



Mr. Gerald "Jerry" Garret Gerst Sr.

June 30, 2020

Gerald Garrett Gerst "Jerry", 76, of Albany, GA passed away Tuesday, June 30th, 2020 from complications due to pancreatic cancer. He was born September 6th, 1943 to parents Herman and Ethel Gerst in Albany, GA. Jerry graduated from Albany High School in 1961 and received his degree from Vanderbilt University and interior design school in New York City. He married Sue Stith Gerst in 1965. Jerry co-owned and was an interior designer for Gerst Brothers Furniture. He was a lover of the outdoors and an avid fisherman and birdwatcher. Jerry was on the 1959 Albany High School State Championship football team and attended Vanderbilt University on a football scholarship.

He is preceded in death by his parents Herman and Ethel Gerst and sister Joyce Campell.

Survivors include his two children Gerald Garrett Gerst, Jr. and his wife Katie; Cole Gerst and his wife Lea Anne; two grandchildren Gerald Garrett "Rett" Gerst III; Hannah Elizabeth Gerst; two sisters Janet Robbins; Debbie Pickron and husband Sam; two brother-in-law's Bob Campbell; and Pete Stith and his wife Sherry.

Jerry was laid to rest at the Zorn Memorial Garden at First United Methodist Church on Thursday, July 2, 2020. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that

donations be made to the Littleton Fund at First United Methodist Church in
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Gerald "Jerry" Garret Gerst Sr.*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



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December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *SO SORRY to hear - I remember Jerry well from Vanderbilt football team days. Little guy with a big heart and a big smile!*

Bob Gaines - November 27, 2020 at 09:30 PM



“ *Mrs. Sue & family,
Please know that you are all in my prayers!! Mr. Jerry always had a smile on his face, and welcomed me at 9am service with kindness.
Love you Mrs. Sue!!*

Kate Cox

kate - July 06, 2020 at 06:56 PM

JS

“ Jerry was a hero to me as a youth wanting to play football and winning championships for Albany. Went to the parade that honored that championship team of which he was a member.

J. Scott Stephenson - July 06, 2020 at 02:30 AM

FH

“ Mr. Jerry, you was an amazing man. Your wife and I used to talk about you all the time and how courageous you were. My thoughts and prayers are with my friend Sue and the rest of your family. Love you all!

Felicia Harris - July 05, 2020 at 12:35 PM

EC

“ Jerry was always nice and knew so much Albany history. He and his buddies were fixtures at Pearly's. Always a smile. Sue and family you have my sincere condolences.

Elizabeth Champion - July 05, 2020 at 12:10 PM

KP

“ Kathy And David Prisant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "Jerry" Garret Gerst Sr.



Kathy and David Prisant - July 03, 2020 at 09:42 PM

CF

“ Dear Sue and family I am truly sorry at the passing of Jerry. We played baseball together for a long time. Jerry was tough as nails whether he was catching or playing 2nd base. He had a smile on his face most of the time which speaks volumes about his personality. May God the Father be with each of you during this time. Cecil Fowler

cecil fowler - July 03, 2020 at 08:09 PM

WR

“ To Debbie & the entire Gerst Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Jerry was a fine man and an inspiration to all who were lucky enough to have known him.

William Russell - July 03, 2020 at 02:59 PM

GB

“ Gail Brooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "Jerry" Garret Gerst Sr.



Gail Brooks - July 03, 2020 at 12:27 PM

BL

“ Dear Sue and family, Judy and I were so sorry to hear of Jerry’s passing. While we share in your grief we fully realize he is in a much better place.

Even though Jerry and I were not close through the years, I always felt he was a good friend. I suppose it was because our families were good friends and we did play together as kids. I always enjoyed talking with him and we always seemed to share old stories. We and Albany will miss Jerry.

Bill Landau - July 03, 2020 at 11:11 AM

RP

“ Sorry to hear of Jerry’s passing, I was in the National Guards with Jerry . He will be missed, he was a good friend. Richard Pitts

Richard Pitts - July 03, 2020 at 09:54 AM

DW

“ Sue, we are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Dimi, Thomas & Micki

Dimi Pace Williams - July 02, 2020 at 09:52 PM

CP

“ Sue, Carlos and I are sad to hear of Jerry's passing. He always had a smile for us when we would see each other at Pearlys. Please know you are in our prayers. Carlos and Sheila

Carlos and Sheila Phillips - July 02, 2020 at 05:33 PM

RK

*My wife Sidney purchased a Sideboard from Jerry at his store on Slapppy Dr. in the late '70s or early '80s. We still use the Sideboard as a decorative piece at our home in Vero Beach, Fl. It will now be an item in remembrance of Jerry. I graduated with Jerry in the class of 1961.
Rusty and Sidney Kaliher*

russell kaliher - July 05, 2020 at 11:22 AM

PM

*Sue:
All the Littletons grieve with you, as Jerry was such a great part of our class. He always had a smile and was positive about his illness until the very end. We will miss him and send our sincere condolences to you and your sweet family.*

Patsy Martin - July 16, 2020 at 07:11 PM