



## Mr. Gerald A. Burklund

July 3, 1939 - January 17, 2021

Mr. Gerald A. Burklund, 81, of Dalton, passed away on Sunday, January 17, 2021. Born in Battle Creek, MI, in 1939, the son of the late Arthur and Marguerite Prince Burklund, he graduated from the University of Michigan with his bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering.

Gerry worked in field engineering for General Electric in Pittsfield for 39.5 years until his retirement in 2003.

He enjoyed competitive sailing while living in Hawaii in 1971-73, volleyball and participating in the Mass Senior Olympics, as well as stunt kite flying. He traveled extensively with his wife to all 50 states, Europe, and the Caribbean. Gerry enjoyed learning new skills like wood working and macrame. He was executive director of the Dalton Camp Fire Girls in the late 70's, instructing in camping and canoeing skills. Gerry was an avid LEGO builder and collector. His collection exceeded 500,000 pieces.

Gerry was predeceased by his beloved wife of 54 years, the former Carol Miller, whom he married in 1964. Carol passed away in 2018. He leaves his daughter Donna Hess and her husband Gary in CT, his son Dale Burklund and his wife Rochelle in AZ, grandchildren Sydney and Austin Hess. He was predeceased by his brother Donald from MI.

Funeral Notice:

At this time, there will be no formal funeral services for Mr. Gerald A. Burklund. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date, when Covid restrictions are lifted and all are able to safely gather together.



# Tribute Wall

DD

“ *To Donna and Dale and family,  
I met both Carol and Gerry in CT in '68 and have enjoyed their  
friendship and kindness. I will miss them both. Gerry, I never have  
done a picture puzzle upside down looking at the cardboard side  
instead of the picture! Thinking of you and thanks for the wonderful  
memories . Dorothy Doktor*

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**dorothy doktor** - February 03, 2021 at 01:00 PM

EP

“ *Gerry Burklund: Devoted husband, devoted father, dedicated  
employee, volunteer, athlete, student for life, friend, a good human  
being. I have been blessed with Gerry's presence in my life. Looking  
at the other memories on this page, it is obvious that many have  
enjoyed his friendship on the volleyball court, but I'm not sure how  
many know or realize his great contributions to the sport. Gerry was  
always a willing participant for the success of the Berkshire County  
Men's Volleyball League, and presented the executive committee  
with many worthwhile suggestions, which the committee adopted  
with gratitude. Even more importantly, Gerry spent many, many  
hours coaching young volleyball players at Wahconah High School  
during their status as a club sport. His dedication was instrumental  
in establishing Volleyball as a Varsity sport in Berkshire County.  
Thank you Gerry for all your life's accomplishments, and for being a  
friend.*

*Ed Paquette*

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**Ed Paquette** - January 26, 2021 at 05:26 PM

DH

*Thank you for sharing that, Ed. He had great patience for instructing and explaining. Efficiency was his motivation in most things, including how to run organizations.*

Donna Hess - January 27, 2021 at 11:27 AM

DS

*“ I was so sad to hear about Gerry's passing. I worked for him in field service back in the 70's and also played volleyball with him in the 90's. He was always kind, pleasant and encouraging.*

*Don Senus*

Donald Senus - January 26, 2021 at 08:39 AM

DH

*Thank you for sharing. His dream job was field service. He did what he loved and he enjoyed the like-minded people he worked with.*

Donna Hess - January 27, 2021 at 11:29 AM

EQ

*“ Volleyball in the Rec-Center Pool, Wildwood New Jersey, Kites, insatiable appetite for learning, tree felling in the yard, Lake Placid, open arms and heart. Now my tears; I will miss you my friend!!  
Everett*

EVERETT QUACKENBUSH - January 26, 2021 at 07:54 AM

DH

*Great times, Everett!*

Donna Hess - January 27, 2021 at 11:30 AM

LI

“ *Donna and Dale and the entire family... Oh the memories! I hope the memories bring many smiles and a lot of laughter to you at this time. Thinking of you and sending you peace and love. ~ Linda*

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**Linda** - January 26, 2021 at 06:54 AM

DH

*Thank you, Linda!*

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**Donna Hess** - January 27, 2021 at 11:31 AM