



## Gerald D. Manley

June 27, 1942 - February 20, 2023

Gerald D. Manley passed away peacefully on February 20, 2023. He was born on June 27, 1942 in Philpot, Kentucky to Willie David and Mary Florence (Towery) Manley, he was the youngest of 10 children. Gerald's siblings are Marion Alfred, Elva Hazel, David Chesley, Wilfred Glenn, Willis Leon, Donald Franklin, Nancy Marilyn, Dempsey Eugene, and Joseph Allen.

After completing high school, Gerald attended Western Kentucky University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree as a pre-med major. He then volunteered with the United States Navy and completed officer training school in Athens, GA. As a supply corp officer, he was assigned to the USS Boxer and during his four years, served two tours of duty to Vietnam.

After leaving the Navy, he returned to Western Kentucky University where he earned a Master's Degree in Biology. He then enrolled into Auburn University where he earned his Doctorate degree in Veterinary Medicine.

Gerald first practiced veterinary medicine in Belle Glade, FL. In 1976, after contacting the Florida Veterinary Medical Association and asking where a veterinarian was really needed, he designed and built the Umatilla Animal Hospital. He was honored to serve Umatilla and the community for 42 years.

While a contributor of his time to many civic and school organizations, he

most enjoyed using his skill as a pilot to fly medical missions with Angel Flight Soars and Angel Flight Southeast where he was awarded Pilot of the Year multiple times.

Gerald is survived by his wife, Kristin Manley; daughters Pamela Manley and Kathryn Speicher, (mother Faye Davis Manley) of Brevard County; son-in-law Jacob Speicher and grandsons Wakefield Speicher and Weston Speicher, all of Brevard County; sister Marilyn Elkins of Marion, Ohio; brother Dempsey Manley (wife Aliene) of Owensboro, KY; and brother Joseph Manley (wife Barbara) of Utica, KY.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to:

Parkinsons' Foundation  
<https://www.parkinson.org/>  
Gift Processing Center  
P.O. Box 6003  
Albert Lea, MN 56007-6603

Lewy Body Dementia Association  
<https://www.lbda.org/>  
912 Killiaw Hill Road, SW  
Lilburn, GA 30047

Angel Flight Soars Inc.  
<http://www.angelflightsoars.org/>  
2000 Airport Road Suite 227  
Dekalb Peachtree Airport  
Atlanta, GA 30341

Humane Society of Lake County

<https://www.humanelake.com/>  
16435 McKinley Rd  
Umatilla, FL 32784

Cornerstone Hospice  
<https://cornerstonehospice.org/>  
601 Mariposa Way  
The Villages, FL 32162

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2023, 10:00 AM at the First Baptist Church of Umatilla.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Umatilla, Florida.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Umatilla  
550 Hatfield Drive  
Umatilla, FL 32784

# Tribute Wall

KK

“ I just now found this post of Dr Manleys passing. What an amazing Man and awesome Vet. He took care of all my animals when I lived in Eustis. I remember taking a Little Bantam Hen named BB to him with a prolaped rectum from laying an egg. He flipped her over which induced a natural anesthesia and fixed her all up. Afterwards I said, how much do I owe you and he said... No Charge, only you would bring a Chicken in to be fixed up. We both laughed so hard. He was in Veterinarian Medicine for all the right reasons, not the money, but the animals. He taught me how to take care of my own wether it be a Cat, Dog, Horse, Chicken, Rabbit or Goat. He would say he couldn't always be there. True fully, it seemed like he always was and being in Solo practice and covering so many miles, I don't know how he did it. I still have the Picture of "Americas Goat Man... Ches McCartney he and his wife sent me. Thank for for everything Dr Manley. The world lost a good good Man. God bless.

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**Kellie Foster Kirkdoffer** - August 08, 2023 at 08:09 PM

JB

“ I am so sorry for your Families Loss. Dr Manley was a great vet and Loved the animals. Many fond memories of The Manley Family. Sorry for your Loss.

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**Jan Berens** - March 06, 2023 at 02:01 PM

GD

“ *Gina D. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Gerald D. Manley.*



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**Gina D.** - March 02, 2023 at 01:10 PM

CG

“ *Condolences and prayers. Such a wonderful man. I'm so sorry for your loss. May beautiful memories bring comfort and Peace.*

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**Carla Griffin** - March 01, 2023 at 03:51 PM

DM

“ *we are so sorry for your Loss Keeping you in our thought and prayers*

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**Darrell & Amy Merritt** - February 28, 2023 at 01:36 PM

AH

“ My disappointment in Jerry’s passing is offset by my complete confidence that he is resting comfortably in the arms of his Savior, Jesus Christ. I have so many memories of our 46 year friendship and while every one of them is a good memory, they are overshadowed by my respect for his integrity and honesty. I’ve never had more respect for anyone than I have for Jerry. We owned airplanes together, we partnered together in treating some of his patients, and our wives and daughters were best friends. I will certainly miss Jerry, but I thank God that Jerry is now enjoying his new body we are promised in Heaven. Thank you Jerry for being such a dear friend and wonderful professional. Our community is going to miss you!

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**Alan Hays** - February 24, 2023 at 09:50 PM

NM

“ My memory of Gerald-Manley on the family farm as a young man. He was part of the FFA and he was all ready taking care of all the animals then. He was all ways kind and generous to others. Will really missed by the family and friends.

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**Nancy Manely-Howard** - February 23, 2023 at 06:58 PM

RA

*His Smile, blue jeans jeans a White Tee shiry and white socks and just darn cute. He wasoke the kid version of my Dad....This is the uncle the little girl in me fell head over heels in love with ...He would push me in a swing and play tag with me...I was under 5 and he was in Highschool .. As the years passed we didnt see each other much due to distance and life...But I picked up the phone more than once because of a dog or a horse needed a pro to care for them....Uncle Gerald never let me or my critters down... in 1971 I think Dad (Don) loaded us all up and drove us to Aubrun to visit. Remember Aunt Faye making macaroni from a box...and it was good. Pam was little and adorable. Uncle Gerald took Dad, me and my brother to the University to see the Vet school ...I sware that was the biggest holstien bull I had ever seen..He told us about doing surgeries on dogs. After Aunt Faye passed we were all very thankful that Gerald found Kris and she became an instant mom for Pam and Kathy....So Thankful that Aunt Kris was there for Gerald in mote ways than we will ever know... We love you Kris.*

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**Reba Manley Atkinson** - February 23, 2023 at 07:45 PM

MP

“ So very sorry to hear of Dr. Manley's passing. I have a memory that makes me laugh everytime I think of it.

*15 years ago, I lived in Apopka and goats. One of my girls had a large cyst that need to be aspirated, so I loaded her in the back of my truck with a topper and drive to his office. Dr. Manley came out to the truck to check her and as soon as we raised the topper gate, that goat jumped over both our heads and took off running.*

*Dr Manley ran inside and got his lasso and he, myself and half his staff chased that goat through neighborhoods and clothes lines and across Hwy 19, finally cornering her under a truck by the citrus plant.*

*The story didn't stop there though. One of his staff ran back to get his truck so we could all ride back and bring the goat back to his office. As we were riding the short distance across the street, a cop pulled us over. He let Dr Manley travel back with the goat, but told us it wasn't legal to stand on the back bumper. That young cop loaded us in his patrol car to give us a ride back and I will never forget his call back to the station, "I have the perps contained". Dr. Manley and all of us had a great laugh when we got back.*

*Dr. Manley was a wonderful person who gave so much back to the world with his many volunteer acts. The world is less without him.*

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**Monica Poorbaugh** - February 23, 2023 at 09:27 AM

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*Sincere condolences to the Speicher and Manley families.*

*Dr. Manley must have been a wonderful man.*

*May you all find comfort in your memories.*

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**Francis DeMuro** - March 01, 2023 at 04:11 PM