



## Gerald Michal Vickowanich

March 13, 1941 - August 2, 2022

The world became a dimmer place when Gerald Michal Vickowanich known to many as “Jerry” or “Vic” age 81, died in his home in Myrtle Beach, SC on August 2. Jerry left behind his loving wife Nancy Vickowanich, daughter Nicole Durham and son-in-law David, plus his faithful Jack Russell Terrier, Piper. He was affectionately known as the “treat man” to his grand dogs.

Jerry was born March 13, 1941 in Livonia, Michigan to Nicholas and Stella (Depa) Vickowanich. He is also survived by his sister. Jerry was an avid golfer and a lover of Corvettes, owning several throughout his life. He had an infectious laugh and was always the life of the party. His love for University of Michigan Athletics was unmatched. From Saturdays in the fall through the depths of winter and into the budding spring, you’d always find him cheering for his beloved Wolverines no matter the sport.

His career in aerospace engineering included working on the Minuteman Intercontinental Ballistic Missile system and the Saturn 5 rocket that helped take men to the moon. He also spent many years in electrical engineering and sales where he won Salesman of the Year honors multiple times with Dodson Pest Control. After retiring, he loved to go “picking” and maintained an antique booth at Peddlers Place in Myrtle Beach.

Most importantly, Jerry was always quick with a joke, happy to lend a hand

and always concerned about others' well-being, unless you were an Ohio State fan, and even then he'd probably help you change a flat tire. Maybe... A truly good man was lost when he left this world.

A memorial service and celebration of life will be held Saturday, August 20, 2022 at 2:00 pm at Goldfinch Funeral Home in Murrells Inlet, the visitation and celebration of life will follow the memorial service. The family requests everyone wear bright and festive attire to Jerry's celebration and come prepared to share your best "remember whens..."

In lieu of flowers please donate in his honor to Amedisys Foundation Rescue, <https://www.amedisys.com/about/foundation/> or Raintree Jacks Jack Russell, <https://raintreejacks.org>

To view the service follow the livestream link: <https://vimeo.com/741441798>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG **20**. 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 Gerald Michal Vickowanich



Goldfinch Funeral Home - August 18, 2022 at 10:03 AM

CB

“ Nancy, Nicole and David, my heart aches for your loss. We have so many good memories of our friendship. I am so grateful that we got to visit that one time several years ago. God bless and know that I am praying for healing of your hearts and joy as you recall your loving life together.

Christine Burns - August 06, 2022 at 03:11 PM

MS

“ I'm gong to miss hearing of the many fun outings that Nicole & Jerry shared. It was always enjoyable seeing his great smile beaming wherever he was with her. What a true Father/Daughter connection. It clearly brought him such joy!



MJ Sanner - August 05, 2022 at 07:59 AM

KH

“ My favorite memory is at Nicole’s wedding and his toast. It had everything from laughs to tears to happiness. He was such a light in a room. He will be grrratly missed.



Kellie Hansen - August 04, 2022 at 08:11 PM

GC

“ Hey Jerry, thanks for letting me clean your teeth and for giving me gifts of wine and chocolates even though I am a MSU fan 😊

Gail Cyzman - August 04, 2022 at 02:05 PM

“ Parker Vollmer lit a candle in memory of Gerald Michal Vickowanich



Parker Vollmer - August 04, 2022 at 01:32 PM

SP

So many fun times. Some of the pool parties were epic. Gerry was life of the party. He will be missed.

Sue&Larry Pinkston - August 04, 2022 at 10:21 PM

SP

Memories of those we love live forever in our hearts. Jerry will be missed by all who were fortunate to know him and call him friend. My deepest condolences on your loss.

Susan Perreault - August 08, 2022 at 09:31 PM

DB

*May my brother rest in peace and out of pain. I will miss you very much. I loved you very much.  
Love your sister Diane Bates*

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**Diane Bates** - August 17, 2022 at 07:10 AM