



## Gerald Allen Flower

February 19, 1950 - August 18, 2020

Flower, Gerald Allen

Age 70 of Minneapolis, passed away on August 18th, 2020 at Regions Hospital in St. Paul, MN after battling COVID-19. Gerald was born February 16th, 1950 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was the son of Anne Florence Flower (Kinnunen) and James Harold Flower.

Gerald spent his life, aside from a short period on the Iron Range, in Northeast Minneapolis. He attended Edison High School and graduated in the year of 1968.

He later continued his education at Hamline University, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude. Education was one of Gerald's core values.

In 1968, Jerry received his draft papers to serve in the Vietnam War — which he adamantly opposed. During a live national news broadcast, he tore his draft papers and threw them into a burning barrel.

He carried that same passion of opposition through his entire life. From attending anti-war protests, to rallying and striking for union workers, to protests in Minneapolis opposing police brutality, he held this passion until the end.

In addition to his parents, Gerald was preceded in death by siblings, James, Donald, and Robert Flower, Leota Dye, and Patricia Roy; father and mother-in-law, Klaus and Gertrude Adler; nephews, Joshua, Michael, and Theodore Roy; and nieces, Jennifer Fyten and Jessica Ott. Jerry also had a brother, Norman Flower who he tried to find many times throughout the years, he presumed Norman was also deceased.

Gerald is survived by his former wife, Susan Flower; children, Peter Flower, Emily Flower, Meagan, and Kevin Asberry; grandchildren, Micheala Newman, Davina Newman, Jacob Newman, Kaylynn Asberry, Peter Flower, Shavon Asberry, Lukas Stigen, and Andre Asberry; siblings, Betty Taylor, Michael Flower, Jeanne Sutton, Francis Sweetman, Steven Flower, and Douglas Flower; as well as many nieces, nephews, and his best friend since childhood, Bill Godfrey.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the National Council for Behavioral Health or Black Mental Health Alliance.

Memorial service to be held Spring of 2021.

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