



## B. Gerald "Jerry" Reynolds

August 19, 1943 - April 28, 2021

B. Gerald (Jerry) Reynolds, 77, passed away peacefully in his home in Estero, Florida on April 28, 2021 surrounded by his beloved family. Jerry was born on August 19, 1943 in Fresno, California the son of Barney and Elaine (Sevatson) Reynolds. He had been a resident of Estero since 2002 coming from Bloomington, IL.

He married Peggy McShane on June 6, 1970 and they were blessed with over 50 years of marriage.

Jerry attended Drake University and Drake Law School where he graduated a member of the Order of the Coif. He was the former Vice President and Corporate General Counsel at State Farm Insurance where he worked for 33 years before retiring in 2001, and was a former McLean County (IL) Board member.

Jerry enjoyed following his grandkids activities, golf vacations with friends in Michigan, and family trips to the beach. He was a member of Our Lady of Light Catholic Church and Grandezza Country Club in Estero, FL.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Peggy; children, Michael of Normal, IL, Matthew (Kelly) of Chandler, AZ, Gregory (Brooke) of McKinney, TX and Heather (Rob) Bankoske of Naples, FL; grandchildren, Reagan, Mallory and

Charley Reynolds, Ben and Callie Reynolds and Alana and Mila Bankoske. Jerry is also survived by his brother, Tom (Carol) Reynolds and his sister, Cindy (Dick) Eyster, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Barney and Elaine Reynolds.

A celebration of his life will be planned for the fall of 2021.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to Hope Hospice at Hope Hospice Development Dept. 9470 HealthPark Circle Fort Myers, FL 33908 or online at [hopehospice.org](http://hopehospice.org).

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

# Tribute Wall



“ *B. Gerald "Jerry" Reynolds*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Dear Peggy & Family,*

*I am so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. He always had a smile on his at State Farm. I would go to Corporate Law to visit my Aunt Lois Weber and would run into him at different times. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Carole Weber Grantham** - May 18, 2021 at 02:35 PM



“ *We are very sorry for your loss. B Gerald was a great man, and we are grateful to have known him. His legacy will live through the four outstanding children he and Peggy raised and their families. We continue to enjoy relationships with all four children, whether it be Vegas trips, golfing, or football pools! Rob and Janan Moser*

**Rob and Janan Moser** - May 09, 2021 at 05:01 PM



“ *Dear Peggy, Michael, Matt, Greg and Heather*

*Jerry could always put a smile on my face. He was always respectful and kind. You all are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

*Love Judy & Jack DeCicco*

**Judy & Jack DeCicco** - May 09, 2021 at 12:12 PM

J(

“ Dear Peggy, Heather, Matt, Greg and Michael,

*Jerry always could put a smile on my face. He always treated us with kindness and respect. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.*

*Love, Judy & Jack DeCicco*

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**Judy DeCicco (cousin)** - May 09, 2021 at 12:03 PM

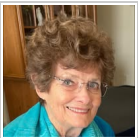
JD

“ *Deepest sympathy to Peggy and all the Reynolds family. Good memories of Jerry at State Farm's Corporate Law Department--an outstanding leader and boss who inspired and made common sense decisions, and did it all with a wry sense of humor. Jerry was one of the great ones.*

*John and Laura Dirks*

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**John Dirks** - May 09, 2021 at 08:17 AM



“ *Peggy and Matt, Mike, Greg and Heather,  
I'm so very sorry for the loss of your husband and father.  
Praying your prayers will enable you to endure this difficult loss.  
With Heartfelt Sympathy,  
Donna Waterson Bugajski*

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**Donna Bugajski** - May 07, 2021 at 11:05 PM

DW

*Dear Peggy, Mike, Matt, Greg, Heather, and All of your Families,*

*We were so sorry to hear of the Great Loss of your Husband, and Father.*

*Doug and I so enjoyed our Friendship with Jerry for so many years!! He always had a Smile on his face and such a kind person.*

*Our Sympathies go out to you all at this Very Difficult time.*

*Sincerely,  
Doug and Patty Wyse*

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**Doug & Patty Wyse** - May 23, 2021 at 12:00 PM

KA

“ *Dear Peggy and family  
We were so saddened to hear of Jerry's passing. . Please know we are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.  
Karen ( McShane) and Dave Albert*

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**Karen Alnert** - May 06, 2021 at 06:50 PM

MD

“ *My deepest sympathy to Peggy and the rest of the family. Jerry was a wonderful guy I remember him growing up he was such a nice brother to my best friend Cindy and brother Tom I always got a kick out of his sense of humor bless all of your hearts- he will be missed*

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**Mary K. Donovan** - May 06, 2021 at 06:18 PM

SF

“ *To the family of Jerry Reynolds, We are so sorry for your loss. I grew up beside the Reynolds family and graduated with Jerry. He was a very nice man. Our prayers of comfort to you at this time.  
Richard and Ruth Gottsche and Jon and Robin Bliesmer*

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**Sharon Miller Ferguson** - May 06, 2021 at 05:06 PM

BS

“ Jerry Reynolds was a great guy. And a very good senior management lawyer at State Farm Insurance at the Corporate HQ in Bloomington, Illinois. I had the privilege and pleasure to work in that same department with Jerry and always found him to be the most intelligent, thinking person in the room when a meeting or project needed his advice and wisdom. All those qualities were missed when he retired. Condolences to his family and his many friends. And may Jerry R.I.P.

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**Bill Shepherd** - May 06, 2021 at 02:21 PM

RB

“ My condolences to your entire family. It was my honor to work for Jerry during some of his years in Corporate Law at State Farm. I will never forget the day I was busy and transferred a call from Peggy to him and accidentally I said it was "Piggy". He couldn't wait to give me a hard time and make me blush from my toes to the top of my head. What fun he had with that one. He loved a fun time and I will always remember the good times in Corporate Law because of him. May he rest in peace. Rita B

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**Rita Bergeron** - May 06, 2021 at 12:58 PM

PW

“ We have so many fond memories of living down the street at Crestwicke from Jerry, Peggy and family. Jerry was a wonderful man with such a quiet sense of humor. We always enjoyed being around him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Peggy and all the family. Thinking of all of you during this difficult time.  
Trish and David Weaver

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**Patricia D. Weaver** - May 05, 2021 at 07:58 PM

DK

“ Peggy, we send to you our deepest sympathy and kind wishes. Jerry will be missed, we are sure, by you and the entire family. He made a difference in our lives. Prayers and good thoughts to you.

Dennis & Burt Kirby - May 05, 2021 at 05:23 PM

EE

“ I worked with Jerry in the Law Department of State Farm for thirty years, and he was my supervisor most of that time. I can't think of a better boss; I learned so much from him, and his mentorship, guidance, direction, and above all patience helped me grow as a lawyer and prosper at State Farm. I was so lucky to have known and worked with Jerry. May Peggy, Michael, Matthew, Greg, and Heather find comfort and strength from faith, family, and friends, and in time may all their memories of Jerry be happy ones.  
Ethan Evans

Ethan Evans - May 05, 2021 at 12:11 PM

TH

I concur with Ethan. Though Jerry was only my supervisor for his last couple years before he retired I had great respect for him and truly enjoyed working for/with him. He was a real gentleman and scholar. My condolences to the whole family. May God comfort you at this sad time.

todd haynes - May 05, 2021 at 08:48 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of B. Gerald "Jerry" Reynolds.



May 05, 2021 at 09:03 AM

AT

“ I met Jerry when I joined the Law Department in 1983 and I remember vividly as he walked out to his Secretary Rita and said 'Please tell the new girl I am Jerry, not Larry', as he gave her the phone message I had just put on his door. That was the start of our 18 year working relationship, of which I had the privilege to be his Assistant for 14 of those years. I adored Jerry as much as his beautiful family. My thoughts and prayers go out to you for your loss. Jerry was humble, a sharp and respected lawyer, a proud family man and a great boss. I am forever grateful and blessed to have known him. God Speed.

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**Amy L Turner** - May 04, 2021 at 06:45 PM

JK

“ Sorry to hear about my former class mate! I use to run around with Jerry during our high school days in Estherville, IA. Prayers go out to his family! Will miss him at our class reunions. RIP my friend.

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**James Kaltved** - May 04, 2021 at 02:23 PM

LS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss!

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**Larry Scovel** - May 04, 2021 at 02:21 PM

JJ

“ I am so sorry to hear about Jerry's passing. Jerry was a classmate in the Class of 1961 Estherville High School, Estherville, Iowa. I will always remember his smile and his quiet ways. He will be missed at our reunion this summer. My deepest sympathy to his family.

*Julie Tordoff Johnson*

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**Julie M Johnson** - May 04, 2021 at 01:46 PM

TM

“ Dear Peggy and Family, we were very sad to hear of Jerry's passing. He and my Father were business partners for a number of years. My Dad thought very highly of Jerry and I know he was so well thought of in his profession as well. We so enjoyed our contacts with Jerry over the years. He was a truly nice guy! We wish you and your family peace and healing as you all deal with his passing!

*Terry and Josette Mack*

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**TERRY L. MACK** - May 04, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ I was a young attorney at State Farm. He was a God like figure in the State Farm Corporate Law Department. He became my friend, and helped develop me into the attorney and the person I became. Thank you Jerry. You made a difference in my life and I am so thankful. I will think of you always and will smile at the thought of you. Rest in peace my friend.

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**Marty Erwin** - May 04, 2021 at 09:58 AM

JS

“ Peggy -

*WE will all miss Jerry. I always enjoyed our chats on early morning walks in Grandezza as well at neighborhood get-togethers talking about” growing-up days back home in Iowa”.*

*To me, Jerry Reynolds was a very special guy and true friend.*

*- Jim Shields*

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**Jim Shields** - May 04, 2021 at 09:37 AM

GL

“ *Sending condolences & healing wishes to Peggy and the entire family. Many, many good memories of working and playing tennis with Jerry. Peace to all.*

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**Greg Laird** - May 04, 2021 at 09:36 AM

GB

“ *We send our heart felt sympathies and prayers to the Reynolds family. Jerry was obviously loved very much by his family and was an excellent family man. He left a highly successful legacy of respect and accomplishment for his family to carry on.*  
*Take care,*  
*Greg and Diane Bange*

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**Greg & Diane Bange** - May 04, 2021 at 08:35 AM

DC

“ *Peggy and family: We are so sorry. Sending peace to all. Deb and Mike Cochran*

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**Deb Cochran** - May 04, 2021 at 07:33 AM

BK

“ *Dear Peggy,*  
*Thinking of you and extending our sincere sympathy. During this difficult time may peace and love surround you and your family.*

*Our deepest condolences,*  
*Betty (Spicknall) and Robert Katz*

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**Betty Katz** - May 03, 2021 at 06:27 PM

LD

“ I met Jerry in 2002 when I was introduced to a band of bandits called the " Grusch Group" .Jerry stood out as a gentleman who enjoyed the game but enjoyed the joking around even more. He and Tom Werthman were a real pair aided by Ron Ruby. His focus on the cause of conservative politics was unmatched. Each day I read the political emails from Jerry and quickly forwarded them to my friends up north. They all asked " Who is this guy Jerry?" He is going to be truly missed by those around him. My thoughts and prayers are for his family. The week before I headed to Chicago (April 12) I saw him with his 2 sons at the cabana and we shared cocktails. He loved his family and was so proud of them.  
Lou Downes

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**Lou Downes** - May 03, 2021 at 04:57 PM

DH

“ We will always remember Jerry as a very kind and capable friend with a subtle sense of humor. Our friendship goes back to Bloomington, Illinois. Our hearts go out you Peggy. Dan & Judy Holder

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**Dan W Holder** - May 03, 2021 at 03:51 PM

JH

Peggy,

I am so sorry and shocked to read of Jerry's passing. Please know that I care about you and am thinking and praying for you during this difficult time. I will get in touch with you and maybe we can get together here when a little time has passed.

Jayne (Corbitt) Hampton

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**jayne Hampton** - May 05, 2021 at 07:10 AM