Bobby and the rest of us over the years. Our payers are with the family.

Jay Hargis - May 29, 2025 at 02:30 PM

CS

“ Gerald, finest of men, a hard working, devoted family man and a cornerstone of R&S Floor covering as well as matriarch and role model for all installers that he came in contact with...if we can just be 1/2 of what Gerald Purser was, then we could consider ourselves a professional ...blessed to have over 30 yrs to have learned from him...Steve

ca stephens - May 29, 2025 at 12:32 PM