



Gerald Thomas Kane

November 9, 1947 - August 8, 2020

Memorials to American Cancer Society or VNA;

Gerald “Jerry” Thomas Kane was born on November 9, 1947 in Omaha, Nebraska to Richard and Marie (Burke) Kane. He grew up in Omaha where he attended grade school and graduated from Omaha South High School in 1966. As a young boy, Jerry was active in the Boy Scouts, enjoyed trapping and playing football.

Jerry married Pam Novotny on August 13, 1982 in Papillion, Nebraska. Jerry and Pam raised their family in Papillion.

For 47 years, Jerry worked at the Omaha World Herald as an Electronic Technician. He enjoyed fishing, nature walks with the kids, brunch with friends and playing with grandkids: Delphine and Gage. Additionally, Jerry loved trips to the casino, caring for his lawn, petting Ariel (his cat) and giving Pam a hard time. He treasured his regular Friday trips to Lincoln to pick up Jennifer when she was a freshman in college (and not so keen on driving on the interstate) and being available for “Fatherly Advice” for his son’s friends. Jerry was fastidious (he could spot a scratch on a car from 20 paces and wouldn’t hesitate to buff it out), hardworking, funny, straight forward and just a wee bit stubborn. He enjoyed listening to classic country and oldies music and

watching Harry Potter movies. If there was ever a debate between Harry Potter and Lord of the Rings, Jerry always took the Harry Potter side. Jerry savored a good cigar, a big steak and a cold beer while watching TV. He was an avid Huskers fan and looked forward to dinner out at Anthony's. He had no tolerance for low gas in the car, dirty cars or leaves in the garage. Jerry had several favorite sayings: "I'm broke as a nut" (which no one knew what it meant), "just a walk in the park" (for the long walks during Disney park days), "most excellent" and "it is what it is". Special memories include: his favorite ride at Disney World... Splash Mountain, which he would go on endlessly with his kids, Jennifer and John, movies with the kids during Christmas break, the rare homemade family breakfast where Jerry would cook sausage, eggs, and homemade hash browns, his "crazy-these can't be real, but wouldn't they be cool-I think they're real" stories of his youth, playing with Delphine, throwing nerf balls at Gage, and of course his dedication to never leaving the house without a button-down dress shirt and blue jeans.

Jerry passed away on Saturday, August 8, 2020 at his home in Papillion, Nebraska surrounded by his family at the age of 72 years, 8 months and 30 days. He was preceded in death by his parents Richard and Marie and sister Cyndi. Jerry is survived by his wife Pam; son John (Mandie) Kane of Papillion; daughters Jennifer Kane (Guillaume Malik) of Lincoln, NE and Jeannette Kane of Lincoln, NE; grandchildren and great grandchildren; siblings; mother-in-law Evelyn Novotny of Omaha.

Jerry was fearless until the end. He never shied away from adversity. Instead, he always faced it head on with a casual joke, a rolling up of his sleeves, and a defiant extending of a middle finger... two, if the situation warranted it.

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Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home-Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Gerald Thomas Kane*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - August 10, 2020 at 03:13 PM

SK

John, I love you. I'm so glad you have all these random memories with grandpa. It's amazing to hear them.

Shaun Kane - August 15, 2020 at 12:29 PM



I just learned of Jerrys passing. I am so sorry to hear. Worked with Jerry for 30 plus years until he retired. A lot of great memories.

Bob D'Agosta - September 20, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ *Gerald Thomas Kane*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM

SG

“ *So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. He was an outstanding technician and mechanic. Wish we had kept in closer contact after we retired.*

Steve Gray

Steve Gray - August 15, 2020 at 12:03 PM

SG

Jerry's gruff, rough, tough demeanor would suddenly melt away if he accidentally bumped into you or thought he injured you in some way. He was so concerned and apologetic. That was the real Jerry.

Steve Gray - August 15, 2020 at 12:28 PM

MZ

“ *My deepest condolences to the Kane family. I'm sorry I won't be able to be there in person because of fallout from cancer treatment. I met Jerry almost 35 years ago when I started work at The World-Herald. He was a friend and valued co-worker who helped teach me the ropes of the newspaper business and keep the equipment in Production running. Although our work related interests took different paths at the newspaper after awhile, I never forgot the concepts and work ethic I learned from him and remain with me today.*

I truly regret never seeing him socially over the years. I'm sure it would have involved a cooler full of his favorite ale and plenty of laughs. He will be missed.

Mike Zurek

Mike Zurek - August 14, 2020 at 08:34 PM

MJ

“ Accept my warm and heartfelt sympathy, my prayers are with the entire Kane family in your time of sorrow. Jerry was a true "one of a kind" and I carry with me many vivid memories of him during our years as co-workers at the Omaha World-Herald. Especially near and dear to me are recollections from our travels in Belgium (Antwerp, Ypres, Brussels), including a weekend trip to Paris where I had Jerry walking (yes walking) all over the entire city to see the sights. Indeed the one and only Jerry Kane toured The Louvre, with a daughter in mind because of her interest in the art, and our stop at the Eiffel Tower invoked the elevator operator to remark to Jerry, "Hey ZZ Top!" in reference of course to his trademark beard. He was a bit skeptical at first about traveling to Paris especially when he told me that he'd already seen it: in Las Vegas! Laughing out Loud! Nevertheless once we were back in Omaha, he told me how glad he was to have taken the trip which I know was difficult for him because he missed his family and home, the truly most important parts of his life, calling home each night to speak with Pam.

I'll never forget that experience as well as the training that we received regarding some of the equipment that Jerry helped maintain at the World-Herald Freedom Center. We shared many laughs, secret smiles and rolled eyes about any number of politically incorrect topics and he made even the most boring of days interesting.

I only learned of Jerry's passing yesterday and it came about because I was actively thinking of him, hoping that he was enjoying his well-deserved retirement for which he always kept an active countdown. Without a doubt his zest for life is alive and well as I carry it inside myself as I am sure it is within every person he touched during his time here with us.

Tonight I raise a nice cold hops and barley to you Jerry, without even trying, you were really one of the coolest dudes I had the honor to know.

*With sincere regards and reflection from North Germany
Malcolm Jackson
OWH 1997-1999, 2000-2002*

Malcolm Jackson - August 14, 2020 at 09:42 AM

SK

“ *I remember as a kid my favorite moments were when we went to Grandpa and Pam’s house. I got to play with John and Jenny and it was always a fun time.*

Time may have gotten away from us, but I cherish the memories I had of you, grandpa. I’m glad I got to see you a few years back and even more glad that you got to meet my kids. It was a short visit, but it meant the world to me.

I love you. Always have, always will.

Shaun Kane - August 13, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Aunt Pam and all the family. And although we didn’t keep in touch well, I have the fondest memories of Jerry. He was the fun Uncle who always made me laugh.*

Nikki Elias - August 12, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald Thomas Kane.*



August 10, 2020 at 08:50 PM