



Jerry Charles Blount

January 9, 1949 - May 1, 2020

Jerry's journey began in Hamilton, Ohio on January 9, 1949. His mom and dad James and Julia (Mignerey) filled the Blount family with love and humor growing up in the Fordson Heights area. Jerry spoke fondly of his childhood and the warmth created by his dad through laughter. Jerry would laugh so hard recounting the past: sneaking up behind his mom in the kitchen and untying her apron over and over, teasing his sisters Judy (Ron) Hartman, Jean (Bill) Eads and Joyce Blount. He also looked up to his big brother Jim (Jackie) Blount who was always there for him not only as a brother but also a mentor. We all know that "Jimmie" was one of the first to welcome him home. Jerry enjoyed playing baseball, football and being the high school basketball statistician. He graduated from Garfield Senior High School in 1967 and pursued his bachelor's degree from Indiana University with a degree in History. Jerry's career was varied but always successful and satisfying. His work included being in the advertising department for The Journal News in high school and Field Captain for the Cincinnati Bengals. However, most of his career and success was in the cable industry for 36 years as a general manager and consultant, leading sales and acquisitions in multiple metropolitan markets. Despite the multiple roles and industries, Jerry's true dream of retirement was to fulfill his dream of teaching. His passion for teaching brought him to a substitute teacher role in the Prescott / Prescott Valley area schools including Tri City Prep, Arizona Agribusiness & Equine and Canyon View Prep. When asked what he preferred teaching, he would laugh and say "...everything" but History was his favorite. His students loved him for his corny "dad" style jokes. He was a one of a kind teacher who loved teaching and mentoring teenagers with passion and respect. The passion and respect was returned when the students knew Jerry would be showing up in their classroom.

Jerry and his corny "dad" style jokes were not reserved just for his students. He was a loving and compassionate person who loved to be silly and make people laugh. He was known for his long, entertaining stories which he loved to repeat. Whether it was his jokes or his contagious laugh, you couldn't help but laugh with him. Some may remember him imitating the notorious Beach Boys "wipeout" laugh.

Jerry met his high school sweetheart and bride to be Dorothy at a YMCA dance in May 1964. Her big brown eyes, special smile and that watermelon skirt created 51 years of marriage and their proudest achievements: two of the most amazing children (Jeffrey and Jaime). In addition to raising their two wonderful children, Jerry and Dorothy enjoyed their time together playing games everyday. One of their favorite games, The Settlers Of Catan, was played so often that the ink wore off the cards and could barely be read. He also enjoyed the mental challenge of Sudoku while Dorothy peacefully read a book at his side. Ticket to Ride was a recent favorite, which Dorothy is forever grateful that this was the last game they played together shortly before he was chosen to begin his next journey home.

While both Jerry and Dorothy enjoyed playing games, one of his favorite hobbies was woodcarving. Whether he whittled a piece of scrap oak into a standing bear or a perched owl for his grandchildren, or put the final touches of a buffalo for Dorothy that she will always cherish, you could always find a table full of tools in his garage to etch the smallest details into his carvings. He also liked to sketch and one of his goals was to finish the drawing of his childhood home (Shirley Ave), where he had so many fond memories of his early years.

Jerry had a love affair with cookies, spice cake with chocolate frosting, pies (especially rhubarb, mincemeat and apple) and anything dark chocolate. He loved the holidays and the Blount noodles (his mother's recipe) were a traditional favorite. Some of his other Hamilton, Ohio favorites were Skyline Chili, Richard's Steak Sandwiches and Chester's Pizza. He had very fond memories of dates with his bride and their high school friends eating his favorite lasagna at Isgro's Ristorante Italiano.

Jerry was a devoted and loving father. He was their biggest cheerleader. You could always find him on the sidelines during Jeff's soccer, baseball and football games or in the stands cheering on Jaime during dance recitals and halftime shows. He was so proud of his children and couldn't help but brag about their life accomplishments: Jeff's Air Force career, Jaime's teaching career, the grandchildren and great grandchildren that they gave him. He was the proud grandfather of Daphne (Matthew), Michelle (Nathan), Sammi, Joshua and Anderson. Jerry was the great-grandfather of Mason, Zoey, Benjamin, Olivia, Samuel and Isabella. His grandchildren loved him so much that they actually laughed at his "dad" jokes. One of many fond memories that will be so missed is when he would greet them with a bear hug, tickle them and say, "Hey kid!" When he left, he would grab them with another bear hug and say "love ya kid!" in his gravel Grandpa/Gampy voice. He was their favorite history teacher and his eyes would light up when they would sit with him on the couch and watch the History Channel together. He was the proudest grandfather at their games, concerts and graduations. His love for family extended well past the Blount

name and was heartfelt by his daughter-in-heart (Janine) and son-in-heart (Henry) and their families too. There were countless nights enjoying home-cooked meals provided by Janine and Henry accompanied with a side of laughter and happiness. Whether the meal was bloemkool met gehaktballen (a traditional Dutch dish) or a random mix of BBQ pork fried rice, grilled chimichurri steak and a Caesar salad, the food and wine provided warmth in the belly but it was Jerry who provided warmth to the hearts of the guests at the dinner table. He wanted nothing more than for all his family to have a wonderful and happy life.

Jerry will be so missed by his faithful, furry companion, Max. Max loved their daily ritual: morning snuggle time just before the alarm music chimed “Angel Feathers,” playing fetch, the daily walk, sitting on the bench together in their yard and Max’s favorite, Jerry sharing a bite of his cookie.

Jerry will be forever remembered and deeply missed by his nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and dear friends. We look forward to hearing about their fond memories of Jerry.

His new journey began May 1, 2020 at the young age of 71, surrounded by his wife and children; the Lord took Jerry’s hand and walked him to the other side.

There will be no memorial service because Jerry would love his memory to be honored by you taking a close friend or relative out for coffee or a meal, watching an Ohio State Buckeye football game, or learning to play his favorite board games. Don’t forget to SMILE, knowing he will be there.

Jerry had a deep passion and respect for America’s military. The countless number of military personnel that lost their lives to keep this country free and strong brought a great feeling of patriotism to Jerry. Teaching the history of this country to students brought him great pride to represent the country in all manners. His love and dedication for this country can be reciprocated by your efforts. Memorial tributes may be directed to Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP)

Jerry’s family extends their heartfelt appreciation and thanks to the doctors and nurses at Yavapai Regional Medical Center, the Good Samaritan Society, Prescott Hospice & Marley House, and Sunrise Funeral Home (all located in Prescott, AZ).

Photos of his journey are available at <https://jerrysjourney.shutterfly.com/>

Comments



“ Dorothy, Jeff, Jaime and family. I am so sorry for your loss. Jerry was a great man who loved people. He hired me at CableAmerica and stayed in touch over the years. He always made me laugh with a corny joke. When I found him on LinkedIn after many years, he remembered me right away and the laughs we had! He will be missed but I'm glad he is with the Lord.

Juanita Stallworth - May 27, 2020 at 09:34 PM



“ Thank you Juanita. He always spoke fondly of you.

Jaime Chou - June 12, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Jerry was a great guy. I'm glad I knew him. Dorothy, you and Jerry always were so sweet together.

Susan Hawkins

Susan Hawkins - May 21, 2020 at 08:53 AM



“ Jerry, I already miss seeing you drive down the street on yr way to the park with Max. Always a smile and time to stop and say hello. Our yard sales won't b the same without your help and supervision. Pls know you were always loved and respected by so, so many. Fly high with the Angels, my friend. Candace

Candace Byrd - May 16, 2020 at 01:25 PM



“ Jerry you will be surely missed you were a great friend and neighbor. We pray for the Blount family.

Duane & Rebecca Vandenberg

Duane & Rebecca Vandenberg - May 16, 2020 at 01:06 PM



“ Grandpa, you are going to be missed more than words can explain. All we have to comfort us now are all the silly memories we made with you. One memory that rings loud and true was when you would tell Daphne and I that the helicopters in the night sky were looking for us because we ate ice cream past a certain time. You would call us squirts all the time and give us the absolute biggest bear hugs a kid could imagine. I'm going to miss everything about you, especially hearing you talk about all the wonderful kids you would teach, and how much your face lit up just thinking about them. I will miss your loud and contagious laugh, and your silly dad jokes that got us every time. You were such a proud man with lots of love to give to everyone. We are going to miss you so much, and the memories I have of you will never be forgotten. Rest well, grandpa, we love you very much.



Michelle Jones - May 14, 2020 at 02:00 PM



“ My prayers are with the Blount family. I'm honored to say Jerry was my friend. Jerry will be missed.

Debby Mefford - May 13, 2020 at 10:29 PM



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jean chou - May 12, 2020 at 06:15 PM



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Jerry,

We are so grateful for the time we had together with you. Every time was special. The laughs! We had so many laughs. You enjoyed hearing our family stories and you really cared about us. Thank you for sharing your family time with the Bains. You have created such an amazing family and we will miss you dearly. Always was a treat to hear your stories from when you were a child. Cracked us up how much fun you had!! Thank you for loving us.

Kristin Bain - May 12, 2020 at 12:24 PM



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Uncle Jerry, it has been many years since I've seen you, but I always remember you with a smile. I remember when I was a little girl and you all moved out west very specifically because I remember feeling that sadness that you all were leaving. My mom has so many fond memories of you growing up together and she has shared some with our kids like playing football with you. I know she is going to miss you dearly.

Amanda Drennen - May 09, 2020 at 08:30 PM



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As little as it may seem, one of my most favorable memories with Gampy were the times we spent playing wii together. I don't know how or why, but he was so superior when it came to bowling. I do not recall a time that I beat him or when anyone else did. Other than that, he was a huge inspiration and role model to me. His dad jokes would never fail to bring a smile across my face when I needed it most. I wish he were still here to watch me play football because I know he was excited to do so, and he could teach and give me pointers along the way. That will not matter now because I know he will be watching and helping from afar.

Anderson Chou (His grandson)

Anderson Chou - May 09, 2020 at 03:41 PM



“ So many of my nostalgic memories were created with Gampy. I always loved visiting him for Christmas and Thanksgivings. I really enjoyed playing board games with him too. I have a memory where we were playing chess but we didn't have all the pieces so we used some of my grandma's glass bunnies. We were also eating chocolate ice cream because he lived in Phoenix at the time which meant it was usually always hot. A few years later he moved to Prescott. I loved going to Peter Piper's Pizza and hearing his jokes about Anderson looking for coins under the machines. I also really like going to Red Barn to thrift stuff like old books or toys or other miscellaneous items with him. One of my favorite collection of memories with him is when we would go downtown to have lunch and look around the shops. We would get stuff like pretty rocks or clothes or toys from cowboy themed stores. It was also very fun getting ice cream from Culver's before watching a movie in the wintertime. I'm going to miss him call my brother a monkey and sharing dad jokes with each other. But I know that every time I make a dad joke, he will laugh at it no matter where he is.

Samantha Chou - May 06, 2020 at 04:00 PM



“ From Hopkinsville : DAN AND SHIRLEY send our deepest symathys to the BLOUNT family and especially DOROTHY and the turtle I spoke with Jerry by phone only a few days ago. From Kentucky with love. SUCH NICE PEOPLE !!

dan carter - May 07, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ Dear Gampy, thanks so much for being a part of my life and letting me create my own life and family with Jme. There are so many fond memories but I think I will miss Christmas the most; the presents, the food, watching It's a Wonderful Life as the kids try to sneak away. But most important, I will miss the comfort of having the whole family together during that time. Your presence always brought happiness and a feeling of warmth. You've taught me so much on how to be a loving parent and I can only hope to do the same with my family. Going to miss you. Love ya!

Henry Chou - May 06, 2020 at 11:32 AM