



Gerald "Jerry" "Pop" Connolly

August 3, 1933 - January 30, 2026

Gerald "Jerry" "Pop" Connolly, a retired salesman and umpire, died peacefully on January 30, 2026, at the age of 92 years old.

Jerry is survived by his daughter, Karen McDonald (Connolly), son, Richard "Rick" Connolly, younger sisters, Noreen Gibney (Connolly) and Betty Jean (Connolly), granddaughters, and many great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents (Nora and George Connolly), brother, (George and Dick Connolly), wife Janey (Cirker) and son Charles "Chuck" Connolly.

Jerry was born August 3, 1933 in Bronx, New York where he forever established his "New York" accent. After graduating high school he then started his career in sales. Shortly after that he met and married his wife, Janet just prior to Jerry being drafted to the US Navy and serving in the Korean War. Upon returning to his career, his company transferred him to sunny Los Angeles, California. There, Jerry and Janet raised the three kids (Rick, Chuck and Karen). Later in 1981, the family moved to Lee's Summit, Missouri. Jerry was an avid sports fan and especially loved baseball and football. He was a forever Dodgers fan with a second love of the Kansas City Royals and Chiefs. For a number of years he worked management at convenient stores as well as umpiring adult softball well into his seventies.

Once he completely retired, his enjoyment of life was watching his great

grandchildren play sports and grow up.

No services will be held, he will be placed in the columbarium wall at the Higginsville Missouri Veterans Cemetery.