



Jerome "Jerry" Kerchner Jr.

January 7, 1940 - March 7, 2026

Jerome Edward "Jerry" Kerchner Jr. peacefully passed away on March 7th, 2026. He was 86 years old.

Born on January 7th 1940, in Lewistown PA, He was the son of the late Jerome Kerchner Sr. and Helen Hower Kerchner.

Jerry was raised in rural Pennsylvania, where he developed a lifelong love of the outdoors. He found great joy in hunting, fishing, and exploring the countryside he cherished, often returning to his hometown to visit family and the familiar places he held dear.

Trained as a machinist at Williamsport Technical Institute, Jerry spent 35 years with Westinghouse's Oceanic Division, where he took pride in his work and was honored to be part of a team recognized with the Intelligence Community Seal Medallion.

With a strong sense of responsibility and a love of sharing his knowledge, Jerry devoted many years to firearm safety, instructing more than 1,000 students through Maryland Hunter Safety courses. He was also a devoted historian and craftsman who enjoyed researching the French and Indian War, tracing his family's genealogy, and creating historically accurate long guns and accessories and attending historic reenactments with the Choptank Muzzle Loaders.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife, Carolyn; his children, Todd (Sally) Kerchner, Karen (Mike) Deleon, and Mark (Anna Tucker) Horney; his daughters in law, Cathy Kerchner and Patty Kerchner; and his sister, Carol (Robert) Nace. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Jerome Kerchner, Kenneth Kerchner, Kasey Moore, Jonathan Deleon, and Anthony Deleon, Mark Horney Jr, Lea Jensen, Travis Horney, as well as many great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Jerry was predeceased by his infant brother, Karl Kerchner, and his sons, Karl Kerchner and Kenneth Kerchner.

A Viewing will be held on Saturday March 14th from 12-2pm with the funeral service beginning at 2pm at Fellows Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home 106 Shamrock Road Chester MD 21619. Burial will immediately follow at Stevensville cemetery.

In Lieu of flowers please make a donation to Compass Hospice 255 Comet Drive Centreville MD 21617

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 14. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619

Funeral Service

MAR 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A.
106 Shamrock Road
Chester, MD 21619

Burial

MAR 14. 3:00 PM (ET)

Stevensville Cemetery
808 Main St
Stevensville, MD 21666
(410) 643-2226

Tribute Wall

KN

“ My husband, Mike and I are recent new neighbors two houses down from Jerry and Carolyn buying Ann Westguards house 2021. We got to know them right away in our 1st year here as our oven wasn't working around the holidays and Carolyn allowed us to use their oven as they ventured off for dinner in Grasonville on that holiday. One summer while we were doing yard work, Jerry, stopped by on his motorized wheelchair and he shared great stories about the history of Great Neck Road and all the people that had once lived on this road. Carolyn and Jerry were so welcoming and reminded us of our own parents. We were so happy to meet such lovely neighbors. We were sorry to hear the news about Jerry. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Carolyn and their family at this time.



Katherine Nonn - March 22 at 03:02 PM

DD

“ A highly skilled machinist, a friend, teacher, and gifted story teller. I worked with him for many years. You are missed today as much as when you retired. RIP Jerry

Dave Dittman - March 21 at 08:06 PM

BG

“ Jerry and I worked together at Westinghouse (now Northrop Grumman) from the early '70s until his retirement. I really enjoyed knowing him. Best wishes to Carolyn, Todd and family.

Bill Gordon - March 14 at 10:53 AM

PD

“ *Patty Davidson lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Kerchner Jr.*



Patty Davidson - March 13 at 07:12 PM

TS

“ *Tracy Schulz lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Kerchner Jr.*



Tracy Schulz - March 12 at 05:12 PM

PE

“ *Peggy lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Kerchner Jr.*



Peggy - March 11 at 07:23 PM

NL

“ *Nancie Lewis lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Kerchner Jr.*



nancie Lewis - March 11 at 10:43 AM

NL

Dear Carolyn, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. When I met your husband, I knew he was meant just for you. He had such a kind soul just like you. You were so nice to Bradley and me when we lived in Grasonville and continued through the years. I always kept up with the latest news on Jerry and Carolyn through Chuck. God Bless you and your family Nancie Lewis Hall

nancie Lewis - March 11 at 10:51 AM

PE

So very sorry, Carolyn

Peggy - March 11 at 07:22 PM

BW

“ Bob & Sheila Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Kerchner Jr.



Bob & Sheila Willis - March 11 at 10:37 AM

EL

“ Condolences to the family



Elaine - March 11 at 09:51 AM

ET

“ So sorry to hear of his passing.



EasternShore Threshermen - March 11 at 08:04 AM

DL

“ Dolores Lane lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Kerchner Jr.



Dolores Lane - March 11 at 01:08 AM

FS

“ Carolyn and family. Always enjoyed talking to Jerry. Easy to talk to, kind and friendly. You are in our prayers. God Bless. Jarrett and Frankie.



Frank and Jarrett Smith - March 10 at 08:13 PM

AT

“ Will miss our trips over the bridge and our talks in the car when Carolyn was in Sam's club! Love and miss you



Annamarie Tucker - March 10 at 07:59 PM

BT

“ Bruce & Patti Tarr lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Kerchner Jr.



Bruce & Patti Tarr - March 10 at 07:12 PM

SO

“ Jerry was a great man, I'm sorry for the family's loss!! 🙏🙏 May he rest in peace with the Lord!!



Susan Oliveri - March 10 at 06:53 PM

LM

“ Loren & Tina Mayr lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Kerchner Jr.



Loren & Tina Mayr - March 10 at 06:34 PM

WC

“ Walter Chaney lit a candle in memory of Jerry Kerchner



Walter Chaney - March 10 at 04:16 PM

FS

“ Fred And Phyllis Sherbert lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Kerchner Jr.



Fred and Phyllis Sherbert - March 10 at 03:51 PM

CT

“ We are so sorry to hear of Mr. Jerry's passing. He was such a nice and kind man. He was so wise and taught so many. You all took such great care of him. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. May you be comforted by the cherished memories and the love you shared.



Colleen & Buddy Thomas - March 10 at 01:52 PM

EL

“ Edgar & Nancy Legg lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Kerchner Jr.



Edgar & Nancy Legg - March 10 at 01:17 PM

LW

“ Larry And Lynne Wilkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Kerchner Jr.



Larry and Lynne Wilkins - March 10 at 12:13 PM

DW

“ *David & Kathy Wenck lit a candle in memory of Jerome "Jerry" Kerchner Jr.*



David & kathy Wenck - March 10 at 10:07 AM

DL

“ *The hunting and shooting community has been greatly impacted by the knowledge and Jerry's willingness to share his gift. He was a wonderful Man and will be missed by many.*

Doug & Michelle Leatherman - March 10 at 09:25 AM