



WILLIAM G. GERVENS

July 30, 1937 - April 11, 2026

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WILLIAM'S NAME TO:

GREEN POND BIBLE CHAPEL
1083 GREEN POND ROAD
PO BOX 99
NEWFOUNDLAND, NJ 07435
www.greenpondbible.org

OR TO:

SOLID ROCK DAY CAMP
37 STEPHENS ROAD
WEST MILFORD, NJ 07480
www.solidrock.camp

CELEBRATION OF LIFE:

SATURDAY: APRIL 18, 2026
11AM

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NEWFOUNDLAND, NJ 07435

973-697-0990

William Gervens of Newfoundland was called into the arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on April 11, 2026, at Morristown Medical Center. He was 88.

Born to William A. and Marjorie Gervens, Bill was the elder of two boys. He moved from East Rutherford at a young age and grew up in Pompton Lakes. After marrying his high school sweetheart, Dawn, in 1958, they moved from Pompton Lakes to Wyckoff. In 1983, they moved to Newfoundland where he enjoyed living on their farm, and where their children eventually built their own homes, affectionately calling it the Ponderosa.

Before beginning his career, Bill served 8 years in the National Guard achieving the rank of sergeant first class. He then began his career as a welder in his own business, while at the same time working part-time as a special police officer in Pompton Lakes. He eventually became employed by several different quarries, where he consistently worked his way up to general manager. He was also involved in the mining industry and involved in the de-watering of the Mt. Hope Mine. In 1976, he founded his own commercial construction company, Gervens Enterprises, Inc., of which he was President and CEO until his passing. In 2003, he was asked to return to his quarry industry roots and became a consultant for Braen Stone Industries, a position that he thoroughly enjoyed and held until his passing.

His multiple careers kept him very busy, but Bill also found the time to serve on multiple town Planning Boards, as well as the Passaic County Planning Board for many years. He served on the West Milford Town Council, serving as President from 2003 to 2006. He was an active member of the Passaic County Police Chiefs Association and was honored as Man of the Year in 1997 and 2002. He was also honored by the Boy Scouts of America in 2008.

His lifetime of service resulted in many other honors too numerous to mention. He loved to help people and his community in any way he could.

He has been an active member of the Green Pond Bible Chapel for many years and served on their Board of Deacons, and also managed the construction of their classroom and gymnasium additions.

Bill was happiest on his tractor, doing projects on the family farm and spending time with his wife and kids and grandkids. He loved making trips to their place in Cherry Valley, New York. He also enjoyed fishing, especially at the Jersey Shore.

He is survived by his devoted and loving wife of 68 years, Dawn (Herbst) Gervens; daughter Deborah Schumacher and her husband Glen, daughter Kimberlee Frawley and her husband Shawn, daughter Stacey Poplawski, granddaughter Tonya DeVito and her husband Michael, granddaughters Kristen and Brenna Frawley, brother David Gervens and his wife Linda, sister-in-law Carole Vreeland and nieces Amie Clippinger (Aaron), Julie Coburn (Art), Kristie Aytes (T.J.) and nephews David Gervens Jr. (Jenn), Ward Vreeland Jr. (Becky), and Wayne Vreeland (Christine). He was predeceased by his parents, William A. and Marjorie, and his son-in-law, Brian Poplawski.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at the Green Pond Bible Chapel, 1083 Green Pond Road, Newfoundland, on Saturday, April 18 at 11 a.m. with a repast to follow.

Memorial donations may be made to Green Pond Bible Chapel, P.O. Box 99, 1083 Green Pond Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435 www.greenpondbible.org and/or Solid Rock Day Camp, 37 Stephens Road, West Milford, NJ 07480 www.solidrock.camp

On line condolences and directions: www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **18**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Green Pond Bible Chapel
1083 Green Pond Road
Newfoundland, NJ 07435
(973) 697-0990
<http://973-697-0990>

Tribute Wall

SB

“ My dear cousins Dawn, Debbie, Kim and Stacey. There are no words that can ease the unbearable sadness and loss you are feeling. I pray a lifetime of wonderful memories will in some way give you all some comfort and peace. God bless! ❤️🙏✝️

Sandy Beins - April 15 at 11:31 PM

BC

“ I wish to send my condolences to the Gervens family and would like to share two of many fond memories with all of you. I think I was about 13 years old and my mom Grace and I were invited to go to Florida with the Gervens family. One day we visited an Alligator/Crocodile farm and Dawn asked Bill “How do they breed”? Bill mistakenly hearing breath, answered quite dumbfounded “through their nose” to which Dawn replied “They do”? Just one more fond memory. I don’t remember what the occasion was, weather it be a milestone birthday or possibly an anniversary, Dawn bought a Ford Bronco for Bill. I think it was turquoise in color if I remember correctly. I was young at the time. Bill was so surprised, he kept repeating “I’m flabbergasted, I’m so flabbergasted”. Well, it was the first time I ever heard that funny word. I looked up at my mom and asked “what’s flabbergasted”? (Even though I got the gist because he was so excited) Then he took us all for a ride. Of course Debbie and I were in the back bouncing around and loving every minute of it. Sorry this was long, but just had to share.

Bonnie Crawford - April 15 at 10:52 AM

LM

“ So sorry for your loss! Keep all your great memories close to your heart!



Lori Myers - April 15 at 08:32 AM

DL

“ My condolences to the whole Gervens family. Bill was always such a nice guy to speak with. I remember his visit up to our family farm in Canada. My parents always spoke very highly of him. RIP
Sincerely, David Lusk

David Lusk - April 14 at 04:09 PM

KK

“ To Debbie, Stacy, Kim and Dawn,
Bill is in heaven , no doubt about that. What a privilege to know him. He was a mentor to me from the very start of my career. His ethics and values shined through always. A lot of great memories. What a great family you have all built together. My condolences to you all.
Ken Karle

Ken Karle - April 14 at 02:38 PM

MS

“ Bill's big smile will stay in my memories until I see him again in eternity. I am so very sorry, Stacey, that your family is living now with a gaping hole in your lives. I pray your memories will be a joy and a balm in the midst of the grief. I'm praying for you all.

Mary Lou Smyth - April 14 at 07:43 AM

KH

“ To the Gervens family (Debbie, Glen, & Tonya) our sincerest condolences to all of you on the passing of your family patriarch. We have many fond memories of Mr. Gervens & Mr. Lacz! May he RIP. Doug & Kim Hauser

Kim Hauser - April 13 at 11:24 PM

SR

“ So sorry to hear the sad news. Sending love and prayers.



Shari Reffi - April 13 at 09:50 PM

AA

“ Stacey, I am really saddened to hear about the loss of your father. He is going to be dearly missed by everybody.

Angelo G. Agnone - April 12 at 11:16 PM