



Jerome Van Gasse

May 29, 1927 - July 1, 2008

JEROME VAN GASSE, M.D. ANN ARBOR- Jerome Joseph Van Gasse age 81 of Ann Arbor, Michigan died Tuesday, July 1, 2008 in Ann Arbor, MI. He was born on May 29, 1927 in Iron Mountain, the son of the late Joseph and Mary (Van Damme) Van Gasse. Jerome graduated from Kingsford High School in 1944, undergraduate University of Michigan, Medical Degree (M.D.) - University of Michigan – 1952 and Masters Public Health (MPH) - University of Michigan. He served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. Jerome was an author of several books and frequent contributor to the Norway Current. He is survived by his wife Kathryn (Vergne) Van Gasse; sons Jerome (Melinda) Van Gasse of Phoenix, AZ, Gregory (Judy) Van Gasse of Portland, OR, Randall (Janice) Van Gasse of Norway, MI; grandchildren Katrina Van Gasse of Phoenix, Nicole Van Gasse of Portland, Paul Van Gasse of Beaverton, OR, Thomas Van Gasse of Portland, OR, Kristen Van Gasse of Norway, MI and Michael Van Gasse of Norway, MI; sister Marie Juetten of Fountain Hills, AZ Jerome was preceded in death by his daughter Michele Lynne Van Gasse. Private family services will be held. Interment will be held at the Norway Township Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

GK

“ We are so grateful that we met Dr. Van Gasse when we arrived in Ann Arbor. He helped us to acclimate to civilian life after our retirement from the military and gave us a warm welcome in to the American Legion. He will always be remembered by us as a man of great character, integrity and dedication and we will never forget the kindness and thoughtfulness he extended to us. We considered him a friend and already miss him. We extend our deepest, heartfelt sympathy to you and your family

Graydon and Greta Krapohl - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I was a patient of Dr. Van Gasse for over 30 years. I considered him more of a friend than my doctor. I actually looked forward to getting my weekly allergy shot. I enjoyed the time that we would sit in his office and talk about baseball or football or just about anything. He even let me sit in the radio booth with him at the Adrian College football games, I didn't know what I was doing, but he made me feel right at home. I have lost a doctor, but more important, I have lost a good friend and the world has lost a good man. Sincerely,
Dave McWhinnie

Dave McWhinnie - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ My sincere condolences to the family. I met him only once, as he honored my father upon his death, as an American Legion member and veteran. I was very grateful for his sympathy and support.
Thank you.

Margaret R. Gersh - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ It was my very great privilege to serve as an officer of American Legion Post 46 under the inspired leadership of Commander Van Gasse. Commander Van Gasse was truly an inspiration to all members of Post 46 in the manner he encouraged and supported activities which would provide and enhance services and support to veterans and reach out to the local community. His energy and enthusiasm were contagious. Post 46 will make every effort to continue these valuable activities but his leadership will be sorely missed. I only wish I had had the privilege to know him longer. My condolences to his family for the loss of such a remarkable man.

Michael P. Malley - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Randy, While reading the Clinton Local I notice the passing of your father. My condolences and prayers are with you. J.J. was a fantastic man!

David Pray - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Denise and I were so sorry to hear about Dr. Van Gasse and wish to extend our deepest sympathies to Mrs. Van Gasee and of course to Greg, Jerry and Randy and their families. I have many good memories of my childhood and one that sticks out most is having Dr. Van Gasse as our baseball coach. His knowledge of the game and patience for his players misgivings were most appreciative. With sympathy, Larry

Larry & Denise Sauter - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I was so very, very sad to learn of Dr.'s death this past week - it is beyond difficult to imagine him gone. He taught me endless amounts of information during the years I spent with him, information that I still use today in my own work. Dr. was a good teacher, an avid learner, and faced each day as a new adventure to discover. His passions were his family, his work, and the difference he tried to make for the patients he met in his medical practice. After a long day on the road, Dr. would return to his office and his medical books, researching an unusual condition he encountered during the day, looking for a solution to desperate patient's problem. He wouldn't stop until he found an answer. Dr. Van Gasse was a great conversationalist, and knew a little bit (or a lot) about everything. He was a good resource on many, many subjects, with a remarkable memory that always amazed me. He was easy to talk to, and usually ended his conversations with a laugh or a positive thought. Dr. loved talking about current events, and good luck to you if you couldn't keep up with him. It was a smart idea to scan the headlines before you headed into work so you could debate the issues over morning tea. Again, it is hard to believe he is gone. I will remember those conversations, the great influence his knowledge continues to have in my life, and the many kindnesses he had shown me during our years together at IMS. Goodbye, Dr., and thanks.

Jacqueline Fox - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Jerry was a good West Stadium Boulevard business neighbor. He would shop in our store, Leslie Office Supply, Inc. But in our short over-the-store-counter talks, he never mentioned his excellence in writing. So modest. So genuine Jerry. Ironically, I was part of a broadcast team covering a high school basketball game in Norway. Nice community. God bless the Van Gasse family.

Dale and Linda Leslie - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ To JJ's family.... I was deeply, deeply saddened when I returned home from a holiday trip and came across Doc's obituary as I caught up on the news. Although I knew he was in failing health, I am still heartbroken to hear of his passing. Please accept my family's deepest condolences. And to my friend JJ who is likely checking all of this for typographical errors..... I am paraphrasing Paul Alexander - (I know how much appreciate correct assignatories.) "And I will light a candle for you. To shatter all the darkness and bless the times we knew. Like a beacon in the night The flame will burn bright and guide you on your way. Oh, today I light a candle for you."

Doni-Mae B. Rauch - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Randy and Jan, We saw Randy's dad's obituary in the Ann Arbor News. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Peace in your hearts. John and Gwen Bayerl

John and Gwen Bayerl - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ I first met Dr. VanGasse over 20 years ago when I first started officiating basketball. He immediately "took me under his wing" as a rookie. He was very knowledgeable and patient with me as I tried to learn the rules. He never once got upset with my mistakes, but consistently taught me the proper mechanics of officiating. Because of his influence and teaching techniques, I am now doing the same for other new officials. I will always miss his friendship and wisdom. With deepest sympathy,
Tim Dahlman

Tim Dahlman - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Kathy & family, We are so sorry to hear of Dr. Van Gasse's passing. Please accept our deepest sympathies. Dr. Van Gasse was a great man and doctor. With deepest sympathies,
Mary, Laura & Lisa Goring
Whitmore Lake, MI*

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