



## Jerry M. "Doc" Exline

May 6, 1942 - November 21, 2020

Jerry M. Exline, 78, of Cicero, passed away Saturday November 21, 2020. Born in Pontiac, Michigan to the late Royal Webster and Wilma Augusta (Abell) Exline, he graduated from the Eastman School of Music, the University of Michigan and returned to the Eastman School of Music where he earned his Ph.D.

His enduring career in music education began in the Rochester City School District, continued at the State University of New York at Oswego and concluded at Le Moyne College. He was a dedicated church musician and maintained a thriving private teaching studio. The "Piano Man" was a talented and passionate musician, performer, professor, teacher and mentor who blessed all who knew him.

Surviving are his wife of 17 years, the former Gail E. Ensworth; children, Joel (Katie) Exline, Jon (Lindsay) Exline, Lydia (Michael) McAllister and Paul (Jackie) Mowers; grandsons, Sam, Ben and Barrett; brother James (Martha) Exline; parents-in-law, Fredric and Irene Ensworth; brother-in-law, Fred Ensworth; and several nieces and nephews.

Due to the circumstances of COVID, services will be private. A celebration of life will be announced next spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, 4370 Tujunga Avenue, Suite 330, Studio City, CA 91604  
[support@mhopus.org](mailto:support@mhopus.org)



# Cemetery Details

## White Chapel Memory Gardens

6633 Kinne Rd.  
Syracuse, NY 13214

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fergerson Funeral Home created a Calling Hours and Service in memory of Jerry M. "Doc" Exline*



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**Fergerson Funeral Home** - November 27, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ *Jerry M. "Doc" Exline*

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October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Dr. Jerry Exline was a friend, a superb music teacher, and a great musician. he was such a fine teacher, that after he retired from Oswego State, I brought him with me to Le Moyne, where his work was again seen as excellent. I just learned about the loss of Jerry, and feel terrible that this happened. When I saw Mr. Holland's Opus, the person I thought of was Jerry. What a loss!*  
*Kurt F, Geisinger*

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**Kurt F.Geisinger** - April 07, 2021 at 03:50 PM