

Joseph Gelarden

Joseph "Joe" Gelarden, 71, of Evansville, Indiana, passed away on Saturday, December 29, 2018 at Select Specialty Hospital after a brief illness.



Joe was born in Evansville, Indiana on April 16, 1947 to the late Cyril and Beatrice (Blair) Gelarden. After high school Joe was drafted in the United States Army where he honorably served in Vietnam with Company A, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade. During his service, Joe received the Army Commendation Medal with Valor and other awards. Upon his return home Joe worked for Indiana Bell until his retirement. He was an excellent story and joke teller and he was so outgoing he would have long conversations with anyone willing to listen. Joe was the "go to" person when any item needed attention, not only for his family, but anyone in need. He was a loving husband and father that fully dedicated 48 years of his life to his wife and sons. He was so proud to have three grandchildren that he cherished and spent time with them any chance he had. Joe attended St. Anthony Catholic Church and was a longtime member of St. Theresa Church.

Joe is survived by his wife of 48 years, Connie (Kramer) Gelarden of Evansville, IN; sons Dan Gelarden (Jolene) of Munster, IN and Randy Gelarden (Amy) of Lombard, IL; and grandchildren, Bryce, Ellie and George Gelarden.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents.

