



## Richard S. Gerst

July 15, 1931 - July 8, 2022

Richard S. Gerst, 90

A Deptford resident of nearly fifty years, Richard was a retired teacher of the Pennsauken School District. Having served in the US Army during the Korean conflict, he applied his GI benefits to matriculation at the PA Academy of Fine Arts to hone what was to become a life-long & prolific avocation: landscape painting. Winner of occasional competitions, he discovered himself a citizen of cyberspace when some of his sold works appeared on the internet market; he served for many years on the board of the Gloucester County Art League.

Above his secular pursuits, his greatest devotion was to his Faith & identity as a Catholic. Across several decades, Richard fortified his soul as a daily communicant and either organized or participated in Eucharistic Adoration across several parishes. For some years, he served as RCIA instructor and parish board member under the late Fr Joseph Solerno. Though without any formal musical training, he poured hours into practicing hymns, Psalm verses, motets and Mass parts so as to participate in his parish choir under successive directors until a few years before his passing. Attuned to the current ecclesial crisis, he often invoked the Mother of God under Her title the Immaculate Conception for the healing of the papacy. He likewise commended the conversion of those outside the Faith and sacramental life of the Church to the mercy of the Sacred Heart, among these most especially,

those promoting infanticide; this, at the conclusion of his daily Rosary.

Well-known for his affable company and gentle kindness, he leaves an emulatable legacy of patience, humor and understanding.

Preceded by his parents and three brothers, Richard is survived by nephews, many grandnieces/nephews & his confères in various sodalities/apostolates.

Rosary & viewing, 7-9pm Thursday, July 14, 2022

Rosary & final farewell 9am Friday, July 15, 2022

BOUCHER FUNERAL HOME

1757 Delsea Dr., Deptford, NJ 08096

Funeral Mass, 11am Friday, July 15, 2022

Holy Angels Parish at St Patrick's RC Church

86 Cooper St., Woodbury, NJ 08096

Interment following Mass

Eglington Cemetery, Clarksboro

# Cemetery Details

## Eglinton Cemetery & Mausoleum

320 Kings Highway  
Clarksboro, NJ 08020  
(856) 423-0165

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**JUL 14.** 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

The Chapel at Boucher Funeral Home, LLC  
1757 Delsea Drive  
Deptford, NJ 08096  
(856) 464-1097  
mark@boucherfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.boucherfuneralhome.com/>

## Rosary & final farewell

**JUL 15.** 9:00 AM (ET)

The Chapel at Boucher Funeral Home, LLC  
1757 Delsea Drive  
Deptford, NJ 08096  
(856) 464-1097  
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## Funeral Mass

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JUL 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Angels Parish at St. Patrick's RC Church  
86 Cooper Street  
Woodbury, NJ 08096  
(856) 845-0123

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard S. Gerst*

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November 27, 2022 at 03:45 PM



“ *He was such a talented, lovely man. I am so sorry. He looked much younger than he was, too.*

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**Ealine Goodman** - July 18, 2022 at 04:24 PM



“ *“[16] The Lord give mercy to the house of Onesiphorus: because he hath often refreshed me, and hath not been ashamed of my chain: [17] But when he was come to Rome, he carefully sought me, and found me. [18] The Lord grant unto him to find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou very well knowest (2TIM Ch 1).”*

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
And let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace. Amen.*

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**CM** - July 15, 2022 at 08:51 AM