



Gerald R. Haller

October 18, 1941 - June 15, 2016

Haller, Gerald R. (Jerry) passed away on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at ORMC, Orlando, FL after a 3+ year battle with Colon Cancer. He was born October 18, 1941 in Campbell, Nebraska.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Kay Hoffmeyer; 2 children, Phil Haller and Laura Bontty; 4 grandchildren, Frannie and Ethan Haller and Jackson and Austin Bontty; 2 sisters Roxine Campbell and Ramona Winkeller.

Jerry graduated from Tri State University with a bachelors in Civil Engineering and from Missouri S&T with a masters in Engineering Management. He retired from Boeing (McDonnell Douglas) in St. Louis after 30+ years. He also started a consulting firm, worked for 2 start up airplane companies as well as AI Engineering.

Jerry loved sailing, skiing and running. He was an active member of the Punta Gorda Sailing Club for many years.

A memorial mass will be celebrated in his memory at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Punta Gorda, FL on July 26th at 11:00.a.m.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to either St. Vincent de Paul Sacred Heart Conference or Hubbard House, Orlando, FL.

Tribute Wall

KH

“ 51 files added to the tribute wall



Kay Hoffmeyer - December 10, 2016 at 03:27 PM

BM

“ I met Jerry as part of the Punta Gorda Sailing Club's Spring cruise this year. It was my first time participating in an event like that. All the members were very nice, but I specifically remember what a warm and friendly person Jerry was along with Kay. I loved hearing his stories about all the racing he'd done and the fabulous cruising he and Kay did together over the years. They both made me feel very welcome, and for that I'll always be grateful.

In one sublime moment, the flotilla was about to pick up anchors and head from St. James City to Fort Myers Beach. Chuck and Sandy (of Forever) were radioing Jerry and Kay.

Chuck said simply over the radio, "Jammin'...Jammin', Forever".

I couldn't sum it up better than that.

Jerry will be greatly missed.

*Brian Molstad
Milwaukee, WI*

Brian Molstad - September 15, 2016 at 02:00 PM

AS

“ Simply said, Jerry was a "class act"....ever the consummate gentleman, positive thinker, and a real team player. The Sailing Club in particular will sorely miss this man; humanity, in general.....a true loss.

Avice Sunter

avice sunter - July 13, 2016 at 06:16 PM

CA

“ Jerry will always hold a special place in our hearts, as he did in our lives. We have enjoyed many adventures and good times over the past 30 years. Skiing, sailing and fellowship were among the favorites. He and Kay lived life to the fullest, sharing and caring in everything they pursued. We miss you Jerry and look forward to joining you among the heavenly hosts. Kay we look forward to many more good times with you. Please give a shout when you are in St. Louis and we will do the same when we are in Florida.

We love you and are keeping the family in our prayers,

Carol Jacoby and Jim Giefer

Carol - July 12, 2016 at 04:49 PM

GA

“ We will cherish the time spent with Jerry the past 4 years. Especially we will miss the times racing, with that big grin on his face as the wind picks up, rail buried in the water and the waves slapping the bow, making that next mark. The analytical discussions of the physics of sailing. The quiet times where there was no wind, and the past stories shared which allowed to get to know him better. The advice given on how to reach a destination on an upcoming cruise and what dangers to watch out for. Playing cards, potlucks, cruises, beers and food. Many fond memories. Jerry was our racing captain, teacher, adviser and most importantly our friend. We will miss him.

George & Kathy

George Adamczyk - July 10, 2016 at 05:54 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of Gerald's death. It has been since high school that we have been in touch. He was the boy in front of me in all the classes--Haller and Haney. I married a classmate and both Bill and I want to express our sympathy to all of you. Sincerely, Joyce and Bill Schuele

joyce schuele - July 10, 2016 at 02:18 PM

SM

“ Kay Haller and family. We were so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. We have been out of state since June and just started computer . Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sondra and Fred Moore. PGSC



Sondra Moore - July 09, 2016 at 05:53 PM

MA

“ People come in and out of our lives. A few unknowingly affect us by their example. By who they are and the way they live their lives. By their determination to live a full life and to never give up. Thanks Jerry
Matt Alaimo

Matt Alaimo - July 05, 2016 at 12:29 PM

CA

“ Kay,

Praying for you. God will help you during this difficult time.
God Bless, Christine Austin

Christine Austin - July 05, 2016 at 12:25 PM

SB

“ Kay, having known you and Jerry for many years through the Sailing Club, there are several moments that especially stand out in my mind. When racing and/or cruising, it was always great to see the two of you on Jammin with smiles on your faces and enjoying the moment. I also remember watching the two of you dancing at the COW in December and thinking how you looked like a loving couple just having the best time. Life seems so short when thinking of these precious moments, but it's those moments that count. Call me anytime and let's do lunch.
Sandy B

Sandra Busher - July 03, 2016 at 10:55 AM

RB

“ Dear Kay and Family
It was such a wonderful experience to have Jerry in our lives. I look at his painting (that won a "blue ribbon" in my office and we are so blessed to have memories of him.
We will miss him so very much.
Always,
Rebecca and Bill

Rebecca and Bill - July 02, 2016 at 08:53 AM

DS

“ Kay,
I met Gerry and you here 15 years ago. Constantly I observed his helpfulness in all things, especially sailing involved. I have been a recipient, more than once. Don't think I missed seeing how much you are a real team. Beside boats we shared a fondness for certain cars.. I did not know you were skiers, my many year sport. Know we would have enjoyed some words on that. Just the kind of guy that easily becomes a friend, that is Gerry.
My heart feels your loss.
I remember finding he was starting his cancer battle, just as was adjusting to mine. I said happy to help, glad to mow the lawn, or anything. He expressed had that had that covered, and was running. What a guy.
So many will miss him. More important you know there are many of us a phone call away,, any time.
David Saemisch

David Saemisch - July 01, 2016 at 05:15 PM

CB

“ We will always have memories of our time together in Ireland.
Chuck and Judy Barnes

Chuck & Judy Barnes - July 01, 2016 at 04:17 PM

KG

“ Kay - I only knew Jerry from your updates given to your Emmaus Sisters during his illness. Reading the comforting messages and knowing he loved sailing, I wished we had known him to compare adventures on the seas. We know he is no longer in pain or suffering and is resting in the arms of Our Lord and Savior. If you need or want company, all you do is call your Emmaus sister.
Love and Blessings,
Kay Garris

Kay Garris - June 30, 2016 at 07:17 PM

JL

“ *Jerry was always so generous to help amateur sailors, and to take us out on his boat when we were between boats!! He even let me steer!!*
He shared his artistic skill with everyone by presenting a shadow of their boat on the kitchen wall.
We are so sorry to not be able to continue those memories with Jerry & Kay. He is with his Savior now and at peace.
Jan & Bill Lorton

Janet Lorton - June 30, 2016 at 02:54 PM

JH

“ *The Haller family lived only 2 blocks away from us in Columbus & my most fond childhood memories are Jerry's marvelous snow sculptures in their front yard - they were huge with such perfect detail!*

Janice Anderson Hayek - June 30, 2016 at 11:46 AM

CW

“ *Ramona, Roxine and family,*
My sympathy to you in the loss of your brother. May he Rest in Peace!
Cathern (Hoffman) Wiehn

Cathern Wiehn - June 30, 2016 at 11:07 AM

SA

“ Dear Kay and family,
Jerry was an inspiration to us all. As I looked at all the photos and reflected on the past 15 years which we have known Jerry, I was reminded of the fun times that we have had together. He will be greatly missed.
And remember Kay, we are here for you.
Sue and Matt Alaimo

Susan & Matt Alaimo - June 30, 2016 at 06:30 AM

RW

“ Dear Kay and family. Jerry will be missed by all. Our memories of Jerry started in 1998. We bought the house next door. I was a sailor then and Jerry and I would brain storm projects of his or mine,. Sometimes while away I would get a call or email asking what I thought about the engine, electrical system or some other topic. Jerry was the engineer, not I. I think he was just checking if I was staying sharp. I'll miss him a lot.

Richard & Karen Williams

Richard F Williams - June 29, 2016 at 04:32 PM

MA

“ Dearest Kay,
How we have enjoyed the friendship you and Jerry have shared with us over the years. We will always treasure our memories of all the fun times together: Carlyle and Punta Gorda: racing, cruising, traveling, pool noodle volleyball, cards, pickle ball and many many dinners and pot lucks. Our hearts break at your/our loss. Please know that we are here for you any time. May the Lord Bless and Keep you...Mary and Bob Anderson

Mary Anderson - June 29, 2016 at 03:34 PM

BM

“ Dear Kay and family,
We will always treasure our memories of times spent with Jerry and will miss him very much. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time, and you have our deepest sympathy.
--Bobbi & Bruce Marschall

Bobbi Marschall - June 20, 2016 at 11:25 AM

DF

Dear Kay,
Oh- the memories!! Jerry, or as we called him Gerald was my first cousin. I didn't realize his birthday was October 18 and mine October 19. He was 8 years older than I am. A memory of mine, was when I was about 10 and he was 18. He came one summer to work for my Father, Edgar Lambrecht. It was like Elvis Presley came to town. He was the heartthrob of all the teenage girls.
I will always treasure the time you both took my daughter, Shoni and I sailing in Punta Gorda. Prayers with you during this difficult time of grief. Love Cousin Diana French

Diana French - July 02, 2016 at 05:49 PM

AC

We are in Nevada until October. Just wanted to extend my sympathy to you Kay and your family. May God hold you in his arms at this most trying time.
Anita Campion

Anita Campion - July 03, 2016 at 07:39 PM

TR

Dear Kay and Family,
When Terry and I moved into the neighborhood Jerry and Kay were one of the first to welcome us. From that day on, Jerry was there to help Terry with boat issues, talks about sailing in the area and lending a hand with home problems. Wish we had got to know him even better. We are deeply saddened by your loss. May love and peace comfort you through the days ahead.
Terry and Mary Rushing

Terry Rushing - July 05, 2016 at 08:22 AM

DC

Sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. We knew him over 50 yrs ago. My husband roomed with him before we were married. He was an attendant in our wedding 53 years ago.

Delbert Christense - July 06, 2016 at 09:06 AM

CI

Deepest sympathy, Roxine, Ramona, and family. My parents use to play cards at your Mom and Dads house in Columbus. Not real often, but I do remember coming over. I often wondered where everyone ended up living. You were such a good looking family,

Carolyn Ingold - July 07, 2016 at 08:40 AM

CD

Jerry and I shared a birth date -- one year apart. 10/18/1941 for him and 1942 for me. His dad Philip and my dad Ray were brothers and we all lived in Columbus until 1953. We went to the same school and the two families spent lots of time together. Jerry's talents knew no bounds. We all admired him for all that he knew and do! You will be missed.

My sympathy to Roxine and Ramona as well.

Cicily Dennis - August 17, 2016 at 04:10 PM