



## Gerald "Jerry" Johnstone

January 16, 1944 - February 11, 2016

Jerry Johnstone a longtime resident of Oceanside Village passed away on Thursday, February 11, 2016 surrounded by his wife of 26 years and his step-daughter Michelle. Jerry was the President of the Oceanside Village Entertainment Committee for many years and loved the Village. He was the consummate party giver and loved celebrating all the holidays in the Village. Jerry was born in St Cloud, Minnesota to Stanley and Myrtle Johnstone. He was one of 12 children and a twin to his sister Joyce. He is predeceased by both of his parents and his sisters Joyce and Mary and brothers Robert, Cyril, Stanley and Mark.

Jerry spent 22 years in the United States Army retiring in 1983 as a Chief Warrant Officer. He was a Vietnam veteran serving in QUIN Hon as an enlisted aide to the Quin Hon support commander Brig. General Charles R (Monk) Meyer. He also served on the staff of 4 other General Officers until accepting an appointment to Warrant Officer. Jerry operated the dining facilities on Redstone Arsenal, Alabama while performing duties as food service adviser to the Commanding General. In 1976 one of his facilities won the coveted Phillip A. Connelly Award for Food Service Excellence in a military dining facility and in 1979 was a runner up.

He went on to become a Project Manager for food service contracts with the military and finally in 1993 took a position as Director of Operations with the Horry County Solid Waste Authority where he spent 14 years until his retirement in 2007.

Jerry was president of the Surfside Sea Notes Investment Club for many years. His hobbies included gourmet cooking, country music, karaoke and helping friends and neighbors. Jerry especially enjoyed planning and hosting community-wide social events for all of the residents of OSV. Jerry enjoyed traveling with his wife and has been to all 50 States and has seen the majority of Canada.

Surviving are his wife of 26 years Diana, a step - daughter, Michelle, son-in-law Jerry, grand-puppy Gigi, two brothers, three sisters and Army brother Cliff. A Celebration of Jerry's life will be held on Monday, February 15th at 4:00pm at Oceanside Village Community Center in Surfside Beach, SC.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to a charity of one's choice.

An online guestbook is available at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Johnstone



Goldfinch Funeral Home - February 14, 2016 at 09:47 AM

DI

*Awesome video!! Our hearts are broken. Please know our thoughts, prayers and love are with Diana (your Mom), you and all your family. >3*

Diane - February 14, 2016 at 05:02 PM

AM

*What a wonderful tribute to Jerry. Diana you and Michelle have a many great memories that wili always be etched in your hearts. Love you both. Alicia Murphy*

Alicia Murphy - February 14, 2016 at 05:53 PM

KA

*such a precious video... ..may God comfort and keep you....*

Kathy Allen - February 14, 2016 at 06:46 PM

MP

*What a beautiful tribute to Jerry. Diana and Michelle the love he had for you and family is in his smile throughout this video. Rest in the Lords arms my friend*

marlene poulopoulos - February 14, 2016 at 07:50 PM

LP

*This is a beautiful story of a very loved person. What a nice way to represent a loving husband, and a precious family member and friend. Also a dedicated and decorated soldier. Sending love and prayers for all. May he RIP.*

**Linda Polsfuss** - February 14, 2016 at 09:54 PM

TT

*What a wonderful video. .always with a smile on his face.. .we are praying for you. .may God comfort you .yall touch our life from Greenville SC. He always welcome us to the beach when we came and stayed at the Days place. .*

*We will miss him this year..praying for you. .Bobby and Tammy Timms*

**Tammy Timms** - February 15, 2016 at 08:25 AM

JG

*A beautiful tribute to a unique, wonderful man who was a true pleasure to know. We loved both he and Diana and will cherish the memories of good times that we shared.*

**Jay & Marsha Giltz** - February 15, 2016 at 01:00 PM

JT

*What a beautiful tribute to Jerry. We are going to miss him like crazy. We are so sorry for your loss Diana and Michelle. We love you!*

**Jean Johnstone Taylor** - February 15, 2016 at 01:07 PM

AP

*You will be missed uncle Jerry.*  
*Allison*

**Allison Phillips** - February 15, 2016 at 05:47 PM

CC

*What a beautiful memorial tribute to Jerry's life! Diana and Michelle, please know that you are in our thoughts, in our prayers, and wrapped in the love of our hearts.*

*Cindy and Steve Cobb*

**Cindy Cobb** - February 15, 2016 at 07:05 PM

PS

*Michelle and Diana, this is such a great tribute to the most wonderful male friend we had. RIP Jerry.*

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**patricia Smith** - February 15, 2016 at 07:51 PM

DS

*What a beautiful service yesterday - Jerry will forever be missed and remembered.*

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**Dean & Pam Spink** - February 16, 2016 at 05:26 AM

KC

“ *Our deepest prayers to Diane and her family .....Jerry will be missed ... he was loved by many!*

*Ann and Ken Carroll*

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**Kenneth Carroll** - February 16, 2016 at 07:51 AM

PS

“ *Diana and Michelle so sorry ,Jerry was a nice Man the first time I met him I liked him wish I could have saw more of Jerry he made me feel like I had known him forever. Diana we go back to the first grade our friendship lasted across the miles know you will be lost with out Jerry but the memories will last forever you can look up and see that great smile and know he's watching over you Wish I could have been there to give a hug and my love. May Jerry Rest In Peace and the angels watch over you and heal your broken heart.*



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**Patty Faw Spears** - February 15, 2016 at 10:59 PM

PV

“ *Peggy And Joe Veedock lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Johnstone*



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**Peggy and Joe Veedock** - February 15, 2016 at 02:26 PM

WU

“ *RIP Soldier !!!!  
Wayne Williams  
United States Marine Corps*



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**Wayne Williams - USMC** - February 15, 2016 at 02:19 PM

CJ

“ *A lovely, loving man who always welcomed me into his home, sharing his love and his loved ones and special holidays. And then we would talk politics and discuss the national deficit and the NFL and debate whether GiGi was really a dog or a blood relative and Diana would say "O Lord".....and Michelle would just laugh and shake her head. He didn't just march to a different drummer, he was the drummer, a ringmaster of this circus we call life. And he had a ball. I will miss him and the wonderful times we shared and I will think of him everyday.*

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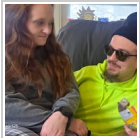
**cathy jameson** - February 15, 2016 at 12:43 PM

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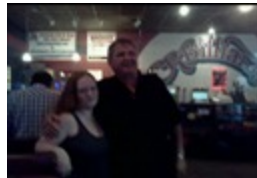
“ During our ownership at OSV we came in contact with Jerry. He was a fun and hardworking person. Since we moved away from the village, (Diane sold our house there) we have run into Jerry on numerous occasions, he never failed to recognize us. Unfortunately our last encounter was at MI oncology where we were both patients. Our hearts go out to Diane and his family. He will be missed. Pat and Paul Palonis

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**pat palonis** - February 15, 2016 at 12:07 PM



“ Uncle jerry , I loved being able to see you. There not a more happy and loveable man. U helped me when I needed and always made me smile when u sang your " purple people eater" your amazing and I love u ... u will always b missed and never forgot. No more pain uncle. Finally back with my grandma Joyce and uncle popo and so many others of our famiky. The world won't be the same with out you



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**Paige Malmanger** - February 15, 2016 at 11:16 AM

JK

“ Uncle Jerry; I can't thank you enough for all the awesome memories you gave us all. Your singing, laughing and playing jokes. Every time we see you and think of you, all we see is your huge smile. We can be having a bad day, but when we see your smile, all things turn good and we're smiling. Keep smiling; I know I'll keep smiling when I see your picture. :-)

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**Jamie Kipka** - February 15, 2016 at 10:52 AM

JS

“ Jerry ill never forget you and I getting dirt for our gardens and us planting them and taking care of them. You and Diana taking me on my first cruise. Giving me containers of that good soup you made. Ill miss hearing you singing elvis and George jones at the partys you had. Its just not the same bartending anymore at the clubhouse I miss my friend and neighbor. Rest in Peace my best friend ill truly miss you.

*John Sensenich*

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**John Sensenich** - February 14, 2016 at 10:08 PM

JT

“ Jerry, I never will forget the trips you always made since my Dad died when I was only 17 years old. You and Diana would come pretty much every other year. We would get together to visit, catch up and hear you sing. Man, could you sing! Then, my mom passed eight years ago and yet again, you don't forget us and you and Diana continue visiting us. You have always kept my dads memory alive to me by your love for our family. You two were the best in letting us come visit you guys for nine days not even two years ago. I have always looked at you like a second dad and will miss you so much that my heart truly aches. I love you. WE love you! Say hi to my parents and sing with that beautiful voice of yours and entertain like you did, oh so very well with strobe lights and all! Rest in peace Uncle!

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**Jean Johnstone Taylor** - February 14, 2016 at 09:05 PM

MV

“ I had the privilege of working with Jerry during the 1970's at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. I was the Secretary to the Commanding General of the US Army Missile Command and in our day to day contact we always enjoyed a great relationship. I have kept up with him through the years through Cliff and his wonderful attitude of enjoying life to the fullest has always abounded. My sympathy to you Diana and all the family. Margaret Vaughn

Margaret Vaughn - February 14, 2016 at 07:32 PM

SU

I am one of the nieces of Jerry. My dad was his oldest brother Stanley. I had the privilege of growing up with Jerry st family celebrations. My favorite memory is all the times we all sang together with the whole family at Grandma and Grandpas house in St. Cloud, Minn. We'll miss you Jerry. All our love and happy celebrating in heaven with everyone. Ttyl we meet again.

Susie-Johnstone-Wills - February 14, 2016 at 07:42 PM

BJ

“ Brenda Johnson lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Johnstone



Brenda Johnson - February 14, 2016 at 06:29 PM

YT

“ We will always remember Jerry as a wonderful, kind, and loving man! When we first came to Oceanside Village Jerry and Diana welcomed us as family! We didn't feel like outsiders, but like part of their family! There are no words to express the Loss of this GentleMan! He was Oceanside Village! He took a piece of all our hearts with him!

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, WE LOVE AND MISS YOU, RON,  
YVONNE, SABRINA ROSE

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**Yvonne Thornton** - February 14, 2016 at 03:59 PM

MC

“ Jerry and Diana welcomed me always into their hearts. As a snowbird from Buffalo they made Oceanside Village home. Priceless, wonderful people.

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**Marilyn Carmichael** - February 14, 2016 at 03:57 PM

LA

“ Diane,Michelle,so sorry for your loss,just know he is suffering no more,may the lord comfort and be with you during this time.Keeping you in prayer.

Love Linda Anderson

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**linda anderson** - February 14, 2016 at 03:35 PM



DW

“ Our deepest sympathies to your family on the loss of a great man.  
Dave and Darla Williams

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**Darla Williams** - February 13, 2016 at 08:42 PM

RT

“ I have great memories of working with Jerry Johnstone during the 1970-1972 time frame at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. I was the Aide de Camp to the Commanding General of the US Army Missile Command and Jerry was the Senior Enlisted Aide to the General. Jerry was always such a positive person with a super sense of humor; I will always fondly remember those days.

*Rodney Tanaka  
Honolulu, Hawaii*

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**Rodney Tanaka** - February 13, 2016 at 04:43 PM