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Gerald "Jerry" Richard Ingley, age 73 of Lewes, DE and Gaithersburg, MD, passed away on Sunday, December 6, 2020 at Beebe Healthcare, after a short battle with COVID-19. He was born on December 20, 1946 in Baltimore, MD, son of the late Edmond and Irene Ingley.

Jerry was a graduate of St. Mary's High School in Annapolis, MD, Class of 1964 and held a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the University of Baltimore. He was a decorated Navy veteran, a two-tour Vietnam survivor, a career intelligence analyst, and a patriot who loved and respected his country.

He was a talented musician, singer/songwriter, novelist, composer, photographer, fisherman, golfer, and an avid reader. In his time, Jerry rode and raced motorcycles, played in rock bands, played in a 3-piece band (when he met his wife, Claire), and played keyboard and sang solo in local establishments in Lewes, Rehoboth Beach, and Millsboro. He always enjoyed playing and singing at friends' home parties, as well. In his later years, Jerry took up the brush, painting in acrylics and watercolors. He was a volunteer at The Lewes Public Library and at the Childrens Beach House. And he was, of course, Irish.

Above all, Jerry cherished time spent with those he held most dear. He was a loving and devoted husband, uncle, great-uncle, and friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, Jerry was preceded in death by his brother and best friend, Paul Ingley; his sister-in-law, Kathi Ingley; and a host of grandparents, aunts, uncles, and in-laws who influenced his life. He is survived by his beloved wife and soulmate, Claire B. Ingley, with whom he shared a wonderful life, filled with family and friends, lots of love and laughter, travels, and music. He is also survived by his nephew, Kevin Ingley and his wife Myra; his niece, Michele Ingley; his great-nephew, Brian Ingley; his great-niece, Deena Ingley; and his innumerable cousins, friends, and associates he knew and cared for during his lifetime.



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A celebration of Jerry's life will be held at a later date when it is again safe to gather together. He will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions in his memory to one of Jerry's favorite organizations: True Blue Jazz, 32165 Winery Way, Lewes, DE 19958, Children's Beach House, 1800 Bay Avenue, Lewes, DE 19958, or Lewes Public Library, 111 Adams Street, Lewes, DE 19958.

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.



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ER

Elaine Weiner-Reed posted:

Claire, You know how sorry I am for your loss... Losing Jerry just leaves a hole in our hearts... and always will. He was a wonderful boss... But more than that, a leader. He mentored everyone and challenged us to work harder and be our best selves. I remember one time as the banter was flowing between hours of hard work, I thought I had landed a great rejoinder. Score! I thought... Jerry silently giggled and then it rumbled to the surface in a burst of laughter to acknowledge my witty remark, but then he looked at me with that special look he has and told me "now, I need to ramp up my game." Over the years, he continued to help me and countless others sharpen our skills... And in so doing, he became one of my dear friends. He used to bring me cassette tapes of his songs, which you and he took down to Nashville every year. I wish I had all his songs now, but I am so happy that I got to see you and him in 2019 and hear him play. The song he wrote in response to my painting is one that I play all the time. Isn't it wonderful that we still have his voice? He loved you with all that he had to give, we all were blessed to see that love and share in it. I cannot believe it has been a year since we lost him, but my thoughts and prayers are ever with you. Reach out anytime, my friend.

December 8 at 11:55 AM

DG

Dorothy Greet posted:

Claire, You are very much in my thoughts and prayers. I know you have lost your most ardent fan. Jerry was so proud of your photographic accomplishments. I hope you will continue your creative work knowing that it brings beauty and joy even in the midst of grief. Dorothy Greet

December 23 at 8:59 AM

LB

Liz Brooks posted:

Claire, I was so sorry to hear news of Jerry's passing. As Julie Orth said, he taught so many of us the 'biz.' And he definitely taught us how to have fun while doing it. I will be forever grateful to have started my career in the same office with him. One specific memory I want to share is of taking an analysis class he was teaching. Everyone in the class knew each other and we were all feeding off his energy. After lunch we were downright unruly, so Jerry went over turned off the overhead lights and had us all put our heads down and close our eyes (and our mouths) for 15 minutes. I found that even more amusing and lost myself in a fit of uncontrolled laughter, which ultimately ended with Jerry asking me to step out into the hallway. He followed me out, I think to scold me, but his sense of humor got the better of him too and we both ended up just laughing. Before long Jerry had us all back on track in class, having taken control in a somewhat unusual but very playful manner. He touched many lives and shaped many careers. He really was a national treasure. I am so sorry for your loss. Liz Brooks

December 18 at 1:48 AM



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VA

Val posted:

Claire, I was so sorry to hear this. He was a wonderful, friend and mentor to many of us. I am saddened that such a bright star has been dimmed. Valerie Linder

December 17 at 1:16 PM

JO

Julie Orth posted:

Claire, I was so sorry to hear this. Jerry taught me and countless others the "business " It's a testament to him that we have been successful. He also taught us to have fun. My deepest thoughts. He will be mine.

December 17 at 1:11 PM

AL

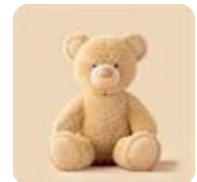
Amanda Lucks posted:

Claire, I am so sorry. You know Jerry was one of the shining lights of my life. You both have always been such wonderful friends. I hope that you are well and if there is anything at all I can do, please let me know. Love from one of Jerry's biggest groupies, Amanda

December 17 at 6:58 AM

HC

He Will Be Missed Bev. Cloud sent a virtual gift in honor of Gerald "Jerry".



December 17 at 6:17 AM



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AK

Amy Kobre lit a candle in honor of Gerald "Jerry".

Claire, so very sorry for your loss.

December 16 at 11:41 AM



DS

Didier Santschi January 14 at 12:20 PM

Chère Claire, Nous sommes très tristes et abattus de la disparition de Jerry. Nous l'avons appris seulement aujourd'hui! Nous nous souviendrons pour toujours de son interprétation au piano lors du mariage de notre fille Pauline, il y a 6 ans en Suisse, de notre promenade en voiture dans ma Morgan de collection par une splendide journée du mois de mai. Son départ nous rend triste et sans voix. Adieu Jerry, tu étais un sacré « bon type ». Didier et Gilda de Suisse

DM

Diane & Sam Markman January 10 at 4:31 PM

Claire, We are so very saddened to hear of Jerry's passing! We really enjoyed seeing him play at various venues around here! Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Sam and Diane Markman

PS

Pat And Stan December 28 at 8:53 AM

Claire: Both Stan and I were so shocked in hearing about Jerry's passing. I will miss his hugs. I loved our "Hi Jerry, this is Pat; hi pat, this is Jerry, thanks for calling." He loved you so deeply, Claire. He was so proud of all of your photography endeavors. Love, Stan and Pat

MC

Marc R Collard December 19 at 3:29 AM

Claire: This was truly shocking news! Beth and I send you our fondest thoughts.

BS

Betty Schiedenhelm December 18 at 6:46 PM

Claire I hope you realize how lucky you two were to have each other and that the love you share will always stay with you for he is always with you; no matter what is location is. We all will miss him and his generous soul. Love Betty and CJ

LS

Lee Sadleir December 18 at 1:41 PM

Dear Claire, I am so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. My heart aches for you. I will long remember our wonderful times at Gilley's. I always enjoyed talking and laughing with Jerry. He was a joy to be around. Love and hugs go out to you. Lee Sadleir

SR

Stacey Riley December 17 at 8:13 AM

Claire, When we think of Jerry we think of his smiling face and big personality! He was a Great guy and will be truly missed by all. We are sending you lots of Hugs and Prayers. If you need anything please let us know. Looking forward to getting together with you when all this Crazyness calms down. All Our Love, Stacey, Shane and Rose Riley



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gerald "Jerry" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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