



Gerald (Gerry) Shapiro

July 23, 1935 - January 28, 2025

Gerald (Gerry) Shapiro, beloved husband, father, and friend, passed away peacefully on January 28, 2025, at the age of 89. Born and raised in New York City, Gerry always carried the spirit of the city with him, even after moving to Sarasota in 1978, where he built a life full of love, laughter, and a whole lot of classic cars.

Gerry proudly served in the U.S. Air Force from 1955 to 1958 before embarking on a long and successful career in sales. But beyond work, his true passions were his family, his friends, and his beloved antique cars—especially “Goldie,” his cherished 1969 Cadillac convertible. He was an active member and longtime treasurer of the Sunshine Region AACA car club, where he found a community of fellow car enthusiasts who shared his love for vintage wheels.

A man who loved giving back, Gerry was a Mason, a member of Sertoma, and a dedicated volunteer, ushering at the Asolo Repertory Theatre and Florida Studio Theatre. He also had a deep appreciation for life’s simple joys, with a special fondness for comfort food—hot dogs always holding a top spot on his list.

Gerry was married to the love of his life for an incredible 60¾ years, and together they built a beautiful family. He is survived by his wife Barbara, his

children Eric and Lauren, and countless friends who were lucky enough to know him. He was predeceased by his son Mark in 2021.

Gerry lived life with warmth, humor, and a deep appreciation for the people and things he loved most. His legacy will live on in the stories shared, the friendships he built, and the memories that will forever bring smiles to those who knew him.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, February 17th, at 1:30 PM at Sarasota National Cemetery to honor and celebrate his life.

In lieu of flowers, please take a drive in a classic car, enjoy a hot dog, and cherish time with those you love—just as Gerry would have wanted.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 17. 1:30 PM (ET)

Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Rd 72
Sarasota, FL 34241
(941) 922-7200

Tribute Wall

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“ *When he came to New York, he always made sure to visit his home in Bayside.* ❤️



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