



Gerald T. Knight

August 10, 1947 - June 24, 2021

Gerald Thomas Knight died peacefully on June 24, 2021 after a period of declining health. Jerry was born on August 10, 1947 in Oceanside, California. As the son of a career Marine, he moved a number of times until his father retired and they settled in Miami, Florida. Jerry graduated from Palmetto High School and went on to become a proud Virginia Tech Hokie.

With a degree in finance, he joined General Electric's Financial Management Program and progressed through various positions to the Chief Financial Officer of the Housewares Division. His career continued with CFO positions at Pillsbury, Next Computer, Toro, finally Fingerhut where he retired at the age of 52.

He was fortunate to be able to spend the next 22 years playing golf, boating, and traveling the world where he and Barbara completed their bucket list of places to see.

He was also fortunate for all the wonderful friends he made at his homes in Bonita Springs and Highlands, North Carolina.

Jerry is survived by Barbara, his loving wife of 52 years. In addition, his sister Cheryl Wells of Colorado Springs, Colorado, his brother Bruce (Tonie) Knight of Saltillo, Mississippi, his sister-in-law Mary Ellen (Alan) Leeds of Houston,

Texas and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held in early November. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation or a charity of your choice.

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald T. Knight*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Our hearts go out to Barbara and family. Whenever we saw Gerry he was always so pleasant and had a positive attitude in spite of his medical challenges. Barbara you have our sincere condolences, and we will keep you close in our thoughts and prayers in the coming weeks.*

Ginger & Michael Lickley

Ginger & Michael Lickley - June 30, 2021 at 02:28 AM



“ *We were saddened to hear of Jerry's passing. After a long struggle with health issues he is at last at peace. Our hearts go out to Barbara at her loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and the rest of the family.*

Suzanne and David Hoover

Suzanne Hoover - June 29, 2021 at 11:58 AM



“ *Dear Barbara - We are so sad to learn of Jerry's passing. You have been the love of his life and his comforter and rock over the past few years. Jerry is now at peace and our sincere condolences to you and the family. We hope to see your smiling face when we return to Azure. God Speed. Dale and Lorraine Perkinson*

Dale and Lorraine Perkinson - June 28, 2021 at 06:15 PM

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“ Jerry was always a wonderful neighbor and a friend to all. We were sad to see the numerous health issues that Jerry courageously fought in recent years with Barbara always at his side with her loving support. Our hearts go out to Barbara and the family as we remember the Knights in our thoughts and prayers.

Patty & Bill

Bill Demmert - June 28, 2021 at 02:18 PM

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“ We are saddened to learn of Jerry's passing. He endured so much and was always positive. Our sympathies to Barbara, who was a wonderful wife and in later years, a loving caregiver. Rest in peace, Jerry and love to Barbara.

Marion and Bernie Long

Marion Long - June 26, 2021 at 02:08 PM

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“ We have been fortunate to be friends and neighbors to Jerry and Barbara for twenty years. We remember many fun times together. Jerry battled many health issues, but he always managed to stay on the bright side of life. Jerry will always be a man to be admired and he will be missed!

Frank and Joyce

FRANK KOZLOWSKI - June 26, 2021 at 01:34 PM