



## Melvin G. Gerber

November 20, 1944 - January 8, 2019

GERBER, Melvin G.-Peacefully surrounded by his family on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at Innisfree House, Kitchener, Mel of Wellesley in his 75th year. Mel leaves behind his loving wife of 53 years, Mary Joy. Sadly missed by his children Karen and Ron, Cheryl and Don, Brian and Lisa, Bonnie and Dave. Loving papa to Christine (Andrew), Stephanie (Stefan), Kaitlyn (Jake), Brent, Melissa (Kevin), Amanda, Connor, Tyler and great-grandchildren Blake, Brielle and Austin. Survived by his loving brother Nelson and his wife June and brothers and sisters-in-law, Mary Gerber, Merlin and Norma Lichty, Anna and Harold Gerber. Predeceased by his parents Ezra Gerber and Adeline Gingrich and his brother Mahlon. Melvin and Joy spent seven years in Thunder Bay working with the Aboriginal community and leaves behind many friends in the northern community. Mel was very active in Maple View Mennonite Church as a Sunday School teacher and Superintendent. He was instrumental in starting the Wellesley Apple Jacks hockey team and remained with the team for many years. Very special thanks to Dr. Finn, Dr. Yew and to Donna, you were fantastic with your love, care and being there to help with the transition to hospice. Sincere thanks to the nurses and staff at Innisfree House for their loving care. Friends may visit with the family at Maple View Mennonite Church, 5074 Deborah Glaister Line, Wellesley, on Thursday from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Funeral services will be held in the church on Friday, January 11, 2019 at 11 a.m. Interment to follow in the church cemetery. Pastor Brent Kipfer officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations to Innisfree House would be

appreciated by the family.

[www.futher-franklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.futher-franklinfuneralhome.com)

<https://lisaardandinnisfree.com/>

# Cemetery Details

## Maple View Mennonite Cemetery

5074 Deborah Glaister Line  
Wellesley, ON (CA)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 10. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Maple View Mennonite Church  
5074 Deborah-Glaister Line  
Wellesley, ON (CA)

## Visitation

JAN 10. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Maple View Mennonite Church  
5074 Deborah-Glaister Line  
Wellesley, ON (CA)

## Service

JAN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Maple View Mennonite Church  
5074 Deborah-Glaister Line  
Wellesley, ON (CA)



# Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin G. Gerber*

January 17, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ *John & Willy Hartung sent a virtual gift in memory of Melvin G. Gerber*



**John & Willy Hartung** - January 12, 2019 at 06:27 PM



“ *John Hartung lit a candle in memory of Melvin G. Gerber*



**John Hartung** - January 12, 2019 at 02:01 PM



“ *Richard Hartung sent a virtual gift in memory of Melvin G. Gerber*



**Richard Hartung** - January 12, 2019 at 12:53 PM

MG

“ Sorry for your loss . Husband , father, brother,grandfather.Many precious memories, to keep close .May you experience the peace and comfort of Jesus. Our sympathies,  
David and Marilyn Gerber

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**Marilyn Gerber** - January 11, 2019 at 08:29 AM

RJ

“ Mel had a significant impact on my life as a teen and young adult. I'm so thankful for his kind, patient and wise presence in my life. He played a role in my discovering God's call on my life. Joy, may the Lord be with you and the family as you grieve Mel's passing tomorrow and in the coming week.

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**Ryan Jantzi** - January 10, 2019 at 10:15 PM

JE

“ We have great memories of Mel (Many trips to Thunder Bay and the passionate way in which he engaged people) and grateful for the influence he has had in our lives. He was Phil's inspiration to want to become a truck driver when he was a little boy. Praying for your family! Love Phil and Jen wagler.

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**jen** - January 10, 2019 at 09:12 PM

BW

“ Hi Mary Joy and Family: Please accept our sympathy in the passing of Mel. You are in our thoughts and prayers that God will grant you renewed strength & courage for the difficult times ahead. Take Care  
- Bill & Gloria (Leis) Wettlaufer

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**Bill & Gloria Wettlaufer** - January 10, 2019 at 04:21 PM

LB

“ Christine, Andrew, Karen ,Ron and Family so sorry for your loss, thinking of you all. Lorraine Brownell

Lorraine Brownell - January 10, 2019 at 12:26 PM

WS

“ So sorry to hear of mels passing..he was a great guy! A wonderful friend to my parents..mary joy i wish u & ur family the best 🌸🌻🌻

Wendy schlueter-martin - January 09, 2019 at 08:45 PM

WS

“ Wendy Schlueter-martin sent a virtual gift in memory of Melvin G. Gerber



Wendy schlueter-martin - January 09, 2019 at 08:39 PM

KJ

“ Kim Janauskas sent a virtual gift in memory of Melvin G. Gerber



Kim Janauskas - January 09, 2019 at 08:12 PM

JD

“ Our deepest Condolensces to family and friends of Melvin. May he rest in peace. James and Carla Dunham and family.

James Dunham - January 09, 2019 at 07:35 PM

JL

“ *Jacqueline Lichy sent a virtual gift in memory of Melvin G. Gerber*



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**Jacqueline Lichy** - January 09, 2019 at 08:30 AM

JL

*Our thoughts and prayers are with Bonnie, David and Tyler, during this difficult time. May Melvin's spirit soar above you and fill your hearts with beautiful memories of his life among you!*

*All Our Love,  
Clifton and Jacqueline Lichy*

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**Jacqueline Lichy** - January 09, 2019 at 08:45 AM

 Craig Frere

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mel's passing. I learned a lot from Mel while he toured me around Thunder Bay and Aroland First Nation a number of years ago. He was a generous soul and cared deeply for our Indigenous brothers and sisters. My prayers go out to Joy and the rest of his family.*

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**Craig Frere** - January 08, 2019 at 04:22 PM

DG

*We purchased Mel and Mary Joy's Crosshill home from them back in 2002 before they moved up north..... we remember Mel as a kind, generous person who wanted to help a young couple out by selling us their home for the same price he purchased it for six years earlier. We have never forgotten this even over sixteen years later as we make this our home with two teenagers now. We are so sorry for your loss!  
Sincerely, Deborah and Daniel Gascho*

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**Deborah Gascho** - January 11, 2019 at 07:46 AM



“ *Chris Franklin lit a candle in memory of  
Melvin G. Gerber* ”



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**Chris Franklin** - January 08, 2019 at 03:15 PM