



Gerry A. Durenda

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Gerry A. Durenda, 68, passed away at his home in Alliance August 1, 2019 of complications of cancer.

Gerry was born March 15, 1951 in Springfield, Ohio to Albert and Beulah (Shutler) Durenda. He graduated from Alliance High School, after which he served his country in the U.S. Army, being stationed in Germany. He later attended both Kent State University and Mount Union College, now The University of Mount Union. Gerry remained a resident of Alliance most of his life.

Gerry was employed for many years as a supervisor by Hendrickson International in Canton. Prior to that he worked at Transue & Williams Stamping in Alliance in supervision. He was a member of the Alliance Elks Lodge #467. Gerry was an avid golfer in the summer and enjoyed skiing in the winter. He also enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle and following the Cleveland sports teams.

Whether it was his loved ones, his vocation, a hobby, his infamous home improvement work, or traveling, Gerry was passionate about everything he did. His enthusiasm was a quality that couldn't be diminished by disease, for even in sickness, he continued to work on his "projects", plan trips, and to care deeply for his family and friends. That he did so is a testament to his spirit and will.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 43 years, Leslye (Tanner) Durenda; step-sons, Jeff (Fely) Crestani of Jacksonville, Florida and Joseph (Kathryn) Crestani of Fairview Park, Ohio; sisters Louise (Larry) Buck of Alliance and Sandy (Barry) Marx of Ellenboro, NC; brothers Larry (Kim) Durenda of Alliance and Jerry Durenda of Ravenna, Ohio; grandchildren, Jacob, Corina, Teri, and Brian; sister in law Sheila Tanner of Saline, Michigan; brother in law James Tanner of Phoenix, Arizona, and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Jeff Durenda.

The family will be hosting a celebration of Gerry's life at the Elks Pavilion in Alliance



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at 606 Glamorgan St. on Sunday August 18, 2019 between the hours of 1:00 and 4:00 P.M.

In lieu of flowers, it is requested that memorial contributions for Gerry be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

You are invited to view Gerry's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories at www.sharerfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are by the Sharer-Stirling-Skivolocke Funeral Home.



Events

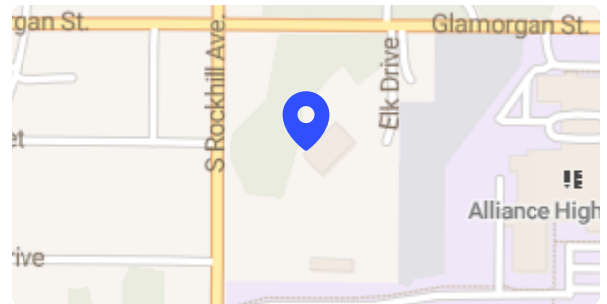
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Celebration of Life Gathering

 **Sunday**, August 18, 2019

 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Elk's Lodge Pavilion**
606 Glamorgan St. , Alliance OH 44601





Tribute Wall

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JL

James Linder posted:

what a great friend we traveled together worked together golfed together had so many good times will always remember his short laugh and his work ethic so many moments that will always bring a smile to my face will be thinking of gerry often. jim linder

August 18 at 2:30 AM

CM

Cindy McArthur posted:

Leslye, I can't tell you how sorry and saddened I was to hear of Gerry's passing. Many, many, good memories of Gerry throughout the years of working with him at Hendrickson; his humor, his laugh and positive personality will be missed. Our thoughts & prayers go out to you and your family at this most difficult time. Cindy & Alan McArthur

August 17 at 3:33 PM

DT

Deborah Tasker posted:

We are so very sorry for your loss gerry will be missed so much .. he was a great guy and he married a great woman!!! Please take care of yourself , if you need anything please call us .. with love and prayers. Denny an Debbie Tasker

August 16 at 2:03 PM

MT

Muffin Taylor posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Gerry. I will miss seeing him at Ponchos in the mornings. He was an old friend from childhood. Sending prayers to the family.

August 15 at 2:42 AM

BS

Bob Swanson lit a candle in honor of Gerry.

I have wonderful memories of working with Gerry at Hendrickson and our breakfast/golf outings. Gerry was a high caliber individual who truly enjoyed socializing with everyone.

August 13 at 9:30 AM





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Al And Michele Carli posted:

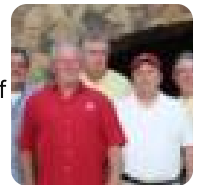
Words cannot begin to say how much we will miss Gerry. A few times a year, for as many years as I can remember, we would ride our Harley's to Geneva-on-the-Lake for a footlong coney at Eddie's Grill. Going back to Geneva-on-the-Lake will not be the same. He was just a special guy and friend, always there for us. Gerry and Leslye stood up for us when we got married. The memories will be with us forever. Al (Alvey, Alvey) and Michele Carli

August 12 at 12:38 PM



Gary Huggins shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I will always remember the good times we had. He will be deeply missed by myself and all of our close friends he was always there when I needed some one.



August 11 at 5:05 PM



Steve & Jane Kimes posted:

A friendship thru the years, many happy memories of the good times shared. Love and comfort to you Les, from the Virginians. Steve & Jane Kimes

August 10 at 8:02 AM



Mary & Jim Mcgeehen lit a candle in honor of Gerry.

Always in our heart



August 8 at 8:01 AM



Peggy Molnar posted:

Leslie and family, So sorry to hear about Gerry. I went to school with him, he was always so nice.! You all are in our thoughts. Peggy & Craig Molnar

August 8 at 7:34 AM



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LC

Lynn Cugini posted:

Many happy memories flood back from years gone by.. with Ger Bear. God Bless the Durenda family..Mama Lynn

August 7 at 6:49 AM

DL

Diana Lucas sent a virtual gift in honor of Gerry.

Our Prayers and Thoughts are With Your Family, Herb, Jim, Diana, Bobby, Ronnie, .. Hull And Families, And the Family Of Late 'Danny Hull'

August 6 at 5:09 PM



CH

Cheri Hallett posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to Gerry's family at this time of sorrow. Many years ago, he was a good friend and neighbor.He will be missed.Cheri (McCain) Hallett

August 6 at 6:45 AM

DT

Dottie Trifero posted:

My prayers and thoughts are with Gerry's family at this time of sorrow. Gerry was a good and loyal friend to me for many years. He was my neighbor and my buddy. My heart aches to know he's gone. May God comfort you in your sorrow.Dottie (Eyler) Trifero

August 5 at 8:27 AM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gerry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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