



Gerard R Engel

May 30, 1936 - August 24, 2016

Gerard R. Engel

Pawleys Island

Gerard (Jerry) Robert Engel of Heritage Plantation, died on August 24, 2016 after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease and dementia.

Born May 30, 1936 in Queens, NY, he was the son of Emil and Elsie Engel.

He attended Adelphi University where he earned a Physics degree and an MBA while working for Western Union and Sperry Gyroscope. He began his career as an engineer working on the design and construction of the "Ship's Inertial Navigation System" for the Polaris submarine. He progressed to VP and General Manager of Satellite Business Systems, owned by IBM, and earned awards from NASA for his contributions to the space shuttle, "Columbia". Earlier, he proudly served in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Helene, his lifetime partner for 55 years; one son and two daughters: Craig (Joanne) Engel of Shamong, NJ, Nancy Engel of Dallas, TX and Karen (Dan) Graybill of Galena, OH; eight grandchildren, Kinsey, Riley, Chas, Ryan, Karly, Trevor, Krista and Garrett. He also leaves a sister, Janene Mensch of Tempe, AZ and her family.

He was especially proud of his children's accomplishments in academics as well as athletics where he enjoyed volunteering. Jerry believed that it was important to learn from your failures, play as a team, and be a gracious winner. He loved basketball and later enjoyed tennis and golf. He was a member of Litchfield Country Club.

Donations in his memory can be made to the PD Foundation or InCare Hospice in Myrtle Beach.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday, September 24, 2016 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Litchfield/Pawleys Chapel.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Litchfield/Pawleys Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerard R Engel



Goldfinch Funeral Home - September 17, 2016 at 12:44 PM

BZ

“ I knew Gerry from high school back in Richmond Hill. We often played basketball and I was always in awe at his skills on the court and graciousness to those with whom he competed. I remember when he met Helene and first told me that he was in love and would marry her someday.
It is with great sorrow that I was told of his death. He was one of the people that I shall always treasure having known.

BZ Zions

BZ Z - December 19, 2016 at 10:40 AM

MK

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Mark Kalow - September 28, 2016 at 11:28 PM

TM

“ Dear Helene, I am deeply saddened to hear that Jerry has passed away, although from our recent discussion about his condition, I know it was for the best. He was one of my closest friends since the day I first met him in 1969. I will keep you and the kids, as well as Jerry, in my thoughts and prayers. If there is anything I can do for you, please let me know. God Bless! Tom McHale

Tom McHale - September 27, 2016 at 10:03 AM

DM

“ Sad news!!! I had understood that Jerry was having serious health issues and sad to hear of his passing. Elaine and I will keep him and his family in our prayers. Great guy and I enjoyed working for him. He was a "get it done" kind of guy. Dick Marino

Dick Marino - September 27, 2016 at 09:55 AM

DM

“ Jerry was a Lion and he will be missed! Doug McNair

Doug McNair - September 27, 2016 at 09:27 AM

BD

“ My deepest sympathies to Helene and the entire family. Working with Jerry for my was game changing for my career. He was an outstanding leader and it was a privilege to be a part of his team and the SBS organization.

Bob Dundon

Bob Dundon - September 24, 2016 at 10:40 PM

DT

“ *Condolences to Helene and family.*

So many of us appreciated Jerry's energy, humor and imagination. A pleasure to work with. Very few in his mold around. We were lucky to have the opportunity to work, and play, with him.

Thanks Mark for knowing we would care.

Dan

Dan Twomey - September 24, 2016 at 10:39 PM

AW

“ *I am sorry to hear of the passing of Jerry. My deepest sympathy and best wishes to the family.*

Angelo

Angelo Wider - September 24, 2016 at 10:39 PM

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“ *I worked closely with Jerry and remember him as a very decent and capable guy. He will be missed*

Allen Weitzner

Allen Weitzner - September 24, 2016 at 10:38 PM

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Dick Marino

Dick Marino - September 24, 2016 at 10:37 PM

GP

“*I am very saddened to hear of Jerry's passing. He was a wonderful person and a great mentor. My condolences to Helene and the rest of Jerry's family. I have so many fond memories of Jerry and our times at SBS.*

Glenn Powell

Glenn Powell - September 24, 2016 at 10:36 PM

HJ

“*My longest and by far the best assignment I had at SBS was the one in which I worked with Jerry almost on a daily basis. It was a pleasure working with him—smart, friendly with a great sense of humor. He was a gentleman.*

Helene, my sincerest condolences.

Henry James

Henry James - September 24, 2016 at 10:36 PM

GR

“ So many great memories of Jerry and the wonderful time we all shared at that magical SBS. Jerry’s creativity, drive and enthusiasm motivated us all. Thank you Mark for sharing the sad news. Our very deepest condolences to Helene and family.

Carole & George

George and Carole Roll - September 24, 2016 at 10:35 PM

BJ

“ Although I didn’t realize it at the time, the first entrepreneur inside a corporation I worked with; rare breed, only 3 or 4 in my career. I also fondly remember the after work basketball games with him and others at Sprint Hill El;

Bill Johnson

Bill Johnson - September 24, 2016 at 10:34 PM

JM

“ Jerry was a special friend. We have many good times we shared together: tennis, golf, bridge, traveling. He was always a gentleman, kind, friendly and had a great sense of humor. We will miss him. Jim & Pam Miller

Jim & Pam Miller - September 21, 2016 at 02:59 PM