



## Jerome Skaja

May 12, 1944 - July 31, 2017

A graveside service honoring Jerome John Skaja has been scheduled for 2:00 PM, Monday, August 7, 2017 at Fort Gibson National Cemetery, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma.

Our beloved Dad, Grandpa, Brother, Uncle and Friend, Jerome passed away on Monday, July 31, 2017 in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, he was 73 years of age. Jerome was born on Friday, May 12, 1944 in St. Cloud, Minnesota to Henry and Pauline Appolonia (Moulzolf) Skaja. Jerome grew up with 2 sisters and 4 brothers. The siblings remained close throughout their lives.

Jerome graduated from high school and went on to honorably serve in the United States Air Force. He was an Aviation Electronics Technician in California before moving to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. He worked for 15 plus years at The Village Care Center. Jerome was always willing to help others. For several years he played Santa at the center and made sure that every holiday had decorations for the patients and visitors.

On January 21, 1966 Jerome married the love of his life, Evelyn Joy Heath in Duluth, Minnesota. They were married for 50 years before her passing on November 16, 2015. Their union was blessed with a son, Roger Lee and a daughter, Donna Marie. Jerome was a proud and wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He adored his family and loved spending time with them.

The family wished to thank hospice, the friends and family who came in to care for Dad before his passing and to Troy and Amber for being here every day.

Jerome is survived by,

Son, Roger Skaja and wife Shari, Salt Lake City, UT

Daughter, Donna Carlson and husband Jason Timmons, Tulsa, OK

Grandchildren, Troy and fiancé Amber, Aaron, Kelsey and Ireland

Great Grandchildren, Milo and Tayo

Siblings, Pat, Mary, Mitzi and Henry

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife Joy and brothers, Joe, Cliff and Ralph.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Rd.  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2334

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jerome Skaja*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Its been a year since you have passed grandpa and i love you and miss you so very much*



**Kelsey Carlson** - November 17, 2018 at 10:48 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jerome Skaja.*



August 06, 2017 at 07:47 PM



“ *Uncle Jerome was a very special Uncle to all of us Templin kids. Even though he was not a true blood relative, we all considered him so along with his wife Joy and Roger and Donna. We will miss his laugh and smile.*

**Jeff Templin** - August 05, 2017 at 04:05 PM

KC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kelsey Carlson - August 03, 2017 at 07:50 PM

KC

“ My precious Grandparents



Kelsey Carlson - August 03, 2017 at 07:38 PM

LS

*I have know Jerome ever since High School, We worked different jobs together, Jerome and Joy were my best man and bridesmaid at my wedding, We have had some good times together. Going to miss him*

larry Swaim - August 03, 2017 at 11:46 PM

RH

“ Rose Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Jerome Skaja



Rose Hewitt - August 02, 2017 at 11:39 AM

RH

“ It was an honor to call Jerry my friend...not only a great co-worker, Jerry always looked out for everyone elses needs 1st...my greatest memory was when Jerry played Santa at the Village and the smiles he would put on each and every residents face was priceless...Not only that, I made sure to get my pic with Santa too...I will miss my friend and send peace and prayers to his family...Heaven recieved another great man...Love you Jerry!

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**Rose Hewitt** - August 02, 2017 at 11:39 AM

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“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Skaja family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Jerome Skaja.



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - August 01, 2017 at 10:20 AM