



Gerald "Jerry" P. Wheaton

August 30, 1946 - March 6, 2026

Gerald "Jerry" Paul Wheaton of Queenstown, Maryland peacefully passed away on March 6th, 2026. He was 79 years old.

Born on August 30th, 1946, in Cleveland, Ohio, he was the son of the late Albert T. Wheaton and Dorothy Ruzicka Wheaton.

Jerry graduated from Garfield Heights High School in 1964. He proudly served in the United States Navy from 1967 to 1971 and was stationed at National Security Agency in Fort Meade. While stationed in Maryland, Jerry met Sue Preslipsky, and the two were married on July 19, 1968.

After Jerry's discharge from the Navy, he and Sue relocated to his hometown in Ohio, where they lived for seven years. They later moved to Queenstown, Maryland, where they made their home and raised their son, Jeff.

Jerry began working for United Parcel Service (UPS), where he dedicated 26 years of service. During his time there, he formed many lasting friendships with his coworkers and with the people he met along his delivery route.

Jerry enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, going to the beach and watching NASCAR. Most of all, he enjoyed watching his son, Jeff, play sports growing up and teaching him all about hunting and fishing. He absolutely loved being a

grandfather and watching his grandkids at school and sporting events. Jerry was a member of St. Peter's Church in Queenstown, MD.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife of 58 years Suzanne Wheaton, son Jeff (Kristen), siblings Dale and Tom, grandchildren Ethan, Alyssa, Kayley, Eli and Gracie.

In addition to his parents, Jerry was predeceased by his brother David, granddaughter Sydney, grandson Kam, mother-in-law Polly Preslipsky and father-in-law Chuck Preslipsky.

A viewing will be held on March 11th from 4-7pm at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 408 South Liberty Street, Centreville MD 21617.

The Funeral Mass will take place at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church 303 Chesterfield Ave., Centreville, MD 21617. Interment will follow at St. Peters Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to The National Kidney Foundation 11307 York Road #232, Cockeysville MD 21030.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location
408 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617
(410) 758-1151
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Funeral Service

MAR 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church
301 Homewood Avenue
Centreville, MD 21617

Graveside Service and Interment

MAR 12. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery
5319 Ocean Gateway
Queenstown, MD 21658

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald "Jerry" P. Wheaton* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - March 11 at 09:18 AM



“ *Joe James lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" P. Wheaton* ”



Joe James - March 14 at 10:36 AM



“ *Pam Marvel lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" P. Wheaton* ”



Pam Marvel - March 12 at 11:18 AM

ZG

“ Jerry was my next-door neighbor for 32 years. He was always there to lend a helping hand whenever you needed it, and he had a wonderful sense of humor.

One story always makes me smile. Jerry knew I wasn't a fan of hunting, and one day I looked out my back window and saw a deer hanging from a tree in his yard. I quickly called him and said, "Jerry, you did that on purpose knowing I could see it!" He just laughed, and I couldn't help but chuckle too, even though I was trying to hold back. Then he said, "You want some venison? It makes great chili."


Another memory I'll always cherish is when we would sometimes end up mowing our lawns at the same time. On hot summer days, he'd wave for me to stop and meet him at the fence, where he'd be standing there with a cold, frosted glass of beer. That was Jerry.

And one more. Whenever I called the house and Sue answered, she would immediately yell out, "Jerry, it's Zoe!" She knew I probably needed him for something, and he never once disappointed.

I spoke with Jerry this past February after he returned home from the hospital. What I remember most from that conversation was how proud he was of his son Jeff and his grandchildren — especially the oldest, who followed in Jerry's footsteps and went into the service.

A few days later I brought him his favorite baked beans from Red Hot & Blue. Jerry always had great advice to share, and one of his favorite sayings was KISS — if you knew Jerry, you know exactly what that means.

Rest in peace, my friend. I will miss you greatly. There just aren't enough words.

Love,
Zoe 

Zoe Garcia - March 11 at 09:32 AM

CJ

“ Sue Sue
My condolences on the loss of your loving husband, Jerry. Cherish your memories!
Blessings and hugs

Action (aka Craig Jackson)

Craig Jackson - March 10 at 07:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald "Jerry" P. Wheaton.

March 10 at 06:45 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" P. Wheaton.



March 10 at 06:45 PM

JF

“ Jim & Cheryl Williams and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gerald "Jerry" P. Wheaton.



Jim & Cheryl Williams and Family - March 10 at 02:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald "Jerry" P. Wheaton.

March 10 at 06:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" P. Wheaton.



March 10 at 06:48 AM



“ *Linda Dicus lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" P. Wheaton*



Linda Dicus - March 09 at 05:12 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" P. Wheaton.



March 09 at 03:48 PM

AC

“ ANNMARIE COLE lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" P. Wheaton



ANNMARIE COLE - March 09 at 01:05 PM

TF

“ The Fishers-Sharon & Richard and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gerald "Jerry" P. Wheaton.



The Fishers-Sharon & Richard and Family - March 09 at 10:49 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" P. Wheaton.



March 09 at 09:31 AM

CH

“ Jerry was my mentor my whole career at UPS. Through the years we became good friends. Fished with him many times. The respect I had for him was enormous. His advice was always straight forward and helpful.. I will so miss his friendship and brotherhood. God blessings to his family. Charles Holecheck

Charles Holecheck - March 08 at 08:00 PM

ME

“ I worked with Jerry for many years at UPS, he was absolutely a great man. His absence will surely leave a great void and so my heart goes out to his family. I hope for strength and peace for them as we honor his memory.

Mark Eskridge - March 08 at 08:00 PM

MD

“ Matt, Roxanne, Dylan And Trevor Dean lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" P. Wheaton



Matt, Roxanne, Dylan and Trevor Dean - March 08 at 03:57 PM

CH

“ Charles Holecheck lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" P. Wheaton



Charles Holecheck - March 07 at 09:07 PM

TF

“ The Palmatary Family lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" P. Wheaton



The Palmatary Family - March 07 at 08:18 PM

MF

“ *Margie & JayR Freeman lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" P. Wheaton*



Margie & JayR Freeman - March 07 at 08:17 PM

CP

Oh my jeff I so sorry for your loss you wonderful father

Charlotte Patchett - March 07 at 10:04 PM

CK

“ *Cathy Kerchner lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" P. Wheaton*



Cathy Kerchner - March 07 at 02:08 PM

NS

“ *Jerry was one in a million. Always kind and considerate. Remember him driving for UPS when I work in Chestertown for years. He was also friends with my brother-in - law and a coworker with him. Prayer for family and so sorry for the loss . 🙏*

Nancy Spencer - March 07 at 09:45 AM

DK

“ Debi Kendall sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerald "Jerry" P. Wheaton



Debi Kendall - March 06 at 02:27 PM

LS

Sue and Jeff, I am so sorry to hear about Jerry. He was a good friend and neighbor. He will be sorely missed by many love to you both.

Linda Schmidt - March 07 at 11:40 AM

VM

Sorry to hear about your loss. Prayers. Vickie Marshall

vickie marshall - March 07 at 09:51 PM

TR

Oh Sue and Jeff. 💔 So sad to be reading this. 😭 My condolences to you both. I'm sending long distance hugs. Jerry was one in a million! A former neighbor and a really, really nice guy. God rest his soul. Hugs to you both. 💕 Teresa

Teresa Boyd Revnell Rutter - March 08 at 12:05 PM

RP

So sorry to hear about Jerry. He was a great person, delivery driver, and friend. As a former manager of the Easton UPS facility, I had high regards for his work ethics and friendliness to his customers. He will be missed.

Robert Penny - March 16 at 12:33 PM