



# James G. "Jerry" Davis

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James G. (Jerry) Davis—“Jerry The Barber”, 81, of Oshkosh passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 5 at Park View Health Center, where he had resided the last 2 months.

Jerry was born to James and Blanche (Mares) Davis on February 19, 1939 in Elcho, WI. The Davis family moved to Oshkosh in 1943, where he attended St. Peter’s Catholic School, and graduated from Oshkosh High School in 1957. He married Nancy Fisher on May 14, 1960 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Nancy was the love of his life and they would have celebrated sixty beautiful years together in May. Together they raised 4 sons.

Jerry proudly served his country in the US Marine Corps Reserves. Jerry began his long career as a Barber in 1958 after being taught to cut hair by his 3 brother-in-laws. He worked at the Crystal Barber Shop on Main Street until 1966, when he successfully established Jerry’s Barber Shop on Waugoo Avenue, where he worked until his retirement. The business continues to this day under the ownership of his son Brian.

Jerry loved his family, and nothing brought him greater joy then the time he spent with them. He taught his family daily the importance of kindness and hard work, and showed by example how to be a great husband and father. When his sons were young, Jerry supported them in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, serving as Cub Master and Scoutmaster of their pack and troop at Smith School. He shared his love of hunting, shooting and archery with his sons, and continued to hunt and shoot until just a few years ago when his health condition prevented it. He was a long time member of the Fox Valley Gun Club and the Van Dyne Sportsman's Club. The memories of time spent together in the field, at the gun club, or during deer season at the “Love Shack” will last forever. The “Barbers” love of people was always evident in his beautiful smile and unselfish giving of his time and friendship to all he met.



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He used to say there are no strangers, only friends we haven't met!

He leaves as his legacy 3 sons: Steve (Ardy) Davis, Brian (Debbie) Davis, and Mike (Karen) Davis, Grandchildren: Breanna, Tanner (Lexi), Derek, Brayden (Dawn Jahnke), Abby, Aidan, Caitlyn, and new born great -granddaughter Evelyth. He also leaves siblings to cherish his memory: Dan (Pat) Davis, Joe (Kathy) Davis, Ceil (Dave) Breister, Marilyn (Stan) Breager, and Colleen (Lou) Davis-Wilmot. He is also survived by a sister-in-law Bonnie Fisher, many special nieces and nephews, some very special hunting & shooting buddies, and his faithful companion "Sarge".

He was preceded in death by his son Gregory in 2009, his parents James & Blanche, in-laws: Joseph & Mary Fisher, sister-in-law: Barb (Mike) Binder, brother-in-laws: Joe (Gen) Fisher, Harold Fisher and Don Fisher.

The family would like to thank the caring staff at Park View Health Center for their loving care of Jerry during his time at Park View, especially during his final days.

Thank You also to the Aurora Hospice Care Team, Dr. Steve Blaha, and friend Greg Graunke for helping Jerry as his health declined.

Due to the current health crisis, a private family service will be held, with inurnment at Lake View Memorial Park. A celebration of the life of "Jerry the Barber" will be held at a later date when we can all gather and celebrate the life of this special man.

If you wish to make a memorial donation in Jerry's memory, please make a donation to The Alzheimer's Association to help find a cure for this terrible disease.

"Every Day is a holiday with the Barber"



## Tribute Wall

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PC

**Paul Cook** posted:

Brian, your Dad had such a great sense of humor and always kept me on my toes when he came into J&R. We send our deepest sympathies to you at this time. Jerry can be telling all the barber chair stories he has heard over the years to his friends in heaven now. Paul and Ellen Cook

April 14 at 7:21 AM

MS

**Mark Suess** posted:

Brian and Steve, I'm so sorry to hear about you losing your dad. He was a long time customer at our shop and always was a pleasure to talk to. We are all better people from knowing him. He left a great legacy. You and the rest of the family should be very proud! Mark Suess

April 13 at 4:02 AM

JN

**John Noone** posted:

The Noone family boys are forever grateful for Jerry's patience and kindness as we rarely had appointments and we were always last minute. None of us minded the occasional wait, part of Jerry's gift was the time spent sitting in the the barbershop listening to conversations and Jerry imparting his wisdom to all who would listen. The one thing I remember most as I reflect back on how Jerry impacted my life was his cheerful outlook and unwavering kindness. And the one lesson I still share with others is that Jerry taught me to say you're welcome, he made it clear if someone said thank you the right thing to do was acknowledge they were grateful! I laughed every time I came in the the shop, we worked on some new product ideas, I'm sure Brian will remember. Those were good times and Jerry was a great human being, I'm grateful to have known him and his incredible family! I still make an effort to visit every time I'm back in the big "O".

April 8 at 10:14 AM

SD

**Steve Davis** April 9 at 4:09 PM

Thank you John, dad thought a lot of your dad, and I know that he enjoyed golfing with him!  
Steve



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CB

**Christine Baerwald** posted:

So very sorry for your Great loss Mike. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. I unfortunately don't have a story to share with you. I do however know of great losses and wanted to let you know that I'm thinking of you. May your days be bright and full of loving memories of times past. He would want you to be happy for him that he has now risen to be with the Lord. May he be flying on Angel's Wings. He'll always be with you! Condolences. Be well my friend. Prayers continue. Christine Palecek

April 7 at 8:53 AM

CI

**Cindy** posted:

When I was working at Ardy and Ed's, he would always come in and give me a hug or grab my hand. He was so kind and gentle. The world has lost a very kind man however Heaven gained an angel! Rest in peace Jerry! You will be missed!

April 7 at 7:55 AM

SD

**Steve Davis** April 9 at 4:09 PM

Thanks Cindy!

JS

**Jerry Shew** posted:

Started getting my haircut by Jerry at the Crystal Barber Shop. Followed him to Jerry's Barber Shop. Great Barber, great guy. Also knew Jerry through Boy Scouts. He and Nancy raised a great family. Just an all around nice guy.

April 7 at 6:51 AM

SD

**Steve Davis** April 9 at 4:10 PM

Thanks Jerry, he enjoyed the scout days a lot!

MM

**Mike McGinley** posted:

We lost a good man. As a customer you were never a number at Jerry's Barbershop. You were always greeted with a smile. He knew you, and he cared!Mike McGinley

April 6 at 5:03 PM

BR

**Brian Robinson** April 7 at 1:51 AM

He was a great guy



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MO

**Mary Oleson** posted:

Remember Jerry the barber well. I met him at the Fox Valley Gun Club before I married my husband they both joked often of Jerry being the barber He always joked with me about becoming the coffee lady before I married Andy and every time we saw one another. We had many good times. RIP Jerry 2 years ago today I lost my husband so now you 2 will carry on joking and shooting up in heaven with many trapshooting friends.Mary Oleson & family

April 6 at 2:18 PM

PG

**Pastor Dan Gibson** posted:

Jerry was my barber, encourager, counselor and just an all around good guy for many years. At his retirement, Jerry handed the scissors over to Brian, and I'll just say that the apple didn't fall far from the tree! Prayers of comfort to Jerry's wonderful family.Pastor Dan GibsonOmro, WI.

April 6 at 1:20 PM

DS

**Dan Schmidt** April 12 at 2:36 PM

Brian, so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. While I never had the pleasure of meeting him, it is clear from his obituary and these other tributes that he was a very good man who also led a good life. It seems the expression "Like father, like son" could not be more fitting. My best to you and your family during this difficult time. Dan

JL

**Julie Leuthold** April 7 at 7:08 PM

I feel so honored to call him "Uncle Jerry " . He and my Aunt Nancy had the best holiday family gatherings. My mom and I would go to their house 2 days before any holiday and Aunt Nancy would already have the table set with pretty table clothes and candles for their guests to show up. Every time I entered their home it was just filled with love and simple happiness. Their house always smelled so good. Uncle Jerry had this "little smicker" in his smiled that shined through his eyes.Aunt Nancy was the luckiest woman alive to have him as her partner for so many years. The boys were blessed to have him their role models of what a man of integrity really is.He will be missed, and loved forever by anyone who's heart he touched.



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