



## Gerald "Jerry" K. Oshesky Jr.

March 4, 1958 - November 3, 2016

Gerald ("Jerry", "Jerry O.") K. Oshesky, Jr. passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at the age of 58. Jerry was a long-time resident of Tallahassee who lived most recently in Green Cove Springs, FL and is survived by his son, Drew; father, Gerald (Valerie); mother, Barbara; brothers, Tim and Robert (Rebecca); sister, Julie Hopson (Alan); nieces, Anastaja, Robyn, Alana, and Lilly; nephews, Alex, Christian, Doug, Zachary, Jacob, and Christopher; step-daughters, Sundra Hines (Edward) and Tara Nichols; and fiancé, Bonnie Pfuntner.

His father was stationed in Zweibrucken, Germany where Jerry graduated from Zweribrucken American High School. After that, Jerry graduated from the University of Florida College of Engineering in 1982 and was a Professional Engineer in Florida, Georgia, and Alabama. He was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, as well as the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and one of the Florida Gators' most dedicated fans. Jerry devoted his entire career as a Civil Engineer to making Florida communities and state parks outstanding places in which to live, work, and play. Across more than three decades he worked on influential projects for the Florida Department of Transportation, Sverdrup, Leon County, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Edwards & Kelcey, Baker (including Blueprint 2000 & Beyond), and most recently Stanley Consultants.

Cooking delicious meals was one of his favorite ways to show love. He enjoyed hosting tailgates, parties, and gatherings with friends and family, from

which one never left hungry or dissatisfied. One of his favorite hobbies was fishing, particularly in Alaska, where he enjoyed reeling in halibut, salmon, and rockfish. Jerry's relaxed disposition was a calming influence, and he had the enviable ability to ease tension in any room. He loved to make people laugh, always ready with a joke and a smile. A giving man with a kind soul and gentle spirit, he will be profoundly missed.

A memorial service will be held Friday, November 11, 2016 at 11am at Bevis Funeral Home, 2710 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32303, flowers can be sent to the funeral home. Following the service, there will be a gathering of family and friends to enjoy his memory at Wahoo Seafood Grill, 2714 Graves Road. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. 850-385-2193, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory  
200 John Knox Rd  
Tallahassee, FL 32303  
(850) 385-2193

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



J Michael - November 12, 2016 at 11:53 AM

JF

“ Joel & Carolyn Michael & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gerald "Jerry" K. Oshesky Jr..



Joel & Carolyn Michael & Family - November 10, 2016 at 03:01 PM

AB

“ We are very grateful of our time with Jerry. So many fun memories of fishing, camping, backyard campfires and good times in Alaska and also here in Florida. We always looked forward to our visits. We were family from the moment we met. That's the way Jerry was - a gracious, kind, fun, sweet-natured man. We will miss him. We send our deepest sympathies to our cousin, Bonnie, and to Jerry's family. We are so sorry for your loss.  
Love, Audrey & Larry

Audrey Bradshaw - November 10, 2016 at 01:25 PM

M-

“ Mary Dent -DRMP,Inc. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gerald "Jerry" K. Oshesky Jr..



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**Mary Dent -DRMP,Inc.** - November 10, 2016 at 10:43 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" K. Oshesky Jr..



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November 09, 2016 at 04:30 PM

PL

“ Patti Moscow & Ben Lang purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Gerald "Jerry" K. Oshesky Jr..



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**Patti Moscow & Ben Lang** - November 09, 2016 at 04:14 PM

LM

“ Lori Murphy purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Gerald "Jerry" K. Oshesky Jr..



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**Lori Murphy** - November 09, 2016 at 02:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" K. Oshesky Jr..*



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November 09, 2016 at 10:45 AM



“ *I first met Jerry when he was right out of College, a fellow Gator. He was earnest and friendly. His Dad, that I worked with, was so proud. Time passes, sometimes too quickly, but Jerry made the most of his.*

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**Jim Wolfe** - November 09, 2016 at 09:48 AM



“ *I miss you already Jer. I have so much left to say to you ! Your absence has created the loudest silence. So quick witted, such a beautiful smile, always willing to host the entire clan, fantastic cook, a brilliant engineer and so hilariously funny. You had a way about you that everyone you came across could see. I can't believe our relationship is now just words on a wall. As the oldest you always watched for out us - so grab our brother Danny and give him one of your bear hugs. I believe ya'll have some fishing to catch up on. Keep the lights on, we'll be along shortly. You are forever in our hearts & we love you so, so much <3*

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**Julie Oshesky** - November 08, 2016 at 10:22 PM

JO

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Julie Oshesky - November 08, 2016 at 10:06 PM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" K. Oshesky Jr..



November 08, 2016 at 11:48 AM

NZ

“ While Jerry and I were not "close" friends we knew each other for a very long time. When I think of Jerry I think about those really boring engineering conferences and looking forward to hanging out with Jerry for dinner or drinks after. He always had a great sense of humor and I would get side stitches listening to his stories. He was such a kind soul and will be greatly missed by all his colleagues.

Natalie Zierden - November 08, 2016 at 09:08 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" K. Oshesky Jr..*



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November 07, 2016 at 05:28 PM



“ *Steve Nichols purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gerald "Jerry" K. Oshesky Jr..*



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**Steve Nichols** - November 07, 2016 at 03:43 PM



“ *On behalf of Quest Corporation of America (QCA), our most sincere condolences to his family and friends. Jerry inspired each and every one of us always. We will forever cherish the many memories we have of working with him throughout our industry. His smile will continue to go a long way. We love you Jerry! We will miss you so much! And, we will look forward to seeing you some day, somewhere again! With hugs always... Thank you for all your support and love, Sharlene Francois Lairscey (QCA)*

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**Sharlene Francois Lairscey** - November 07, 2016 at 03:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" K. Oshesky Jr..*



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November 07, 2016 at 03:07 PM

SN

“ I remember vividly when Jerry brought me onboard at LPA. He made the transition simple and easy for me. He was great to work with, always upbeat and making you feel at ease. I will miss his humor and optimism. It is rare that you come across an individual that you look forward to working with and being around. My prayers and thoughts are with Bonnie and his family.

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**Steve Nichols** - November 07, 2016 at 02:30 PM

SP

“ Jerry was in our wedding and we enjoyed his company for over 30 years, especially so during Gator football season. Jerry always made an event more fun with his humor, ability to communicate with anyone and his delicious cooking! His ready smile, large laugh, quick wit, generosity and beautiful sparkly eyes will be greatly missed. We are having difficulty even thinking about not seeing him again or hearing his timely and always funny humor. His big Jerry bear-hugs were something special. We love Jerry and are grateful that we have so many shared memories of our time together. We are hoping that someday soon our tears of sadness will be replaced with smiles when remembering him.  
Our love and condolences to Drew and Bonnie, and to everyone else who loved Jerry and will be missing him  
Keith & Sharon Ponitz

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**Sharon Ponitz** - November 07, 2016 at 01:47 PM

JC

“ Jerry, you are one of the good guys. You shall be missed more than you know my friend. See you in the "Swamp" on the other side brother.  
Your friends, Jack and Jan Curatelli.

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**jack curatelli** - November 07, 2016 at 01:36 PM

SH

“ *Stephan and Lisa Heimborg purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Gerald "Jerry" K. Oshesky Jr..*



Stephan and Lisa Heimborg - November 07, 2016 at 12:59 PM

WH

“ *With Love, The Marketing & BD Team of H&H purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gerald "Jerry" K. Oshesky Jr..*



With Love, The Marketing & BD Team of H&H - November 07, 2016 at 12:43 PM

HL

“ *Hardesty & Hanover, LLC purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gerald "Jerry" K. Oshesky Jr..*



Hardesty & Hanover, LLC - November 07, 2016 at 12:30 PM



“ *I always enjoyed working with Jerry! What a great guy! Always positive and fun to be around! You will be truly missed! My thoughts and most sincere prayers to Jerry's family. Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.*

Scott Golden - November 07, 2016 at 11:50 AM

JD

*What a great smile, laugh, human being and engineer. Your gonna be seriously missed. Enjoy GATOR heaven . Jerry dabkowski*

**Jerry Dabkowski** - November 07, 2016 at 12:06 PM

GW

“ *Jerry will be missed, enjoyed the limited time we spend with him here in Alaska. A great cook and a good man our thoughts and prayers are with Bonnie and his family.*

**george weaver** - November 07, 2016 at 11:32 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" K. Oshesky Jr..*



November 07, 2016 at 11:15 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" K. Oshesky Jr..*



November 07, 2016 at 08:44 AM

SO

“ *Some people impact you in your life. Jerry was one of those people. My fraternity brother, shared seats at Gator games for decade, and lots of good times. He was full of life and I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family at this difficult time. Steve O'Brien.*

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**Steve OBrien** - November 07, 2016 at 07:37 AM

SM

*I hesitate to say anything on here. I did not know Jerry. I knew of Jerry. I knew my friend Julie Hopson loved her brother. Whenever Julie would talk about Jerry, her voice would take on a different tone, a tone of being proud, a tone of love, a tone of respect. I always knew from her talking about him, how special he was. Now as I read everything that people are saying, I feel that I truly missed out on a chance to meet someone very special. My heart, my thoughts and my prayers are with Bonnie, His parents, siblings, nieces, nephews, to all who did know him.*

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**Samantha Myers** - November 07, 2016 at 06:19 PM