



Gerald "Jerry" G. Aldana

May 9, 1942 - October 23, 2025

Gerald "Jerry" G. Aldana, age 83, of Grand Island, passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at Grand Island Regional Hospital, surrounded by his loving family.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 29, at St. Mary's Cathedral, with Father Mark Maresh as celebrant. The service will be livestreamed on the church's Facebook and YouTube channels or at www.stmarysgi.com (click "Livestream").

Visitation will take place Tuesday, October 28, from 5–7 p.m. at All Faiths Funeral Home, followed by a rosary at 7 p.m. Burial will be at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be left at www.giallfaiths.com.

Jerry was born on May 9, 1942, in Juniata, Nebraska, to Henry N. and Guadalupe C. (Soto) Aldana. The family later made their home in Grand Island, where Jerry graduated from Grand Island Senior High in 1961.

In 1962, Jerry married Diane Walton, and together they raised three sons: Rich, Quentin, and Shayne. On April 17, 1999, he married Shannon Douglas, and together they shared 42 wonderful years filled with laughter, family, and travel — from Sturgis to Vegas to the California coast, and on yearly cruises

that became beloved traditions.

Jerry's work ethic showed itself early. As a boy, he shined shoes at Pella Shoe Store and delivered newspapers around Grand Island. He later worked for Redman's and Heinzman Engineering before finding his lifelong calling as a plumber. After earning his master's license, he founded Aldana Plumbing in 1983. For more than 50 years, he proudly served his community — known not only for his skill and honesty, but for the way he helped people quietly, without fuss or fanfare.

Jerry lived life on his own terms. He was always busy, always teasing, and rarely still. Whether he was tinkering on a project, fixing something for someone else, or giving a sibling or friend a hard time, there was rarely a dull moment when Jerry was around.

He had a real sweet tooth and love of food though it had to be exactly the way he liked it. Namely, that would be a completely plain hamburger, a fresh Mexican roll, and a powdered or jelly donut picked up early on a Saturday morning. He was a fan of lunch outings at Coney Island or dinner at Tommy's but heaven help anyone who tried to pick up the check before he did. His generosity ran deep, and he gave of himself freely, expecting nothing in return.

To his grandchildren, Jerry was larger than life. He taught them to fish, to laugh, and to appreciate the little things. He was full of surprises and love, and had a way of making each of them feel like the most important person in the room. Most photos of Jerry show him doing exactly what he loved — holding a grandchild, fixing something, or taking a call for work.

We are grateful that Jerry is no longer in pain and take comfort imagining him now; perhaps mowing a perfect lawn, searching for tools in Heaven's pawn

shop, and enjoying a good (plain) hamburger on the side. His steadiness, humility, and heart will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

Those left to cherish his memory include:

His wife, Shannon; sons Quentin (Lynne) Aldana of Wahoo and Shayne (Stephanie) Aldana of Hastings; stepchildren Joshua Mueller of Lawrence, KS; Jeremy (Kate) Mueller of Grand Island; Kimberly Mueller of St. Petersburg, FL; and Matthew (Allison) Mueller of Grand Island; grandchildren Augustus, Maximilian, Austin, Lukas, Nathan, and Eli Aldana; step-grandchildren Joe, Molly, Sam, Izzy, Dylan, Lucy, Morgan, and Declan Mueller; great-grandchildren Jackson and Makai Aldana; siblings Felix (Pam) Aldana of Hastings, Peggy (Luis) Flores of Grand Island, and Virgie (Steve) Wheeler of Grand Island; brothers in-law, Bernie (Deb) Douglas of Omaha, Tom (Mary) Douglas of Springfield, MO and Dan (Jane) Douglas of Omaha; sister in-law, Antonette (Tony) Blake of Kearney and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son Richard Aldana; step-granddaughter Gracie Mueller; and brothers John and Henry Jr. Aldana.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
2929 S Locust St
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 398-2929
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

Rosary

OCT **28**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

OCT **29**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Cathedral
112 S Cedar St
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 384-2523

Tribute Wall

MW

“ *My heartfelt prayers to the family.*

M Eileen (Cloud) Watson - October 29, 2025 at 08:26 AM

MM

“ *Shannon and all of the Aldana family I'm sorry for your loss of Jerry. He is now with God pain free and watching over all of you. Again my sympathy and condolences to all of you.*

Monica Ayoub McClure - October 28, 2025 at 01:05 AM

LF

“ *Luis and Peggy Flores and family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Gerald "Jerry" G. Aldana.*



Luis and Peggy Flores and family - October 27, 2025 at 12:40 PM

CM

“ *Sorry for your loss. Skip and I enjoyed visiting with him and Shannon when we saw them. I'm missing out on a lot of news since my accident. I am recovering at Brookfield Park in St. Paul.*

Carol Meyer - October 27, 2025 at 10:08 AM

MM

“ *What a great guy! I remember Jerry from when he was working in the early years of his plumbing career and he did work for us before we moved out of state. What a life well spent and well earned! Thoughts and prayers to the family from our home to yours!*

Mike McCann - October 26, 2025 at 11:15 AM

BM

“ *Bob & Darla Munoz lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Aldana*



Bob & Darla Munoz - October 25, 2025 at 07:11 PM

MB

“ *Marty and steph Bolles planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald "Jerry" G. Aldana.*

Marty and steph Bolles - October 25, 2025 at 02:41 PM

MB

“ *Marty and steph Bolles purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gerald "Jerry" G. Aldana.*



Marty and steph Bolles - October 25, 2025 at 02:41 PM