



Mr. Gerald Pendleton Wergland

July 7, 1944 - November 13, 2019

Gerald Pendleton Wergland, of Dalton, died of a heart attack on November 13, 2019. Gerry was born in Alexandria, Louisiana, in 1944, to Hans Christian Wergland (formerly Hansen) and Helen Louise Pendleton, who raised him in New Jersey and Colorado, where he became a ham radio operator while still in high school. He graduated from Colorado State University in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, and took a job as a field engineer for General Electric Ordnance Systems. One of the highlights of field service was a transit across the Pacific in 1976 aboard the USS George Washington.

Gerry's work required frequent relocation. After moving nine times through five states on two coasts in eight years, he gracefully acceded to his wife's demand to put down roots, and the family settled in Pittsfield in 1975. He continued to work at GE's successor companies, was promoted into finance, and retired from General Dynamics as Senior Contracts Manager in 2007.

In late 2008, Gerry was diagnosed with Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia, a rare type of non-Hodgkins lymphoma. He underwent an experimental treatment which added years to his life. He felt blessed to have those bonus years to spend with his family, and used the time to travel to Great Britain, Iceland, and Hawaii, as well as domestic travel. He cheered from the sidelines at his grandkids' sporting events, often with a video camera in his hands, and accompanied them on vacations to York Beach and Martha's Vineyard even though he didn't really like sand or sun. He volunteered for his church and enjoyed the weekly Bible study classes (except for Job, Leviticus, and Isaiah). He tolerated his wife's dogs with good grace, even after being bitten. Gerry doted on his grandchildren; they were his greatest pride and joy.

Gerry is survived by his wife Glendyne (married in Estes Park, Colorado in 1967); his daughters Jennifer Wergland Lyon (Michael), Karyn Wergland (John Schachter); grandchildren Cassandra, Eva, Ella, and Christopher Lyon, Lucy Schachter (Ben Boyd), Oscar and Annika Schachter; his mother-in-law Dolores Canfield; and brother-in-law, Bruce Beemer. He also counted Norma Ramos and Gil d'Oliveira as family after 48 years of friendship. FUNERAL NOTICE-A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 30, at 1 p.m., at the United Methodist Church of Lenox. In lieu of flowers, Gerry hoped that

donations in his memory would be made to the United Methodist Church of Lenox; or the Bing Center for Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, c/o Chris Patterson, 450 Brookline Ave. M-548, Boston, Mass. 02215. Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made through the Wellington Funeral Home.

Events

NOV	Service	01:00PM
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	United Methodist Church of Lenox	
	6 Holmes Road, Lenox, MA, US, 01240	

Comments



“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of another of our colleagues so suddenly. All to many of us from MINSY have gone to a better place this past year and a half. I would have liked to have been there at today's service; but having been to Massachusetts at the beginning of the month for a class reunion made another trip up very difficult.

One of my first field assignments was DASO assistance in Cape Canaveral, Florida, for the USS Washington. I also followed the Washington to Charleston, South Carolina, for added support if needed.

After 6.5 years of reassignments, I too settled down, this time in Cocoa Beach, Florida, as an engineer for the Space Shuttle on-board computer system for the next 31+ years before retirement.

I wish the family well in this difficult time. I know that Gerry will be watching over them from on high.

Bill Nutter

Bill Nutter - November 30 at 08:26 PM



“ We were deeply saddened by Gerry's passing. Everyone always thought highly of him at work and we will miss him as our neighbor.

Don & Cobi Senus

Don & Cobi Senus - November 30 at 09:18 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to all of you. I met Gerry through Glendyne's interest in the Shakers. He attended various Shaker-related event, and It was a pleasure to have known him. God bless.

Steve Paterwic

Stephen Paterwic - November 29 at 08:41 PM



“ We are shocked and deeply saddened to hear of Gerry's passing. Glendyne and the family have been in our thoughts and prayers. Regret that we are not closer and able to attend the service. Glendyne, you have been in my thoughts since I heard this terrible news.

Carol Medicott - November 29 at 05:24 PM



“ Gerry was a fine man and a pleasure to work with -- he made the world a little better just by being in it. A strange coincidence, we read of his passing while in Estes Park, Colorado -- the place where he and his wife were married! Always remember the good times...

Jim & Karen Baker

James Baker - November 27 at 02:15 PM



“ We are deeply saddened to hear of Gerry's passing. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. Our hearts break for your family.
Raydean and Dennis

Raydean A Canfield - November 27 at 09:53 AM