



## Jerry Howard Fisher

December 21, 1933 - March 4, 2025

Jerry Howard Fisher, 91 of Sarasota, Florida, passed away peacefully at 7:15 am on March 4th 2025.

Jerry was born on December 21st, 1933 in East Peoria, Illinois, the son of Paul and Caroline (Mitzelfelt) Fisher. They preceded him in death in 1984 and 1978.

Jerry attended East Peoria Community High School through 11th grade. He then left school to begin working at Kraus Dental Lab in Peoria, Illinois at age 16. Jerry went on to become the owner of Kraus Dental Lab in the late 1960's. His passion for the dental industry led him to become a Certified Dental Technician. In 1974 he opened the JH Fisher Dental Lab in East Peoria, Illinois. After nearly 40 years as a successful business owner, he sold JH Fisher Dental Lab in 1999. He then went to work for Dental Arts Laboratories in Peoria as a consultant until finally retiring in 2018 after 70 years in the Dental Laboratory industry.

Jerry was a proud member of the US Naval Reserves from 1952-1956 at Naval Station Great Lakes. He sailed many missions in the Atlantic which he loved to reminisce about. He was installed as the president of the Illinois Dental Laboratory Association in 1973 serving one term. Jerry was one of the founding members of Fisher's Las Vegas Superbowl Bash established in 1987

which continues today. He was an avid sports fan, always following the Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bears, and boxing. Jerry loved music, sunshine, champagne, traveling, and spending time with his family and friends.

His life was fulfilled by the family he created. He married Barbara Tribe in 1952. Together they had 2 sons, Anthony and Steven. He then married Bonnie Nelson in 1956, having one son, Peter. In 1980 he married Cheryl Wilson, and together they had one daughter, Felicia.

Remaining to cherish Jerry are his children Anthony Fisher (Maria Asher) of East Peoria, Illinois, Peter (Holly) Fisher of Dunlap, Illinois and Felicia (Gregory) Gallagher of Lakewood Ranch, Florida. Seven grandchildren Allison (Steve) Sours of Pekin, Illinois, Lauren (Kevin) Flynn of Pekin, Illinois, Anthony (Brittany) Fisher of East Peoria, Illinois, Andrea (Brandon) Vietor of Brentwood, Tennessee, and Genevieve, Vivienne, and Lane Gallagher of Lakewood Ranch, Florida. Four great-grandchildren, Kiefer Sours, Noelle Flynn, and Avery and Jackson Fisher.

Also surviving are his two brothers Fred (Kay) Fisher of Punta Gorda, Florida, Clarence (d. Sandy) Fisher of St. Cloud, Florida, one sister Madie (James Robert) Gilchrist of Downer's Grove, Illinois, as well as 10 nieces and nephews, many extended great nieces and nephews, cousins, and extended family friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Cheryl, one brother Paul (d. Georgia) Fisher of Pelzer, South Carolina, one sister Patricia (d. Dale) Gibbons of East Peoria, IL, and one infant son Steven.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A Memorial service and Celebration of Life will be held on July 26th in Peoria with details to follow. Interment will be at Fondulac Township Cemetery in East Peoria, Illinois.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Paul lit a candle in memory of Jerry Howard Fisher*



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**Paul** - March 14, 2025 at 08:15 AM