



## Michael Gerla

October 15, 1922 - August 3, 2012

OBITUARY INFORMATION: Michael Gerla Michael Gerla was born the son of Joseph and Catherine (Koper) Gerla on Sunday, October 15, 1922. Michael was raised in Canada and moved to the United States in 1946. He served during WWII in the Royal Canadian Air Force. In August of 1944 he married Dorothy Urbaniak in New York. They made their home in New York until 1968 when they moved their family to Oregon. He was a member of Newberg Friends Church and was also a Docent at the Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville. Michael enjoyed fishing and touring, but most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family. On Friday, August 3, 2012, Michael Gerla died at a local care facility when he was eighty-nine years, nine months and nineteen days of age. Surviving and left to honor his life are: His wife Dorothy of Newberg; his daughter Betty Gerla of Portland; his son Philip Gerla of Climax, Minnesota; two sisters, Mary Wilson of Edmonton, Alberta Canada and Katie Dunham of Calgary, Alberta Canada; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and those who have come to know and appreciate him where he has lived and worked. His parents and his two brothers, Frank and John preceded him in death. His Funeral Service will be Friday, August 10, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel, with Pastor Greg Koskela officiating. His Committal Service will follow at Valley View Memorial Park, Newberg. Arrangements are in the care of Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel, a Golden Rule Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at [www.attrells.com](http://www.attrells.com) Memorial contributions may be made to the Newberg Animal

Shelter, c/o Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel, 207 Villa Road, Newberg,  
Oregon 97132.

# Tribute Wall

RP

“ Robert From Poland lit a candle in memory of Michael Gerla



Robert from Poland - August 16, 2020 at 01:39 PM

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“ Dear Mike and Dorothy, Angie and I shall truly miss you both. Over the years you have both treated me like royalty. Mike, our trips to Reno and the air races will never be forgotten. Your stories and life lessons you have shared with me have made me wiser and stronger. Dorothy, your caring and love for all has been an inspiration. My trips to Oregon will not be the same without our visits with you both.

Dale Tomie - August 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Auntie Dorothy, Phil, and Betty, Wanted to send along our thoughts and prayers to you all. We wish we could be there for the service, but will be thinking and praying for all of you. Sincerely, Greg (nephew), Karen (niece), and our Mom, Doreen

Greg Gerla - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Dorothy, We are very sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family and friends. Paul and Judy

Paul and Judy Keller - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM