



Gerald Allen Gorrell

May 1, 1938 - February 13, 2013

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Glen Arbor-Gerald Gorrell, 74, of Glen Arbor passed away February 13, 2013

Gerald was born May 1, 1938 in Charleroi, Pennsylvania to the late Creed and Helen (Hollis) Gorrell.

On April 4, 1959, Gerald married his high school sweetheart, the former Janice Ann Coulston in Dearborn.

Jerry honorably served as a member of the United States Naval Reserves 1956-1968, working in communications. During his time in the service, he pursued and received a degree in electrical engineering from Wayne State University. He had a 35 year career as an Electrical Engineer for the Ford Motor Company where he was responsible for the issuance of numerous patents. Jerry became interested in amateur radio while in high school, a passion that continued throughout his life. He was very active in the Traverse City/Leelanau area Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) and the Radio Amateur Civil Engineering Services (RACES) and has QSL/contact cards representing his vast array of communications from all over the world.

For the past 19 years, he and Janice have enjoyed retirement in Glen Arbor. He was active in the Glen Lake Schools as a math and science tutor and served on the scholarship board. Jerry was also active in the Glen Lake Artists. In his spare time he built furniture, loved the outdoors and could repair anything from appliances to automobiles.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 53 years Janice, daughters Lynn (Joe) Siciliano of Dearborn, MI and Susan (Ken) Baker of Dearborn, MI, grandchildren Anthony, Alexandra and Maria Siciliano and Grace Baker, brother William (Barbara) Gorrell of Bellaire, MI and brother-in-laws Dale (Patti) Coulston of Suttons Bay, MI and Wayne (Marilyn) Coulston of

St. Clair Shores, MI.

A memorial service is being planned for summer 2013.

Memorial contributions in memory of Jerry may be directed to the Cherryland Amateur Radio Club of Traverse City

Comments



“ Gerry's passing came as complete shock. I've known him since our high school days in Dearborn and we have kept in touch over the years through occassional visits and amateur radio.

He was a wonderful, gentle man and he will be sorely missed. Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Jan and the Gorrell family.

John and Terry Ackerman - Kent, Ohio

John Ackerman - March 06, 2013 at 06:47 PM



“ We are so sorry to learn of Gerry's passing. He was a true friend and a positive presence in our lives. We will always remember his sense of humor and gentle love for his family. Jan, Sue,Lynn, and all of your family: we hold you in our hearts at this sad time.

John Huston & Amy Stevens

John Huston & Amy Stevens - February 28, 2013 at 12:07 PM



“ With fond memories of Glen Lake Artist Gallery events with Jan and Gerry, m sincere sympathy to all the family.

Jo Anne Wilson, Traverse City & Saignon, France

Jo Anne Wilson - February 25, 2013 at 09:15 AM



“ Janice, may you and your family find peace with Gerry's passing. I had the pleasure of meeting you both several years ago with my Dad, Vern Welch. He and Gerry worked together at Ford I believe. Last year my Dad had an accident that left him in need of long term rehabilitation. He isn't yet able to pay his respects but I know he would want to. He thought highly of Gerry and liked him very much.

Rae Welch Johnson - February 25, 2013 at 07:46 PM