



## Gerald Charles Morrone

June 5, 1940 - September 7, 2014

Gerald Charles Morrone, 74, passed away suddenly on September 7, 2014, from a heart attack. Gerald was born in Dunkirk, NY, to the late Joseph and Rose Barth Morrone, owners of Morrone's Grocery at 59 Franklin Ave. and members of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Gerald grew up in Dunkirk, NY, and attended Dunkirk #3 Elementary School and Dunkirk Junior High and High School. Growing up in and around the grocery store was anything but dull! As a youth, he loved working in the family store, learning about the family business from his Uncle Matt and Aunt Rose. As a teenager, he took a job at the local Koch Brewery even though he wasn't of legal age to drink.

After graduating High School in 1958, he was accepted and attended Syracuse University in the fall of that year, where he was an active member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Early spring of 1962, Gerald invited a high school friend of his, Joann Pagano, to a Syracuse dance and without warning friends fell in love. In October of the next year, they were married with only eight weeks to plan the wedding!

In the summer of 1963, with only \$100 in his pocket, he and Phil King (his future brother-in-law at the time) moved to DC to begin a new life. Phil went on to marry Gerald's younger sister, Geraldine, and they became the fabulous

foursome. At the time, the two couples initially had apartments next door to one another, but in 1964, Gerald and Phil decided to go house hunting without their wives and bought houses next door to each other in Bowie, MD, all without the wives seeing the houses. Two years later in 1966, Michael, their first child, arrived, and in 1968, their daughter Kristin arrived. Gerald and his family lived in Bowie until 1978 when they moved to Annapolis where they resided until the death of his wife Joann in 1990. In 2005, he moved to Easton, MD.

Gerald worked most of his life in computers and was a Senior Analyst. He began working at Melpar working on the electronics for the minuteman missile followed by NASA Goddard Space Center in Greenbelt and Sperry Univac. He spent many years working for the House of Representative Information Systems (HIS) and was part of the team that developed computerized voting for the congressmen. He also worked at Amtrak and then the Senate where he worked for the Sargent at Arms. In 1986, he took a position at MCI where he worked until he retired in 2003. He would tell you though that the highlight of his career came after retirement as he began the role of grandpa to his only grandson Benjamin, whom he adored.

Gerald was a wonderfully gentle and caring man who touched the lives of so many people. He was passionate about family and enjoyed time spent with family and friends. He was committed to maintaining contacts both near and far and often made "Saturday" calls to everyone. He was a connoisseur of good food and wine. He had faith in God and went to church every week, and he enjoyed writing poems, sharing them with everyone he knew. He will be deeply missed.

Services will be held Thursday, September 11, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul in Easton, MD, with a reception to follow. For those who would like to make a memorial contribution in lieu of flowers – please consider the

American Cancer Society ([www.m.cancer.org](http://www.m.cancer.org)) or the Leukemia and Lymphoma society ([www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org)) as they were very important charities to him.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Memorial Gardens

1911 Forest Drive  
Annapolis, MD

# Previous Events

## Mass

SEP 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church  
1210 South Washington Street  
Easton, MD 21601

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald Charles Morrone*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Gerald Charles Morrone*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Gerald Charles Morrone*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

DB

“ Like many of the people on this page, I met and became friends with Jerry during our years together at MCI. Working there for 15 years, I developed friendships with many people at MCI, but Jerry was the one friendship that endured, due in no small part to who Jerry was. Although I always enjoyed hearing his many stories, he also had an uncanny knack of making you feel that what you had to say was absolutely fascinating and essential to him.

*I had the misfortune of hearing about Jerry's passing on the first day of a long anticipated vacation and I started to feel bad about enjoying myself. But I could hear Jerry say to me, "That's crazy," in his pull-no-punches style. Still, I found myself frequently thinking that I would look forward to our phone call when I got home when I could tell him of my experiences, and hearing his chuckle in return.*

*To Kristen, Michael and Benjamin, know that each of you were the light of his life. He spoke of you often and reveled in your accomplishments. And to Jerry, with a tear I tell you that I will miss you dear friend.*

*Don Button*

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**Don Button** - October 02, 2014 at 08:25 AM

JS

“ I had the pleasure to work for Jerry in the old MCI era at Pentagon City. He was both a fun person to work with and a very decent human being -- both uncommon traits in a boss. He strove for quality, but never at the expense of those around him. I am proud to have known Jerry as a friend.

*-- Jerry Sabolik*

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**Jerry Sabolik** - September 21, 2014 at 02:25 PM

JM

“ Where to start? Like so many wonderful things it starts by chance....Jerry happened to be in a car pool, that he happened to share with his dear and wonderful friend who was occasionally (always) late. I happened to sit very close to this offender, and Jerry happened to stop by my desk to pass time. Unsuspecting and unaware....I had just entered Jerry's world and was not leaving anytime soon. And what a marvelous journey it was! Fantastic meals, spectacular parties, extravagant dinners, boat cruises, ice cream socials, daily laughs, endless reserve of stories and anecdotes, travel tales and personalized souvenirs, welcome advice, abundant creativity, remote leadership retreats, boundless generosity, and brilliant skills around building teams and working with people. He cherished his friends and family, demanded proper work/life balance from his staff, and was fiercely loyal. It's impossible for me to not smile every time I think of Jerry. What an amazing legacy. I'm forever grateful that he happened to stop by...

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**Jim Morgan** - September 12, 2014 at 02:55 PM

LD

“ I was fortunate to work with Jerry for a few years at MCI and he was a great co-worker, mentor and friend during that time. My deepest sympathies to Jerry's family and friends. He will be missed.

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**Letha Dugas** - September 12, 2014 at 01:54 PM

DA

“ I was fortunate to have met Jerry during my tenure at MCI. He was a great leader and role-model -- a kind and generous person and loved and respected by his colleagues. My deepest sympathy to his family.

*Del Anderson*

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**Del Anderson** - September 11, 2014 at 09:29 PM

NM

“ Jerry was one of the most generous people with his time and advice that I knew. I will miss our calls - although not often, they always left me feeling good. I fell honored to be able to say that Jerry was my friend.

*Nancy Michaels*

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**Nancy Michels** - September 11, 2014 at 10:35 AM

MO

“ Jerry was a good, kind and I really think he had no malice in him. He cared, he helped and he didn't hold a grudge. I was blessed with meeting him and working for him once and I will always remember how he quitely extended me a life line till I was able to release it and continue with my career. God be with you Jerry and I know you are are in a better place; rest in peace and know you made a difference in many hearts and lifes.

*Mona*

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**Mona** - September 10, 2014 at 09:06 PM

MO

“ Mona lit a candle in memory of Gerald Charles Morrone



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**Mona** - September 10, 2014 at 09:02 PM



KK

“ May the wonderful memories of the great times with Jerry warm your heart and live on forever. I remember his joyous laughter, warm smile and kind heart. I am thankful to have met Jerry at MCI where he was part of a very unique and special family. May you rest in peace.

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**karen kok** - September 10, 2014 at 08:36 PM

ML

“ Jerry facilitated my entrance into my first full time professional job after completing my Engineering degree. He saw possibilities in me that I did not see in myself in those very early years. He made me believe in myself because he listened attentively and offered wise counsel.

*He always made time for people in his incredibly busy schedule as one of the Directors of MCI. He never made mention of work except in terms of 'team' or 'we'. He was the embodiment of the professional work group.*

*Jerry was respected and loved by all his colleagues and his contributions are reflected in innumerable persons' whose lives he touched. He was the star who crowned our MCI head and developed us into the stars we are today.*

*I am one of many who can say, "I am a better person for having known him".*

*Maria Luengo*

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**Maria Luengo** - September 10, 2014 at 06:25 PM

RB

*always a nice guy, and high school classmate, D.H.S.. Bob Boehm*

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**robert boehm** - September 12, 2014 at 08:20 AM

MH

“ We are shocked and saddened by Gerald's passing. We were honored that he was able to attend Matt & Ally's rehearsal dinner and wedding. We had a fantastic time visiting with him. As I have said to many, he was the family historian and "Go To Guy." He was wonderful about keeping in touch and that allowed the rest of us to be lazy! We knew he was the family link and we could check on one another through him. Gerald, you were a wonderful, generous man. You will be missed but I know you are smiling as you are reunited with Joann.  
All our love - cousin Mandie Hiznay

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**Mandie Hiznay** - September 10, 2014 at 03:45 PM

CK

“ I am so saddened to hear of Jerry's passing. What a wonderful caring man. His is an example of a life well and fully lived. He loved his family, his friends and all the bounties of this earth and heaven. I saw him almost weekly for years to tend his minor aches and pains but I think he gave me much more than I ever gave him. He was funny, generous, passionate about things he believed in, and always had a great story, often about his adored grandson. (Luckily our politics were the same because we would compare notes on what the morning Washington Post had to say). I always ran by him any ideas for a dinner party and he would always improve upon them. The next week I would let him know how the recipes turned out. I need to get that recipe for avocado pie! Of course hearing about the dinner parties he gave always made me starving by lunch. I could go on... but above of all I'd like to say that I feel very blessed to have known him and will deeply miss his gentle, joyful presence.  
Thank you Jerry.

Clem Knox

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**Clemency Knox** - September 10, 2014 at 01:05 PM

JK

“ *Very sorry to hear of Gerry's passing he was a genuinely nice guy*

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**Jim Knudson** - September 10, 2014 at 11:56 AM

BC

“ *We are very sad to lose Gerry so suddenly. He was a wonderful friend, who always kept in touch. We'll miss the holiday poems, the quickly scheduled lunches, dinners at his house, but most of all, his friendship of 38 years.*

*Rest in peace Gerry. Betty and Angelo Curro*



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**Betty and Angelo Curro** - September 10, 2014 at 11:17 AM

GW

“ *So sorry to hear the news of Jerry's sudden passing. I met Jerry at MCI and enjoyed his tremendous sense of humor, dedication to the employees he managed and mentored, and honesty with his colleagues. He was a pleasure to be around and could lift your spirits even on your darkest day.*

*What I remember most about Jerry was how much he cared for others. He was as genuine a person as they come; a sensitive and caring man. My heartfelt sympathy to his family and may you rest in peace.*

*Gary Weisenborn*

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**Gary Weisenborn** - September 10, 2014 at 10:13 AM

DE

“ *My deepest sympathy to Kristen and family. Although I did not know Jerry well, the few time I had the pleasure of his company, I could tell he was a kind and wonderful man and father. He will be missed by many. Remember his smile, his laugh and his love for you.*

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**Donna Ervin** - September 10, 2014 at 08:43 AM

JM

“ *Jim And Ellen McCusker lit a candle in memory of Gerald Charles Morrone*



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**Jim and Ellen McCusker** - September 10, 2014 at 07:04 AM

MB

“ *Your visits to Cleveland were memorable of great conversation and wonderful food. You were like a brother and sister to my parents and they will never forget all of their memories with you. My most memorable visit was with you in MD and you taking us to one of favorite places to eat with family. Best lobster bisque :-). Thank you for being such a gracious and loving person! You will not be forgotten.*

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**michelle brousek** - September 10, 2014 at 07:03 AM

TE

“ For years, Jerry gave many of us a thoughtful poem at each holiday.  
Not up to your standards, but here's one for you, Jerry.

*To Jerry, The Holiday Poet*

*How will I think of you, Old Friend?*

*What will I miss?*

*A Gentle Being, who had love for All,*

*Humanity, his Country, his Friends and most of all,*

*His Family.*

*Memories fade but still recall the good friendship, comradery,*

*High School Football with blood, sweat and tears,*

*Aspiring writers of Tom & Jerry in the school paper, you better than  
I.*

*Franklin Avenue home and deli, the aroma of your Mom's fine  
Italian cooking,*

*Father Bernardo and pinnacle at the kitchen table.*

*And you, A great cook and connoisseur of fine foods and wine,*

*A thoughtful poem every holiday to count on.*

*But most of all, Your Love of God, Family and Friends.*

*Tom England*

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**Tom England** - September 10, 2014 at 05:41 AM

DA

“ There are several things that immediately come to mind when I think of Jerry. Jerry was kind enough to give my wife a seafood cook book “of Tide & Thyme” that we use regularly to cook our *Morone saxatilis* (Rockfish). Just always thought that was so appropriate. What else comes to mind.....

- I'm guilty of not just meeting Jerry at MCI, but of being fortunate enough to have him as my mentor teaching me in his own unique way

- I'm guilty of enjoying a few dinners with Jerry, but not enough of them

- I'm guilty of meeting up with Jerry for the MRE vs. Annapolis tug of war event, but not in recent years

- I'm guilty of enjoying many MCI events, but not as much as the ones Jerry coordinated on the Eastern Shore (St Michaels, Wye River)

- I'm guilty of trying to write from time to time, and grateful for the help Jerry provided when I wrote a eulogy for my dad

- I'm guilty of not always understanding Jerry's regular writings, but a few did resonate that I shared with others

- I'm guilty of being an enabler - providing and enjoying Berger cookies with Jerry

- I'm guilty of buying my favorite sport jacket only after Jerry pushed me to make the purchase

- I'm guilty of pulling a “Jerry” from time to time - falling asleep in my office in the afternoon

- I'm guilty of thinking about Jerry from time to time when I do laundry - crazy as it sounds his story about folding sheets with his sister growing up just stuck with me

This summer I got a new phone and was trying to dial someone and accidentally called Jerry. I didn't know it was him, said sorry, hung up and dialed the correct person. 30 mins later I figured it out & dialed up Jerry. Of course he answered the phone saying “You still have the wrong number.” That was classic Jerry and I'm now very grateful that I was able to have that conversation. I'm sorry he is

*going to miss this playoff run by the National's because I know he was enjoying it.*

*The full moon and rushing tide has taken a great man from us. May he rest in peace*

*Dave Antos*

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**Dave Antos** - September 10, 2014 at 12:17 AM

AM


“ *What a wonderful man he will be greatly missed. I first met Mr Morrone about eight years ago I managed a cleaning company and went to his house to give him an estimate for cleaning then five years ago I started my own and he was one of my first customers his loyalty to me meant so much.*

*Over the years we talked about everything I loved Thursdays because that's the day we would clean for him. I had two boys around Benjamin's age so we would trade stories about the boys he loved his grandson so much and would talk about him with the biggest smile on his face.*

*He will be greatly missed by so many I am sure my thoughts and prayers with his family.*

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**angie marsh** - September 09, 2014 at 07:58 PM

 Sara Fought

“ *I met Jerry at MCI but my husband (another MCIer) and I socialized with him as well. He was a kind, generous and fun loving man. We were fortunate enough to enjoy his delicious home cooked meals on several occasions. I recall him being a great dancer - me not so much but with Jerry leading, I never danced better.*

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**Sara Fought** - September 09, 2014 at 06:23 PM



“ I met Jerry through work but we found a kinship beyond that environment. We shared a love of food and Italy. We both shared the same philosophy about meals - we lived to eat. He loved to laugh and I loved making him laugh. Jerry was so kind and open with people. I am glad we kept up with each other after we went our separate ways career-wise, but lament we didn't see each other more often. Truly my loss.

*Phillip Fought*

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**Phil Fought** - September 09, 2014 at 05:17 PM



“ I worked with Jerry at MCI. He was always the voice of reason, kindness and wisdom. My thoughts go out to his family. RIP  
*Roz (Goodkin) Sherman*

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**Roz (Goodkin) Sherman** - September 09, 2014 at 05:16 PM



“ I worked with Jerry at for many years, so I have many great memories! He was always someone I could count on for support and advice. He had a knack for understanding people and he always tried to look for the right words to communicate his message. I could picture him sitting across from me telling me what he thought I should do, always with a smile. He also talked dearly about his family and especially his grandson. I remember when he was going to retire and telling me how short life is and how he thought he had enough money...guess he made the right call(as usual) and so glad he got to spend time with his grandson and his family!

*Rest in peace my friend!*

*Diane Duggan*

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**Diane** - September 09, 2014 at 04:46 PM



Jl

“ *JASON IRWIN lit a candle in memory of Gerald Charles Morrone*



JASON IRWIN - September 09, 2014 at 04:23 PM



“ *Brett Hahne lit a candle in memory of Gerald Charles Morrone*



Brett Hahne - September 09, 2014 at 03:35 PM

JZ

“ *Joe Zuccari lit a candle in memory of Gerald Charles Morrone*



Joe Zuccari - September 09, 2014 at 03:27 PM

AI

“ *Audrey Irwin lit a candle in memory of Gerald Charles Morrone*



audrey irwin - September 09, 2014 at 02:57 PM

RC

“ Gerald had a kind word for everyone he knew. A great friend, he will be surely missed by all who knew him. Reg Corsi

Reg Corsi - September 09, 2014 at 11:49 AM

DL

“ Dorothy Lucente lit a candle in memory of Gerald Charles Morrone



Dorothy Lucente - September 09, 2014 at 11:36 AM

LC

Gerald was such a family man of what I knew of him. He passed on to his children Michael and Kristin a life time of a huge heart that shared and loved family and people of all walks of life. You will be missed by many. Lynn Congdon

Lynn Congdon - September 12, 2014 at 07:34 AM



Gerry was a fine person. Had the privilege to work with him at the US Senate Computer Center. A decent man who seemed to get along well with everyone. We'll always need more like him. Mike Grimsley

Mike Grimsley - March 25 at 06:33 PM

LL

“ Louis A Lucente lit a candle in memory of Gerald Charles Morrone



Louis A Lucente - September 09, 2014 at 11:33 AM