



George "Gerry" Rhodes Sherwin

May 8, 1941 - June 8, 2022

George Rhodes "Gerry" Sherwin, 81, died on June 8, 2022 in Murrells Inlet, SC, at home with family, friends, and hospice care. Gerry was born May 8, 1941 in Worcester, MA, son of George Alfred and Helen Anna (Rohn) Sherwin.

Gerry graduated from Wachusett Regional High School, Holden Massachusetts in 1959 and Hamilton College, Clinton, NY in 1963. He joined the Navy and graduated from the U.S. Naval Officer Candidate School, Newport, RI in 1964. Gerry served 5 years Active Duty on the USS Havre, USS Mazama, and at the U.S. Naval Communications School, Newport, RI, followed by 19 more years in the U.S. Naval Reserve Military Sealift Command, primarily in Boston and Rhode Island. He retired with the rank of Captain on the deck of the USS Constitution "Old Ironsides" in Boston in 1987. It was his honor to serve in the Naval Reserve, helping to preserve the military readiness of the United States, and he was privileged to enjoy many interesting duty

stations for his annual Active Duty, including San Francisco, New Orleans, Cape Canaveral, Washington, D.C., and London, England.

Gerry enjoyed a long successful career in banking in Boston and Worcester, MA before moving to Plattsburgh, NY in 1992, where he served as Senior Vice President at Champlain National Bank. He enjoyed some of his best years in Plattsburgh on Lake Champlain, where he could sail, golf, ski at Whiteface Mountain in Lake Placid, and have dinners in nearby Montreal. Since moving to Murrells Inlet, SC in 2007, Gerry has loved living and playing golf at Wachesaw Plantation. He found a new opportunity for his life-long musical interest by singing Barbershop with the Low Country Chorus for many years. Gerry was a member of Unity Myrtle Beach Church, where he felt that he found his spiritual center.

Throughout his career, Gerry's respect and commitment were evident in the way he listened and provided creative solutions for businesses seeking loans. He enjoyed mentoring and helping others to succeed, and this was recognized by the U.S. Small Business Administration Syracuse District Office shortly before he retired.

Gerry enthusiastically gave his time and talent to help any organization in which he was involved. His insight and leadership were recognized by the Boards on which

he served, including as Board Chairman for Mountain Lake PBS and The Development Corporation of Clinton County in Plattsburgh, NY. Gerry chaired Annual Fund Campaigns for both The Foundation of Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital Medical Center and The United Way. He was also a long time member of the Plattsburgh Rotary Club, for which he served as President and received the Paul Harris Fellow Award. After retirement, Gerry continued to participate on committees and boards for Wachesaw Plantation Club, Military Officers Association of America, Low Country Chorus, and Unity MB Church. Service was very important to him.

Gerry met his wife Jane in the summer of 1963 when they both worked at Filene's Department Store in Worcester, MA, just before he entered the U.S. Naval Officer Candidate School and Jane began her first year at UMASS Amherst, School of Nursing. They celebrated their 55th anniversary on January 21, 2022.

Gerry's family was his most important treasure. He loved deeply and he was truly loved in return. His work and commuting took him away for long hours of the day, but he would still make time to attend school and community events with his sons. In later life, he told anyone who

would listen about his granddaughter Morgan's musical performances and her role as Tinkerbell at Disney World, including pictures! He often spoke about how proud he was of his grandson Logan's classical piano skills, sharing videos of Logan's performances. He was greatly disappointed that health issues and Covid prevented him from meeting his great granddaughter, Ella Marie, born three years ago in Texas.

Gerry's friends remember him as a true gentleman, as ethical as the day is long and equally as generous. He cared about making life better for those in need. He enjoyed good food—a big lobster paired with a nice wine. And while his golf swing might have been a bit unorthodox, he loved the game and the countless friends he made on the courses he played. He will be missed.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Alicia (Stumpf) Sherwin; two sons, G. Marcus Sherwin, (wife Marina and son Logan), North Grafton MA; David T. Sherwin, Worcester, MA, his daughter, Morgan Elizabeth (Sherwin) Hamilton, (husband Alex), and great granddaughter, Ella Marie Hamilton) New Braunfels, TX. Gerry leaves three sisters: Anne S. Neary (husband James), Bluffton, SC, Jane S. Greenslit, Stratham, NH, and Lynn S. Crystoff, Worcester, MA. In addition, his sisters-in-law, Nancy E. Shivick (husband Richard), Rochdale, MA and North Port, FL, and

Katharine M. Harper (husband Gary) of Tenants Harbor, Maine. He has several nieces and nephews, and a cousin, Herb Sherwin (wife Roxanna) of Huntsville, AL. Gerry also leaves his two beautiful Ragdoll cats, Danny and Hobbes, who greatly miss him!

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 27th at 1:00PM, Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel, 11528 Frontage Rd. (US 17 Bypass) Murrells Inlet, SC. Reverend Margaret Allen Hiller from Unity MB will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial donations may be made to Unity Myrtle Beach Church (6173 Salem Road, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588); Grand Strand Chapter Military Officers Association of America (Grand Strand Chapter MOAA, P.O. Box 15842, Surfside Beach, SC. 29587), which provides support to veterans programs and scholarships to area ROTC students; or to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (300 W Coleman Blvd, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464).

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 27. 1:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel
11528 Highway 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Tribute Wall



“ *Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of George "Gerry" Rhodes Sherwin*



Goldfinch Funeral Home - August 25, 2022 at 12:01 PM

JS

“ *My name won't mean anything to anyone but I was a young college student working whenever I had off hours at First Safety Fund National Bank in Worcester (1978-'79). Gerry was our SVP. I remember how nice he was to me as a young college kid, always classy and so well-dressed! I continue to work at my 35+ year career in banking thanks to gentlemen like Gerry I met along the way.*

Oddly, I was with a former FSFNB yesterday and we were remembering those we worked with in the "old days", and his name came up and a nice way! Then we learned of his passing. Sorry so your loss, he is remembered fondly!

- Joe Sova

Joe Sova - August 25, 2022 at 05:13 PM

GD

“Gerry was a highly respected part of the North Country business community and a valuable member of the Board of Directors of the North Country Chamber of Commerce for some years. He left a lasting contribution here as well as many friends and colleagues who will be sad at his passing. Condolences to all of the family.”

Garry Douglas - August 22, 2022 at 10:25 AM

VC

“I did not know Mr. Sherwin, but wanted to say that the world lost a man who did not waste a minute of the life he was given, according to his obituary. I send my most sincere condolences to his family. “A LIFE WELL LIVED.”

Vickie J.Cooper, formerly from Conway,SC - August 22, 2022 at 07:33 AM

KA

“Our sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one. May cherished memories and earnest prayer bring comfort for the Sherwin family at this time. Isaiah 41:10

Kathryn - August 11, 2022 at 12:11 PM

BB

“I am sad our friendship was only a few short years but I feel fortunate to have known such a kind and caring person. I have many memories of happy times we all shared together. Gerry's positive outlook on life is an inspiration for all of us that knew him. I know whenever I make cream of asparagus soup, I will smile and think of Gerry. Love to Jane and family during this sad time.

BARBARA R BUSSKOHL - August 11, 2022 at 11:47 AM

TE

“Gerry was a truly nice guy. He liked a lot of the simpler things in life like his BMW, 5 Guy's french fries and peanuts, single malt scotch, swapping "sea stories," etc. But what he loved the most was Jane. I will continue to miss his company and his signature laugh.

Terry - August 11, 2022 at 10:13 AM