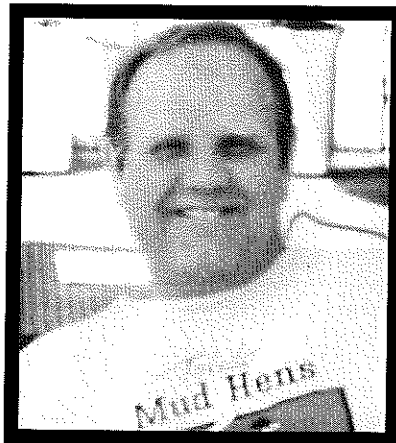


Jerry Danford

March 7th, 1952 – August 23rd, 2003



Jerry Danford passed away on August 23rd, 2003. Upon his death, Jerry left his entire estate to the Catholic Church. The groups benefiting from Jerry's generosity include Toledo Immaculate Conception parish, St. Francis de Sales parish, Rosary Cathedral Preservation Fund, The Ursuline Convent, The Jesuit Province of Detroit and The Monsignor Schmit Youth Foundation. The gift that Jerry has left for the Monsignor Schmit Youth Foundation is the largest single gift that has ever been received for this fund.

Jerry spent all of his adult life working as a bus driver for TARTA, but he had various other jobs and "unofficial" responsibilities. He was a close friend and an unofficial "personal assistant" for Monsignor Schmit. He did many different tasks for Monsignor Schmit including caring for the maintenance of his car, watching over St. Patrick Historic Parish whenever Monsignor was out of town, and handling all of the Catholic Club busses and trips. He remained in charge of the Catholic Club busses until his death in August.

Other duties that Jerry acquired through the years included playing the organ at Ned Skeldon Stadium for the Toledo Mud Hens' home games as well as St. Francis de Sales parish (downtown). He also organized bus transportation for the area Catholic High Schools' athletic events and field trips. Jerry would often organize bus trips to Tiger, Indian, Yankee and Blue Jay games. These trips were filled with friends of Jerry and many of these people would never have gone to these venues if not for Jerry taking the lead and organizing them.

Jerry was a close friend to a number of Catholic priests in the Toledo area including a close friendship that he shared with the late Bishop James Hoffman. This was very obvious at Jerry's funeral Mass when ten other priests were on the altar to concelebrate his Mass of Resurrection with the main celebrant and close friend, Father Paul Dorley.

Jerry's mother, Bernice, preceded him in death.

Many in our community miss Jerry for his friendly personality, sense of humor, willingness to give and help others, as well as his generosity; but he will not be forgotten.