



Gerard "Gerry" J. Leahy Jr.

June 27, 1942 - September 23, 2016

Gerard (Gerry) Leahy, born in 1942 in Philadelphia, PA to Gerard and Ruth Leahy, was a long time resident of Tallahassee at the time of his passing on September 23, 2016.

Many people came to know Gerry during his 30 something years as a Professor of Scenic Design at Florida State University where he proudly launched new artists into their careers. Known around the world as a visionary and significant scenic and costume designer for theatre, opera and dance, Gerry had dear friends on every continent that treasured and valued him for the generous spirit he was.

He is survived by his brother, Michael, his niece Michelle, his godson, Matthew Autton along with all of the people who were impacted by his art and his life whether as members of an audience, behind the stages, or lucky enough to call him friend.

Donations may be made in his name to St. Judes Hospital. A small private memorial will be held by his family. Todd Wahlquist with Bevis Funeral Home, is assisting the family with arrangements. 850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com

Tribute Wall

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“ When Gerry and I first met over thirty years ago it was a surprise to him. I was accepted into the grad program under an old system. I am forever grateful that I got to know him and worked with him at FSU and at The Santa Fe Opera. He was a mentor, colleague and a great friend. Gerry inspired creativity and a passion for the theatre world. He will be missed. But, I know Gerry is busy designing the scenery and costumes for the next stage. Thank you for also believing in me.

To the Leahy family - may warm memories of Gerry comfort you during this time and the days ahead.

Karen Kinkor - October 03, 2016 at 11:48 AM

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“ Gerry was a wonderful mentor. I last saw him several years ago at a USITT conference. He was always supportive and warm. A great loss to the academic theatre world and the art world. Thanks for believing in me and all of those you mentored.

susan wolverton - October 01, 2016 at 06:46 PM

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“ Susan Wolverton lit a candle in memory of Gerard "Gerry" J. Leahy Jr.



susan wolverton - October 01, 2016 at 06:42 PM