



Gerald Alan "Jerry" Rocco

September 28, 1957 - December 9, 2019

Gerald Alan "Jerry" Rocco, 62, of Powell, died suddenly and unexpectedly on Monday, December 9, 2019. The son of the late Newman and Lois (Frohnapple) Rocco, Jerry was born on September 28, 1957 in Ashtabula, where he graduated from high school. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Kent State University and a juris doctorate from Ohio Northern University.

Jerry began his professional career as an assistant attorney general, moved to the Ohio Department of Transportation as a real estate administrator and since 2000, has served as an acquisitions attorney for ms consultants, inc.

Blessed with an enormous zest for life and joyful sense of humor, Jerry had a wide range of interests. Whether he was playing golf with his friends or the "Dublin Duffers," riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle, adding fish to his salt-water aquarium, cheering for the Cleveland Browns, walking his dogs, strumming Eagles' songs on his guitar or cooking his mother's spaghetti sauce recipe, Jerry engaged in life with an open heart and genuine interest in everyone he met. For his friends and family, he was a model of kindness and compassion.

Jerry enjoyed living in Powell, where he spent many years coaching soccer and basketball through the Olentangy Youth Athletic Association. He served

on the OYAA board for 11 years, seven of those as president. His Powell neighbors shared countless moments and milestones: graduations, new babies, weddings, euchre games, cookouts and the annual "Bourbon Book Club." Jerry made friends everywhere he went, maintaining and cherishing those relationships all his life.

Most cherished were his family. He is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 29 years, Jeanne (Halaiko), his daughter, Madeline (Graham) Nieder, new grandson, Grady Nieder and son, Anthony. Also surviving are Jerry's sister, Cheryl (Danny) Pugliese, niece, Chris (Curtis) Fularz and their children, Declan and Vera. Additional survivors are his brothers- and sisters-in-law, Eileen Halaiko, Mike and Janie Halaiko, Pat Halaiko and Cathy Blackford, Matt and Mary Beth Shea, and Phil and Rosie Newlon, along with numerous nieces, nephews and their families. In addition to his parents, Jerry was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Steve Halaiko.

Jerry's family will receive friends from 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, December 15 at RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 W. Olentangy St., Powell, where his Memorial Celebration will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, December 16. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Jerry's honor to the Olentangy Youth Athletic Association, P.O. Box 476, Lewis Center, OH 43035; Special Olympics Ohio, 3303 Winchester Pike, Columbus, OH 43232 or Young Life, 27070 Detroit Rd., Westlake, OH 44145.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

9571 North High Street
Lewis Center, OH 43035

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 15. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
450 West Olentangy Street
Powell, OH 43065
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Visitation

DEC 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

DEC 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald Alan "Jerry" Rocco*



Rutherford Funeral Homes - December 13, 2019 at 06:51 PM



“ *Gerald Alan "Jerry" Rocco*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Condolence to Jeanne and the entire family.*

Jerry was like my brother for the last 50 years, so many cherished adventures we shared since the age of 12. As also my college roommate, Jerry introduced me to my wife Kay. I was honored we were in each others weddings.

Jerry gathered people together. The joyous sparkle in his eye and boyishly mischeavious smile & laugh made you know he was leading you on another fun grand adventure.

Farewell my beloved friend. You did it right. Thank you for always making them the "Best of Times"...

Mark & Kay Peterangelo

Mark Peterangelo - December 19, 2019 at 08:36 AM

KL

“ Dear Jeanne, Rosie, and families ~
Please accept my most sincere sympathy and condolences for the passing of your husband and brother in law. I happen to see it in the paper. I am truly sorry for your loss. My prayers will be lifted up for your entire family.
With Love ~ Katy (Carroll) LeRose
New Albany, Ohio

Katy LeRose - December 13, 2019 at 03:19 PM

CR

“ We planned the YMCA volleyball tournament team together at work and that day was so much fun! I will always have that memory in my heart as that was a day filled with smiles and laughter. I am so saddened by this news and I send my deepest sympathies and prayers to you and your family during this difficult time.



Cathy Ramondelli - December 13, 2019 at 03:07 PM

JE

“ Jim Fisher, Iain Crouch - TranSystems Real Estate purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gerald Alan "Jerry" Rocco.



Jim Fisher, Iain Crouch - TranSystems Real Estate -
December 13, 2019 at 03:06 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Alan "Jerry" Rocco.*



December 13, 2019 at 11:50 AM



“ *Steve Toth, Tracy Jones_O.R. Colan Associates, LLC purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gerald Alan "Jerry" Rocco.*



Steve Toth, Tracy Jones_O.R. Colan Associates, LLC -
December 13, 2019 at 09:06 AM



“ *Dear Jeanne and family, We are sending our Love and Blessings, our hearts breaks for your loss. It has been many years since we meant you but Jerry's Mother Lois and Jim's mother Marie Forman were sisters. We have a picture of Jerry at our wedding in Jefferson Ohio when he was 8 years. At that age he was a hand full for his parents but as he grew into a man he became a loving husband and father that will forever be a blessing and will leave you with many wonderful memories.*

Jim and Nadine Forman

Jim and Nadine Forman - December 13, 2019 at 07:54 AM

TJ

“ Jerry was a great guy. I enjoyed working with him on r/e acquisitions for Pike County Engineers office. When he came to Pike Co. it seemed he always had a good story to tell. His company was enjoyed by all. Even though I've never met his family I want you to know he always spoke highly of each of you and I could tell you were lights of his life. Rest In Peace Jerry.

Teresa Johnson - December 12, 2019 at 07:11 PM

FF

“ Jerry was, in every sense, a Genuine Great Guy! He will be truly missed!
Jeanne, Anthony, Madeline and Family - You have our deepest sympathies
and remain in our Family's thoughts and prayers!

Fred Meyer & Family - December 12, 2019 at 11:25 AM

SH

“ Shawn Hillman purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gerald Alan "Jerry" Rocco.



Shawn Hillman - December 12, 2019 at 08:57 AM

DR

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



David Rourke - December 11, 2019 at 11:21 PM

AS

“ Amy Simonds lit a candle in memory of
Gerald Alan "Jerry" Rocco



Amy Simonds - December 11, 2019 at 09:28 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of
Gerald Alan "Jerry" Rocco.



December 11, 2019 at 08:05 PM

Cathy Miller

“ Cathy Miller lit a candle in memory of Gerald Alan "Jerry" Rocco



Cathy Miller - December 11, 2019 at 07:15 PM

LS

“ Jerry was my husband's best friend. They were the best man at each other's weddings. Jerry was such a great guy and so proud to be a new grandpa! Our thoughts and prayers are with Jeanne, Anthony, Madeline, Cheryl and families. He will be truly missed.

Larry and Kim Stoneman - December 11, 2019 at 06:19 PM

GS

“ I first met Jerry when he joined the Ohio Attorney General's Office. He was a great guy then and never changed. He was always fun to be around. I will miss him greatly.

Greg Severance - December 11, 2019 at 04:27 PM

BC

“ Jerry was a class act! The Dublin Duffers golf league will greatly miss him!! Rest in peace my friend!

Bob Clawson - December 11, 2019 at 03:54 PM

GR

“ This guy was a class act, a best friend, family man and more. A consummate professional. I will miss him.

greg reynolds - December 11, 2019 at 03:17 PM