



Gerald Thomas Barone

February 24, 1954 - June 19, 2017

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Passed away in his home with his loving wife Marsha in Orlando Florida on Monday June 19th at the age of 63. Born in New York February 24, 1954. He is survived by his beloved wife Marsha, Brother Richard, and Mother Genevieve and faithful dog Suzy. Jerold grew up in Rockland county New York and attended Rockland Community College. He worked for the County of Rockland publics' works department for a short time, then realized that he wanted to pursue his life's passion, music.

He sang and played drums in many bands including wedding and jazz bands with Daria Cinderella, daughter of famous Jazz guitarist Joe Cinderella in Rockland and upstate New York before relocating to Orlando, Florida. There he met one of his many lifelong friends, Gene Calarco. Together they teamed up with Tex (Wayne) Shelly and joined a popular touring country-rock band, Y.O. Split and began to tour the Midwest in Colorado, Wyoming and North Dakota.

"J.T." as he was known by many of his friends, returned from touring over a year later and relocated back to Rockland County, New York, where he and Gene formed a popular contemporary pop-rock band, The Papers with 2 other lifelong friends-Ronny Moore and Rick Reineke. J.T. became the band's lead singer front man. He performed in many Rockland county clubs and enjoyed RAVE reviews by Sam Shephard of the Rockland Journal news. J.T. enjoyed

writing and recording songs which he and his band performed at many New York City Clubs in the late 70's and early 80's alongside many legendary bands of the era like the Ramones, Blondie, The Dictators, The Shirts, and The NY Dolls at Max's Kansas City and C.B.G.B's, then later opened concerts for renowned bands Humble Pie and Novo Combo at the Aberdeen Ballroom, Stone Pony and the Dirt Club in New Jersey.

Gerald later relocated to Florida where he worked in distribution for the Orlando Sentinel newspaper and met his wife Marsha, enjoying many happy years together. Gerald was a kindred soul and one of the gentlest human beings, caring for people and humanity; he will be sorely missed by everyone.