



Gerard "Gerry" Louis Ouellette

September 17, 1935 - January 29, 2023

Gerard "Gerry" Louis Ouellette, age 87, passed away on January 29, 2023 in Sarasota, FL, where he lived for 30 years. He was born on September 17, 1935 in Berlin, New Hampshire.

Gerry was a loving father and grandfather, who lived a meaningful and thoughtful life. He graduated from Notre Dame High School in Berlin, NH in 1953, served in the US Navy from 1954-1958, and went on to earn his undergraduate degree from Washington and Lee in 1962, his law degree from American University Law School in 1965, and an LLM from Boston University School of Law. He worked as a banker for American Security and Trust from 1963-1965, as a law clerk for the US Court of Claims from 1965-1966, and for the US Congressional Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation from 1966-1967. He then worked as an attorney for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company from 1968 until his retirement on June 10, 1993.

Gerry will be remembered for his love and devotion to his children, Roland Ouellette and wife Rebecca Allen of Acton, MA, Alicia Ouellette and husband Jacob Reider of Slingerlands, NY, Tonia Ouellette Klausner and husband Jeremy Klausner of West Orange, NJ, and Joseph Ouellette, most recently of West Palm Beach, FL. Gerry was also a proud grandfather to Molly Reider and husband Brandon Lafollette of Huntington, MA, Sampson Reider and fiancé Abigail Homer of San Francisco, CA, Abigail Klausner of Brookline, MA,

Jacob "Jack" Klausner of Madison, WI, Theodore "Ted" Ouellette of Acton, MA, Aliane "Ali" Allen of Acton, MA, Harrison "Harry" Ouellette of Delmar, NY, and Cassidy Ouellette of Delmar, NY. He is also survived by his sister Yvette Plodzik and husband Stanley "Stan" Plodzik of Dover, NH, brother-in-law Joel McGrath of Mansfield, MA, and many loving nieces and nephews.

Gerry was predeceased by his parents, Armand and Amanda Ouellette, siblings Normand Ouellette, Muriel McGrath, and Jeannette Morrissette, and brother in law Raymond Morrissette.

In his free time, Gerry enjoyed ice cream, long walks on Siesta beach, and pie. For many years, he was an active volunteer at the Sarasota Library, a parishioner at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Siesta Key, Florida, and he helped many individuals in their recovery journeys. He lived a life filled with love and dedication to those around him and will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all those who had the privilege of knowing him.

A memorial service will take place at Toale Brothers Funeral Home at Gulf Gate at 2:00 p.m. on January 31, 2023. A mass of Christian burial will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Alcoholics Anonymous in honor of a friend of Bill. Donations can be mailed to the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, c/o Staff Coordinator GSO, 475 Riverside Drive, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10115 <https://www.aa.org/contact-gso>.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Gulf Gate Chapel

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Sarasota, FL 34231

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<https://www.toalebrothers.com/>

Tribute Wall

BH

“Gerry and I were classmates at Washington and Lee University. We were the only students there from New Hampshire. We shared many classes and he was a great friend. I'm happy to see he had a great family life and contributed much to society....Bill Hamner

Bill Hamner - May 02 at 09:02 PM

WA

“Gerry was the man I needed to meet when I was in my second year of Law School in Springfield. He helped me focus on living One Day at a Time and not worrying about what I couldn't control. After many years I followed in Gerry's footsteps and found myself at MassMutual in the Law Dept.. On a trip to Florida I went to visit Gerry in Sarasota. We talked of old times, promised to keep in touch and that was the last time I saw him. Without his help, I dont think I would have finished school and who knows what my life would have been like. Thank you Gerry for taking the time to speak to a lowly law student!
My condolences to his family and friends.
Walter Boyd

Walter - February 21, 2024 at 07:58 AM

JA

“An "older member" of our college class of '62, I admired Gerry for his sense of humor and the noble quality of his voice and carriage.

james applebaum - November 14, 2023 at 09:29 PM

CJ

“ Dear Friends -- I knew Gerry from my years in the MassMutual Law Division, where I was fortunate to overlap with Gerry. I didn't end up working long-term in his area of specialty, but I did train with him for several months, in a rotation. He was SUCH a knowledgeable and competent person, and was the essence of integrity. What an outstanding role model he was. I felt so fortunate to have had him as a colleague. He often spoke, too, about how happy he was to be a father. -- Carol Johnson

Carol Johnson - February 02, 2023 at 01:27 PM

DH

I posted some comments on the "Legacy" obituary, but found this one later. In any case, Gerry was my sponsor and friend for 35 years. We were very dedicated to helping others and was an intelligent and caring person who was proud of his children and grandchildren. I met him in 1986 in Springfield, Mass. We stayed friends for the past 30 years here in Florida, and visited him every six months or in Sarasota. Condolences from my wife Kris and I to the Ouellette family. Dan Hundley. .. Jacksonville, Florida

Dan Hundley - March 20, 2023 at 09:01 AM