



Gerard Kennedy

September 27, 1955 - April 22, 2020

Gerard (Jerry) P. Kennedy, 64, of Bushnell, FL, who was under the special care of AdventHealthcare, Dade City, FL, passed away (with his loving wife, Shirley by his side), on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. He was born on September 27, 1955 to Joseph and Mary (McCallion) Kennedy in Jersey City, NJ.

Jerry was a civil service electrical engineer with the U.S. Army for 25 years, the last 15 years spent at Picatinny Arsenal, NJ. He was an avid amateur radio member of the Metuchen Radio Club, K2YNT since his late teens (call letters W2GPK).

Jerry is survived by his wife, Shirley Kennedy; a stepson, Joseph Hunter and wife Valerie; 3 grandsons, Christian, Jace and Jathen Hunter, all of Oakland, NJ; eight brothers and sisters: Michael Kennedy and wife Theresa and their daughter Kerry of Phillipsburg, NJ; Monica Chisvette and her husband Mark and their 3 children, Cindy McConns and her daughter Evelyn McCanns), Kevin and Vincent Chisvette of Pompton Lake, NJ, Mark Kennedy and his wife Nancy and their daughter Ashleigh of Old Bridge, NJ, Joseph Kennedy and his wife Cher and their son Joseph of Stafford, VA, Aileen St. Marie and her husband Mark, their 2 daughters, Marlene and Sherri of Kendall Park, NJ; Mary Anne DeSante and her husband Louis and their 3 sons, Joseph, Louie and Peter of Brick, NJ; Patrick Kennedy and John Kennedy both of Fords, NJ;

3 brothers and sisters-in-laws: James and Betty J Kingston, their 3 children and their families; George and Margaret Clark and their 4 children and their families; Joseph (Jody) and wife Janice Boutwell and their 2 daughters and families. Also, his many cherished cousins and their families.

His funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Purcell Funeral Home of Bushnell, Florida. A virtual service will be held later in the year for family and close friends.

Tribute Wall

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“ Jerry was my best friend for over 20 years, and the best man at my wedding. We met at the Metuchen Radio club in New Jersey. Jerry and I worked near each other down in Princeton and we would meet each other on 2 meters or 220. Jerry traveled a lot to Puerto Rico and did satellite work for his job. We kept in touch with 10 meters as cell phones and email were non existent at that time. Jerry was a friend that you could count on. The type that would give you his shirt off of his back. I still remember our mini dxpeditions to Washington Rock NJ and bar hopping at Benningans trying to meet the girls there and having no luck! And the bars on RT 35 in South Amboy. Not to mention all of the different diners that we went to eat at. I was unable to attend Jerry's wedding but my wife and I invited him and Shirley to our house a few times and was happy that Jerry and Shirley had found each other. They were truly meant for each other. We always had fun when we all went out to Long Horns and spent many hours together, going over what we did in the past, the stories we told and what we were going to do in the future. Shirley please accept our Condolences to you and your family in this sad time, but please think of it as "God has called Jerry home to be with him."
Dave and Marjorie Kanitra

david kanitra - April 25, 2020 at 07:39 PM

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“ Met Jerry before he and Shirley married. Such a lovely couple. They attended my wedding to Robert. Then not long after, they married. Jerry was always with a smile. So intent on his radio workings. Robert and I have spent many good times with Jerry and Shirley. Shared meals. Shared laughs. He brought such happiness to Shirley and she was his shining spot. Rest easy Jerry. We'll be talking to you now and then. I know you loved pasta, so tonight, it's pasta, in your honor. See ya' later, and behave yourself up there!

Rosemary/Robert - April 24, 2020 at 10:47 PM