



Jerry Ray Harvey

April 26, 1958 - June 25, 2018

Jerry Ray Harvey, born 22 minutes after his identical twin Gerry Jay, on April 26, 1958 in Wahiawa, Oahu, was taken to his eternal heavenly home on June 25, 2018.

His sparkling blue eyes lit up his face like a Christmas tree and his enthusiasm for life was apparent. Jerry was a doer, a hard-worker with determination to provide well for his family. He was a ball of energy with a never-give-up attitude.

Jerry was conservative, but freely giving of his time and talents and his joy came from helping other people. Rarely passing an opportunity when others needed help he was always ready to lend a hand. His never-tire never-complain, never-sit-still style was endearing.

Jerry worked diligently for IBM for 33 years. His goal was to retire at 55 years old, and that he did in 2013. He then pursued a life-long dream of becoming a truck driver and the opportunity came with FedEx, which gave him the necessary training to drive an 18-wheel, tractor-trailer. He embraced that job with the same joy and passion as he did with any other task he endeavored to try. No job was too intimidating. He was a fix-it-yourself guy and attempted to resolve problems of any kind for anyone. He considered himself blessed even through his struggle with aggressive brain cancer, and kept a positive outlook, inspiring others with his peaceful spirit.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 33 years, Tammy P. Harvey, and their 3 sons, Thomas N. Harvey (Danielle), Theodore R. Harvey (Cassie), and Joshua C. Harvey and his parents, Theodore C. and Sharon K. Harvey of Effingham, SC. He also was a proud grandpa to Charles E. Harvey, (son to Ted & Cassie).

A memorial service celebrating Jerry's life will be held Sunday, July 22nd at 1:30pm at The Summit Church, 3000 Lufkin Rd., Apex, NC 27539.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that a donation be made to the charity of your choice.

Events

JUL **Memorial Service** 01:30PM
22

The Summit Church - Apex
3000 Lufkin Rd,, Apex, NC, US, 27539

Comments



“ Judy Clausing lit a candle in memory of Jerry Ray Harvey



Judy Clausing - July 20, 2018 at 01:28 PM



“ I've known Jerry and his family for many years. Jerry was a wonderful son, loyal father and husband, passionate Grandpa and the most supportive and helpful friend you'll ever find. Jerry always worked whether it was for his career, around the house, or helping friends. He never stopped! Some would say he was a workaholic. (In the most loving way). He was the type of man who always listened and ask lots of questions because he was interested in what you had to say. He loved doing many activities with his family especially outdoor fun whether it was golfing, fishing, going to the beach or visiting family out of town. I believe he tried to live life to the fullest. When interacting with Jerry he always made me feel like he truly cared. He truly listened well, asked questions, and always took an interest in what you had to say. Nick and I had the great pleasure of going on vacation with Jerry & Tammy and from start to finish we had a great time! Memories that will last us a lifetime! Many people would say that during the course of Jerry's illness, he always remained positive, grew stronger in his faith, very courageous, grateful, blessed, and humbled. Jerry, I love you and you will be sorely missed. To Tammy, my BFFER, I love you and will always be here for you and the family! #JerryStrong



Lynn Guerrera - July 15, 2018 at 04:44 PM



“ Gods speed Jerry....With an open mind he was always my friend. I will forever value the times we shared. Gerry, my thoughts and prayers are with all of the Harveys.
Vi Kraft

Vi Hendley - July 13, 2018 at 07:51 AM



“ Had the privilege to work with both Jerry and his dad Ted in Florence , SC. So many memories. What a go getter! Always able to do more, never backed down. And that old blue diesel vw (I think) that got 45 mpg. He made money on the mileage plan!!

Always new he would go far in anything he did. He will be missed by every life he touched. God bless you Tammy and your family.

Jim and Sandy Norman

Jim Norman - July 12, 2018 at 09:37 AM



“ I also worked with Jerry in the IBM Raleigh Networking Support Center. What a nice guy! He was always so enthusiastic. My call to fame with Jerry was that I was also from South Carolina. Go Francis Marion! I think that we were all lucky to have Jerry Harvey in our lives! My condolences to the family.
Susan Deas

Susan Boyd - July 11, 2018 at 11:01 PM



“ I worked for Jerry at the Support Center. My father worked with him too. So sorry for the family.

Wes Knight - July 11, 2018 at 05:59 PM



“ Scott and I will miss Jerry very much. We both worked with Jerry at IBM, in the Networking Support Center. We enjoyed working with Jerry and could always turn to him for exuberance assistance :)!!! We will miss him and his smile.

With fond memories of Jerry,
Andrea Fonville-White



Andrea - July 11, 2018 at 04:25 PM



“ Jerry and I worked together at IBM in the RTP Support Center for many years. He was much more than a co-worker, he was my friend and I will miss him forever. He made me a better person just by being around him. His enthusiasm for life, family, and his career shown through in everything he did. There are so many 'Jerry stories' and I have enjoyed reading all of them posted here. I only wish I too lived in his cul-de-sac!

When Jerry reached his 25th Anniversary with IBM, he chose a round of golf at Prestonwood for a group of his friends and so off we went. I have never golfed in anything but jeans and I wore a nice pair for Prestonwood. However, they don't allow jeans and it didn't matter that I was paying the bill. Jerry sized me up and down and, as the rest of the group teed off, he left and was back in a few minutes with a pair of slacks for me. I can just picture Tammy standing in the cul-de-sav, having been contacted by phone as Jerry sped home. He probably only slowed down as he grabbed those pants and made it back to the course. We caught up to the other two foursomes on the 2nd fairway! And then laughed about it for years after. Just one more way Jerry fixed everything without hesitation. And bailed out a good friend with no taste in pants!

My best to Tammy and 3 great sons.
God speed Jerry, I love you man.

Gary Bush - July 10, 2018 at 07:44 AM



“ Aloha, my Hawaiian friend.

Tom Hayakawa - July 09, 2018 at 03:04 PM



“ My first interaction with Jerry was when I came for the viewing of a house on sale, which was next door to his. He convinced me train tracks in the backyard should be insignificant in decision making. I was convinced enough and we became neighbors. Ever since then any time I was on cross roads of a decision. I would grab him for a chat no matter what the discussion.

He was a man with minimum needs and believed in simple living. I had seen him at old home with Jeda, giving hope and comfort to terminally ill patients. I had seen him working to help an older couple sell a car. And every time he left me wondering and amazed by his deeds and actions- pure and unique.

One time I was moving a sofa, logically the dimensions of the door were short to get the sofa in. I gave up but still went to Jerry with the problem on hand. And off course Jerry, the doer came in action right away. In the next 10 minutes he was outside with all of his three boys pushing the sofa through the window of a second floor room. No idea was insane or impossible. He could envision and deliver beyond anybody's capacity with his super natural powers.

The world and this neighborhood is lesser place without him. He has left an unfillable emptiness.

Rest in peace my friend until we meet again...

Sanjay Khanna - July 05, 2018 at 12:17 PM



“ Jerry was a wonderful cousin-in-law. One night my parents called and said you will never believe who has come to visit. It was Jerry checking on his rental home in Tennessee. I could hear the smile in his voice as he spoke. My parents had the speaker phone on. It meant so much to me that he checked on them and they loved his visits. He always made them feel so special. He also got to spend a day sawing lumber with my Dad. My Dad continues to talk about what a wonderful time they had. It takes a very special person to reach out and spend time to help others.

Fonda White - July 03, 2018 at 06:35 PM



“ Jerry Ray Harvey and I started working for IBM at the same time in 1980 and we shared an apartment in Atlanta for about four months while we went through training. Such a smart guy. A great friend and roommate! Grew to love Jerry and his family!

Michael Ventura - July 03, 2018 at 11:06 AM



“ I met Jerry at Fed Ex Express. He would c me struggling with the packages and came over to help me load them. After the first night and work his laughter and jokes, I knew he was a great person! He will really be missed!

Ebony - July 03, 2018 at 03:22 PM



“ Mr. Jerry was my neighbor, soooooo proud to say that I shared one side of our home with him for 20 plus years. The way I knew him was as a PROBLEM SOLVER. I have never met a person like him in my life, who is so content, positive and always upbeat. Whether it was 7 am in the morning or 10pm at night if you need help, he will make sure he is present. Anybody's problem was his own personal problem which I am sure came at the cost of his own family time. But it gave him so much happiness and contentment to help others. If he was in town, he was busy doing something, couldn't be still. I would see him running around in the backyard, up on roof tops, if nothing else he would find a yard that needed a fix. He owned every yard in the cul-de- sac. He was always visible in and out very active, and when you didn't see him, I felt something went missing. It felt unsafe.

I remember when we decided to remodel and add on to our existing home. The builder told us you won't get your money's worth in this neighborhood. And we confidently said "YES WE WOULD". ..CAN'T leave MR JERRY. After all who has the guts to deal with snakes? He was fearless :-). He once killed a copperhead in our/his backyard.

He was/IS an inspiration and institution of learning of how to conduct your day to day life- tirelessly kept giving without expecting anything in return. When he got sick, he still kept a positive attitude and accepted whatever circumstances life put him thru. He has left behind a legacy for his wife and three amazing boys to continue.

You will be missed!!!

Khanna Family

Neelu Khanna - July 02, 2018 at 01:53 PM



“ Frances Smith Sweat lit a candle in memory of Jerry Ray Harvey



Frances Smith Sweat - July 01, 2018 at 05:49 PM



“ Carolyn Knight lit a candle in memory of Jerry Ray Harvey



Carolyn Knight - July 01, 2018 at 09:25 AM



“ We had the pleasure of meeting Jerry 26 years ago, even before we became neighbors. We had come to visit our house under construction, our car got stuck in the mud when backing out on the driveway in the dark, and within minutes, Jerry ran over (along with his brother and father-in-law) and helped us get out of the hole. He was the quintessential good neighbor, helping us in the yard, chopping down trees, aerating our lawn each year, putting the paper on the porch if we forgot to put a hold on it and went on vacation. His high energy and good spirits were a constant source of inspiration for me. Talking shop (IBM) in the cul-de-sac was always enlightening.

Jerry's presence in the Barthel Drive cul-de-sac will be sorely missed.

>> Ronnie and Anita Sarkar <<

Ronnie Sarkar - June 28, 2018 at 03:12 PM



“ Tammy and Family,

We send you our love and deepest sympathy along with the joy we had of the times spent with Jerry and all of you. He was more than a nephew, he was like a son. We've been reading the on-line comments and know he was dearly beloved. What a personality and such deep character that showed through. We grieve with you, but we share the joy he gave to us all.



Leon and Ardith Harris - June 27, 2018 at 08:12 PM



“ Jerry, buddy, you will be remembered as an ever cheerful, enthusiastic and friendly person. Our acquaintance started with you as Joshua's Dad, who made us feel at home in our first house. In next few years you & Tammy, along with Dave & Mary were my newborn's god parents when our own parents could not visit us from India. Barthel will not be same without you Jerry. You will be greatly missed. Tammy, it is heart wrenching to see a jolly person like Jerry leave. Harvey family, you helped us in our good & bad times. You all are always in our thoughts and prayers.

Viren, Mohana, Rutvik & Parnika Joglekar - June 27, 2018 at 07:53 PM



“ I am proud to be able to say that Jerry was my friend. We only talked a couple of times a year but when we did he always made you feel like what you had going on was important and interesting. I will miss you my friend. Our loss, heaven's gain.

Doug Helton - June 27, 2018 at 03:28 PM



“ Carolee Hatchell Crowley lit a candle in memory of Jerry Ray Harvey



Carolee Hatchell Crowley - June 27, 2018 at 01:08 PM



“ Jerry was my friend. He was the guy who drug everyone’s trash cans back to there rightful spot. Not mine as our other wonderful neighbor Christie did mine. Jerry was the guy who helped with gutter cleaning, ceiling fans or on many occasions dug roots out of your yard. Jerry was the guy who at 8:30 AM on any given day would be outside edging your driveway and you’d think what person is doing this at 8:30 and you look out your window and he is doing your yard. I loved Jerry being my neighbor! Never a day went by if you needed anything he was ready to go. I love him and love his family. The best wife and the best boys. He will be sorely missed. I love you buddy.

bob - June 27, 2018 at 12:06 PM



“ I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Jerry at Fedex, always with a smile. Unfortunately my wife Nancy never got to meet him. Jerry knew no strangers, he had the gift of making friends with anyone and everyone. He was always smiling and glad to lend a hand and go out of his way for anyone. My heart goes out to the Harvey family, The world is a lesser place without him. Rest In Peace my friend, you will be missed.

Tal Tippett

Tal Tippett - June 27, 2018 at 10:59 AM



“ Chris Bartelucci lit a candle in memory of Jerry Ray Harvey



Chris Bartelucci - June 27, 2018 at 10:45 AM



“ “Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”~ Matthew 11:28
My prayers and thoughts go out to the family. May your loving memories forever hold in your heart.

Chris Bartelucci - June 27, 2018 at 10:51 AM



“ Rose Luckey lit a candle in memory of Jerry Ray Harvey



Rose Luckey - June 27, 2018 at 10:29 AM



“ Barbara McKinnon lit a candle in memory of Jerry Ray Harvey



Barbara McKinnon - June 27, 2018 at 09:16 AM



“ Lynn Guerrera lit a candle in memory of Jerry Ray Harvey



Lynn Guerrera - June 26, 2018 at 09:56 PM



“ Jerry Harvey, my neighbor next door (that's how he'd identify himself) when he'd call us. He did this for the 14 years, that we had the privilege of being his neighbor...just one incident of his fantastic sense of humor! Anyone who doesn't call him THE BEST didn't know him! All our love, Debb & Doug

Deborah Yalacki - June 26, 2018 at 07:46 PM



“ Moira Sheldon lit a candle in memory of Jerry Ray Harvey



Moira Sheldon - June 26, 2018 at 05:39 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Harvey family for their loss. I had the privilege of know Jerry as both a coworker and friend. I always appreciated his positive, can do attitude. There was nothing that Jerry wouldn't tackle. I will always remember the time that we went golfing at Preston to celebrate his 25th service anniversary at IBM. It was a fun time.

Bill Stern - June 26, 2018 at 05:33 PM



“ My uncle Jerry was a wonderful man! Sometimes he would pick but always in a fun way! He came and helped my husband and I fix the roof on our first house. He burnt his feet but kept chugging along till the job was done. I love him very much and will miss him!

Jessica Hopkins - June 26, 2018 at 05:19 PM



“ My heart and prayers go to Tammy and all of Jerry's family. Jerry always knew what to say when you needed a comforting word or just a laugh. He always tried to help when you needed him and never complained if he wasn't feeling up to the job. I'll always remember him cutting down a tree once just to get me some mistletoe! I'm sure his smile is lighting up Heaven!

Maria Harvey - June 26, 2018 at 04:09 PM



“ Jerry came to FedEx shortly before I retired. He seemed to find joy in everything. His upbeat way lifted all around him. So sorry for your loss. He was one of a kind. Frank Dry

Frank Dry - June 26, 2018 at 04:08 PM



“ So very Sorry

Jerry great man raised nice loving family

Love George & Lisa

George Matroni - June 26, 2018 at 04:05 PM



“ Maria Harvey lit a candle in memory of Jerry Ray Harvey



Maria Harvey - June 26, 2018 at 04:03 PM