



Gerald J Renteria

April 12, 1940 - May 18, 2020

Gerald (Jerry) J. Renteria of Maple Shade, NJ, age 80 years old, passed away at home on May 18, 2020 after a battle with cancer. Jerry was the loving husband of Elizabeth A. (Barney) Renteria for 56 years; dear father of Gerald Renteria of Maple Shade, Sharon Renteria Clark and Mark Clark, of Mt. Laurel, and Scott Renteria and Chrissy DeMaio of Maple Shade; and loyal brother of Michael Renteria and Jeanne Thalman of Venice, Fl., Kathleen and William Yocum of Mt. Laurel, and the late Richard Renteria. Jerry is also survived by six grandchildren and one great-grandson, who were his pride and joy in life: Mitchell, Shwetha and Kylo Renteria of Philadelphia; Dylan Renteria of Cherry Hill; Alexander, Madeline, and Andrew Clark of Mt. Laurel; and Chase Renteria of Maple Shade, NJ, and many nieces and nephews.

Jerry moved to Maple Shade from Philadelphia in 1952. He attended OLPH School, and graduated from Moorestown High School in 1958. He served in the U.S. Army from 1960 to 1964, followed by a career at PECO in Philadelphia. Jerry also worked for decades as a weekend bartender at The Pirate's Inn in Mt. Laurel.

As a lifelong Maple Shade resident, Jerry had been involved in various civic clubs in Maple Shade and had many strong and long-lasting friendships in the community. His quick wit and dry sense of humor endeared him to many. Jerry was an avid reader of books and newspapers, and could discuss or argue on

any topic -- from history to politics to horse racing. He loved sports, especially when his children and grandchildren were involved, and could often be seen at the local ballfields watching his grandsons play baseball. He was a passionate Philadelphia sports fan, especially the Phillies, Eagles and other local sports. But the most important thing to Jerry was his family – he loved having his children and grandchildren all together for their annual weekends in Long Beach Island, holidays, birthdays, and random family dinners.

A memorial service for Jerry will be celebrated at a later date when it is safe for friends and family to gather together. Donations in Jerry's honor can be made to Samaritan Healthcare & Hospice, (<https://samaritannj.org/giving/donate-now/>) who were instrumental in ensuring that Jerry's end-of-life was on his terms, and did so with unparalleled kindness and compassion.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald J Renteria*

September 09, 2022 at 01:27 AM



“ *To the entire Renteria family . I'd like you to know I have good memories of Jerry . I know he will be greatly missed . Richie Nage*

Richie Nage - May 22, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ *Have many fond memories of Jerry, husband of my dear friend Betty. Whenever we would come to pick her up for a dinner out "with the girls", he would always greet us and say "she isn't allowed out tonight".. And we would laugh....One of our last get togethers was with Jerry and Betty - them sharing a night with us at the Golden Nugget...It was so much fun.. Really appreciated spending time with him...May he is rest in peace in the big casino in the sky. Love, thoughts and prayers to all his family, so precious and dear to him.*

Jo-Ann Murray - May 21, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ *Our thoughts and Prayers are with Betty and Family, Michael and Kathy. We were very saddened to hear of his loss. He was always full of life and always had a joke or funny story. Praying for those little grands who will miss him so very much.*

Bill and Jane Zeoli

Jane Zeoli - May 20, 2020 at 04:07 PM

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Betty and Family, I am so sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Gerri Mornell

Gerri Mornell - May 21, 2020 at 08:07 AM

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“*My thoughts and prayers are with your family. This was one amazing man. Somebody that truly held a special place in my heart. Always made me laugh and smile. He surely loved and bragged about all of his grandchildren always. What a wonderful - proud grandfather! Heaven has one heck of an angel now.*

The Manou Family

Beth - May 20, 2020 at 01:36 PM