



Gerald Robert Kraft

December 11, 1960 - June 26, 2020

Gerald R. Kraft, known to friends as "Jerry," and to others as "Jer," "J," and Uncle Jerry passed away on June 26, 2020 at the age of 59 years.

A native of Amherst, NY, Jerry attended Amherst High School (class of 1979) and graduated from Medaille College in Buffalo, NY. His career was in retail, which he started at the age of 15, and spanned into interior design. He loved his work and was incredibly talented at it.

Jerry was known as the "Mayor of 3rd Street South," Naples, FL. He was very active in other organizations throughout the years.

He loved his partner of 37 years, Tim. His love for his nieces, Olivia M. and Madeleine A. and nephew, Theodore Charles was endless. His dogs all held a special place in his heart, Preston, Griffin, Gracie, Henry and Oliver, as did most animals. He was a kind and gentle man who was loyal to all who knew him. He was friendly and willing to help anyone who needed it. He was loved by people throughout the world.

Jerry's love for travel was not limited to just the United States. Jerry and Tim ventured to Europe many times. One of their favorite places was Portugal.

He is survived by his partner of 37 years, Tim Crane; twin brother, Gary Kraft;

sisters, Cathy Kraft and Cyndy Kraft-Fine; brother-in law, Philip Fine; nieces, Olivia and Madeleine; and nephew, Theodore Charles.

A Celebration of Jerry's life will be held in the future in Naples, Florida.

"May he rise to heaven on the wings of angels and may you find comfort and a source of strength in his love for you."

Memorial donations in memory of Jerry can be made to: The American Humane Society.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.shikanyfuneralhome.com

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald Robert Kraft*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Truly a kind and gracious man with a wonderful laugh and great smile! He defined customer service, most of his life serving others! He will be missed.*

Lisa Paul

Lisa Paul - July 14, 2020 at 01:05 AM



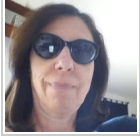
“ *Heartbroken over the news of your passing my friend...you were always a call or message away from me and could pick up the conversation exactly where we left off...I'll miss our lunch dates at Bricktops but no more than our friendship which spanned over 27 years...rest in peace gentle man...I've been blessed with another angel... 🌹*

Rose Branda McLaughlin - July 07, 2020 at 11:46 AM



“ *Jerry, may you rest in peace. A kind hearted person and is now in heaven watching over us.*

Joan Milford - July 02, 2020 at 09:01 AM



“ Jerry was my brother. One of the best friends that anyone could ask for. We fought at times like siblings always do but we always forgave each other and moved on. There were no words talked about the past. He called me Trini, Trini Lopez or Miss Lopez. We laughed together and we cried together. We had lots of great times together. My heart is so sad as there won't be a day that I won't think of him. I keep waiting for a phone call or text from him. I know it won't come. I miss you and will always love you and your big hugs. 💕💕💕💕💕💕💕

Cathy Kraft - July 01, 2020 at 09:37 PM

JR

“ "" A wonderful kind and lovely gentleman. So very sad and so young. R. I. P. dear friend".

Joseph Rosen - July 01, 2020 at 10:17 AM

MP

“ Such a sadness in my heart of Jerry passing! Many beautiful memories are engrave in my mind . Be in peace my friend ❤️

Marie Christine St Pierre - June 30, 2020 at 08:56 PM

JJ

“ One of my dearest friends. I just am at a lost for words. A caring, kind hearted gentleman. He will truly be missed. R.I.P. My Dear Friend....

Jack Jenkins - June 30, 2020 at 08:19 PM

JM

“ To my dear friend, Jerry

*May our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
Welcome you Home with loving arms,
Wipe the furrows of pain from your brow
With His nail-scarred hands,
And grant to you His eternal peace.
May all those who loved you
Find comfort in the knowledge
That you are now resting in the arms of Jesus.
And as we walk down the long, dark
Road of Grief into the Light
May we find the peace that only
Comes from knowing Him.
Amen.*



Jimmy Midgett - June 30, 2020 at 07:44 PM

JJ

“ A wonderful friend for many years, Jerry was very generous and kind.

J. Dean Farris, Jr. - June 30, 2020 at 04:02 PM

CY

“ J, as I called him was a great man. As his eldest sibling, I remember my Mom and Dad bringing him and his twin, Gary home from the hospital the Sunday before Christmas. Like all siblings, we had our moments, but there was never a doubt in my mind that he had my back. I love you, J and miss you! Cyn

Cyndy - June 30, 2020 at 03:48 PM