



Jerry Richard Umlor

April 21, 1933 - September 6, 2019

Jerry Richard Umlor, 86, a life-long Traverse City died Friday, September 6, 2019 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Jerry was born on Friday, April 21, 1933 to the late George and Ethel (Welsh) Umlor in Traverse City. He attended school here. In kindergarten, he and his friend Jerry Patterson decided they would run away from school, and did so!. Jerry graduated from Traverse City High School in 1951.

A veteran of the Korean Conflict, Jerry served as a member of the U. S. Army. Very proud of the fact that he was a paratrooper, Jerry often said "I jumped out of an airplane 18 times, every time in fright." He married the former Elaine Anne Domzalski Trombley on June 19, 1994 in Traverse City.

Jerry had been employed at Arnold-Tezak before becoming the Assessor for the City of Traverse City. Later he would become the Grand Traverse County Equalization Director. He loved all things out of doors and sports. He enjoyed playing Blooper Ball, bowling, golfing, water and snow skiing, boating, deer hunting and two tracking. He and Elaine also enjoyed spending winters in Orange Beach, Alabama.

Survivors include his wife Elaine; his children, Rory (Julie) Umlor of Traverse City; Melanie (Art) Schneider of Cedar, Michelle (Jerry Flaska) Umlor and Denise (Harold) Grant, all of Lake Ann; step-children, David Trombley of Traverse City, Matt (Nicole) Trombley of Brighton; grandchildren, Christina (Ross) Kniffin of Interlochen, Eric (Dawn) Umlor of Traverse City; Colin Schneider of WA, Caitlyn, Allison and Megan Trombley of Brighton, Emily and Elizabeth Trombley of Rapid City, and great grandchildren Dalton (Lizzy) Umlor of Traverse City, Brady Kniffin of Interlochen and Gracie Whaley of Kingsley. Jerry is also survived by his sister Beatrice Zimmerman of Livonia, a brother-in-law and his wife, Stuart and Carol Corpe of Traverse City and many nieces and nephews. Jerry was preceded in death by his first wife Gail Corpe Umlor, step son Daniel Trombley, brother George Umlor, sister, Betty Russell, great grandson Benjamin James Umlor.

The family cannot thank Holly and the staff at the Pavilions enough for their care and support of Jerry. And without help from Leslie, Elaine could not have navigated Jerry's and my journey through the past few years. So grateful. Jerry will now have great seats on the 50 yard line at U of M football games with Jim Franklin.

At his request, no formal services will take place. Inurnment will be in the columbarium of Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Jerry's name may be directed to a Veteran's organization of your own choosing.

Comments



“ Elaine and Family,
So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. Our prayers are for you and your family during this sad time.
Remember Jerry well and enjoyed working with him long ago.
Sincerely, Walt & Barb Klingelsmith

Walter Klingelsmith - September 15, 2019 at 02:27 PM



“ Jerry was a very nice man and full of life. He had a great sense of humor. God's blessings to Elaine and family

Pat Lueck - September 15, 2019 at 12:09 PM



“ What a great guy. As my dad's (Jim Franklin's) best friend JeRry has been around my entire life. I don't remember seeing him without a smile on his face.

Kitty Ewing - September 13, 2019 at 06:10 PM



“ Elaine, so sorry to have just read this.
He is at peace now.
Was always a pleasure when he would come in the store all those years.
Hope you are doing well. Hugs to you and family.

Char Durocher - September 13, 2019 at 08:12 AM



“ Dear Michelle and Melanie, I'm sad for you on the loss of your dad - and your mom. Prayers for this new chapter in your life. He sounded like he had a fun sense of humor. I remember you both with great warmth from high school. Blessings to you and your families.

Rita Olson Jackson

Paul and Rita Jackson - September 13, 2019 at 07:56 AM



“ Elaine, I am so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. I remember seeing him at Woodcreek a few times with you and he was always so happy. My deepest condolences to you and your family.
Cathy Vanderlaan

Cathy Vanderlaan - September 12, 2019 at 06:32 PM