



Gerald E "Jerry" Bowers

March 31, 2014

Bowers, Gerald E. "Jerry" age 70, of Mpls., passed away on March 31st after a long journey with cancer. Survived by loving wife of 48 years, Debbie; children, Tracey (Tom) Illies and Jeff (Kari) Bowers; grandchildren, Hayley, Ben, Alex, Aaron, Maddie, Tommy and Joe; father, Ray (Enid) Bowers; brothers, Chuck (Peggy), Jim (Trish), Dale (Beverly) Bowers; sister, Darlene (Ron) Splinter; brother-in-law, Dick (Kathy) Dalton; many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Preceded in death by mother, Evelyn Bowers. Jerry grew up on a farm near St. James, MN and graduated from St. James High School. He attended and graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College where he met his wife Debbie. He had a successful career in the investment business. He spent the majority of his career at Piper Jaffray as a managing director of the municipal bond dept. He enjoyed spending time with his family at the cabin, traveling, biking, golfing, sailing and Lake Harriet. He was very competitive and never gave up. His passion for flying airplanes led him to "The Angel Flight Program" where he flew people with medical needs to their treatment destination. He was a loving, devoted and loyal husband, father, grandfather, son, brother and friend. He was a hands-on Papa to his grandchildren. We will miss him dearly. A special thanks to Mayo Clinic and Allina doctors and the caregivers at Allina Hospice for the special care shown to Jerry. Visitation 5-7 PM Sunday, April 6, Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, W. 50th St. & Vernon Ave. at Hwy 100, Edina. Memorial service 12:00 Noon, Monday, April 7, Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, 50th & Knox Ave S., Mpls.

Private interment Lakewood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Mayo Clinic Cancer Research or Mt. Olivet Cathedral of the Pines Camp. w
ww.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Tribute Wall

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“ Jerry was a wonderful man and cousin. With his smile and big heart-he shared his life with his family, friends and others who also had been dealt with health issues. If only we could all be able to do that this world would be a better place. Thanks Jerry for many good memories. We will miss you.
We will pray for your family at this time for strenght.

*Bill and Pam Jansick
Scottsdale, Az*

Bill Jansick - April 04, 2014 at 03:19 PM

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“ Jerry's Aunt Flowrein Cramer and cousins Russ & Joanne Cramer, Linda & Bill Benzick, James & Cheryl Cramer, Shelley & Sheldon Benoy and Anita & Mike Camelin send our condolences to the entire Bowers family.

Russ Cramer - April 02, 2014 at 06:35 PM

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“ Our heartfelt THANK YOU to Jerry. We enjoyed our many conversations and his continued optimism. The journey was long but he never gave up. Thanks for being in our lives. Jerry & Kathy Schmidt Dorset General Store Park Rapids, MN

Kathy Schmidt - April 02, 2014 at 08:38 AM

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“ To the family of Jerry Bowers: I remember Jerry in wrestling days in high school at St. James. He was one tough guy. He would test me to the limit. Our great moment as co-captains happened when we gave the team trophy to our classmates and superintendent A.J. Cole. during a school assembly. We were both nervous and proud at the same time. I miss a friend always with a smile. Merle Ayres Humboldt, Iowa

merle ayres - April 01, 2014 at 06:15 PM

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“ Dear Debbie and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Jerry was a great friend and one of the strongest people that I have ever known. I hope that I can emulate him if I ever find myself in a similar position. I have many great memories of "Jake" since meeting him at Piper Jaffray in 1976. He will be missed by many, but will live on in our memories forever. My thoughts are with you all.
Ben Rinkey

Ben rinkey - April 01, 2014 at 10:24 AM

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Dear Bowers Family,
I found the obituary for Jerry quite by accident while looking up another obituary of a friend of mine also at Washburn-Mcreavy. I was very surprised and saddened by his death. My heart goes out to Debbie and family. I worked at PJH for 25 years in the Municipal Bond Dept. and worked with Jerry on "the desk" for many of those years. I have lost touch since retiring and moving up north but wanted to extend my sincere sympathy. Jerry and I were the same age, our birthday's being one day apart. Amazing how fast the years go by.

Karlene LeCocq

Karlene LeCocq - April 04, 2014 at 01:28 PM