



Jerry Richter

June 5, 1943 - April 24, 2021

Myrtle Beach, SC

Jerry Richter, age 77, passed away Saturday, April 24, 2021.

He was born June 5, 1943 in Orange, CT, a son of the late Gerhardt and Anne Kline Richter. For many years Jerry served as a deacon in the Lutheran church which entailed reading the Epistle and Gospel lessons during the Sunday church service and administering the communion for the parishoners at the completion of the service. He also served as an usher when church members arrived for the service. Before going away to college, he participated in church youth groups. He was also a member of the Church Council for many years.

Jerry graduated from Gettysburg College with a Bachelors degree with a major in both economics and history. Following graduation, he was hired by Prudential Insurance Company and had a 35-year career with them. His career spanned a number of management positions involving systems/programming, claims administration for the Medicare/Medicaid/Medicare Part A programs, finance and budgets, and property management.

Jerry loved all sports both as a participant and as a spectator. He was proficient in baseball, basketball, both fast pitch and slow pitch softball, bowling, and golfing. In bowling scratch leagues, he carried an average in the high 180's for over 20 years; qualifying twice for the ABC National Tournament in the amateur division. He started playing golf at age nine and carried a

handicap between 8 and 12 for over 30 years. His nickname was "Wedgeboy" because of his excellent short game. During his lifetime, he played over 4000 18-hole rounds of golf. Some say he may have liked the sport.

He loved playing many different courses, having played in the New England and New Jersey areas, 113 different courses in the Myrtle Beach area, almost all the courses in the Hilton Head and Pinehurst area. He was a spectator in person at the PGA Tour, LPGA Tour, and Champions Tour Tournaments.

Jerry and Marie not only played with the men's and ladies' group of golfers, but also played a lot of couples' golf with their friends and neighbors.

Jerry was a very people-oriented person who loved to socialize with family, friends, and neighbors. He and his wife, Marie, had many parties, BBQ's, and get-togethers at their home for friends and neighbors to socialize with each other for many years.

For many years, he rented a house on the beach in North Myrtle Beach, where his daughters, their spouses, and grandkids could spend a week as a group with him and Marie. They not only enjoyed the beach and ocean, but all other activities available on the Grand Strand.

When he retired in Myrtle Beach, he organized and ran well over 100 tournaments, for the Myrtle Beach National Golf Club Men's Group. He was also involved with the Southcreek HOA, serving on the social committee as chairman for six years and the property committee for five years.

Surviving are his wife of 35 years, Marie Alderman Richter of Myrtle Beach; three daughters, Christina Deignan (James) of Stephen's City, VA, Melissa McCarthy (Kevin) of Hamilton Township, NJ, and Vanessa Richter of Fords, NJ; six grandchildren, Jillian Deignan, Joseph Deignan, Jason Deignan, Lauren McCarthy, Caitlin McCarthy, and Alexandra McCarthy; and one brother, Donald Richter (Jane Gilligan) of Massachusetts.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM Thursday, April 29, 2021 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel. A graveside service will take place in Manchester, Connecticut on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 12:00 PM.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service, at the funeral

home.

Memorial donations may be made to Male Breast Cancer Coalition, 4222 W. 69th Terrace, Prairie Village, KS 66208.

Please sign the online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is serving the family.

Cemetery Details

Town of Manchester Cemetery

41 Center Street
Manchester, CT 06045

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 29. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel
606-610 Beaty Street
Conway, SC 29526

Funeral Service

APR 29. 2:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel
606-610 Beaty Street
Conway, SC 29526

Tribute Wall



“ Met Jerry about 5 years ago and he immediately befriended my wife and I. We always had great times at his house parties and corn hole tourneys. He was a great friend who will be sadly missed by many.

Tony and Arlene Miklaszewski

Tony Miklaszewski - May 13, 2021 at 07:37 PM

AD

“ For 10 years as a starter at Myrtle Beach National I remember Jerry. A very jovial and friendly guy he was. Always chipper and quick with a joke too!! We have friends in Murrells Inlet from Manchester. He worked for Pratt-Whitney. RIP Jerry. Tony

Anthony (Tony) DiBartolomeo - April 30, 2021 at 05:04 PM

JC

“ Jim and Mary Crowe purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Jerry Richter.



Jim and Mary Crowe - April 29, 2021 at 06:28 PM

SS

“ Jerry, I will miss seeing you on the golf course. You were one of a kind and I am a better person for knowing you.
Sue Sheehan



Sue Sheehan - April 29, 2021 at 09:14 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Jerry Richter.*



April 29, 2021 at 07:18 AM



“ *Jerry thank you so much for all the years of your friendship. I admired you so much as a person and a man. I regret now not having told you that in person. The saying "Adapt and Overcome" should have a picture of you next to it. Rest and sleep well brother, you earned it. I will never forget you. You made my life better everyday. Love Steve Spindler*

Stephen E Spindler - April 28, 2021 at 02:05 PM



“ *Jerry you will always be the man with a sparkel in your eyes and a big smile to us. We will always remember the silly jokes you and Steve shared and the continues laughter between the two of you. You were always there for all your friends and your work with the community was never ending. You will be dearly miss by us. True friends are hard to find rest peacefully my friend. Love Ruth & Steve Spindler*

Ruth A Spindler - April 28, 2021 at 01:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Jerry Richter.



April 27, 2021 at 09:23 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Jerry Richter.



April 27, 2021 at 05:01 PM