



## Gerald Robert Sher

October 9, 1926 - July 31, 2024

Gerald (Jerry) Robert Sher 97, Father, grandfather, and best friend, passed away on July 31, 2024, at his home in Las Vegas, NV. Jerry was born October 9, 1926, to Pearl (Siegal) and Joseph Sher in Duluth, MN and lived there until he retired to Las Vegas in 1995. He graduated from Duluth Central High School in 1944. Jerry was a member of the Jewish community and Temple Israel.

Jerry was a partner with his father and brother at Sher's Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, later known as Sher's Contractors, until 1970. In 1972, Jerry went to work for Como Oil Company as the sales and service manager until his retirement in 1995 when he moved to Las Vegas with his loving wife Shelby.

Jerry was passionate about music and played saxophone for both the Hungry Five big Band and Hungry Five Jazz Ensemble. He was also an avid golfer and for years carried the article of him winning the Senior Men's Championship at Ridgeview Country Club in the late 1980's.

In Las Vegas, Jerry worked as a ranger/starter at a couple of local golf courses hob knobbing with both the local residents and the famous. Gerald is preceded in death by his wife of 33 years, Shelby; parents, Joseph and Pearl; siblings/spouses, Alvin/ Rona Sher, Shirley/ John Berdie; and former

wife and friend Nancy (Overman) Sher.

He is survived by his children, Barbara (Shawn) McClard, James (Karen) Sher, stepchildren Misty Jahr, Sherrie (Shannon) McClard, Karen Telega, and Kim Peterson; grandchildren Jennifer (Paul), Laura (Jonathan), Noah (Emma), Meagan, Ryan, Shawn, Micah, George and Joseph, 2 great grandchildren, Rayah and Winnie; and several nieces and nephews.

Jerry was a WWII veteran, proudly serving his country in the US Navy. His remains will be buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT 11. 10:45 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery  
7601 34th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55450

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Goldfine family joins me in extending our condolences on your loss. Jerry was a great guy, always kind, smiling and gentle. I have many fond memories of him, and of Barb, Jim, Nancy, and the rest of the family. Growing up in Duluth with you all was a wonderful experience. As Mary (another great one), says below, it's always hard to lose a parent, no matter how old they are. Please extend our sympathies to the rest of the Sher family. Ken Goldfine*

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**Ken Goldfine** - September 13, 2024 at 11:13 AM

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“ *I'm so sorry for your loss and I send you deepest sympathys. I don't care how old they are, it's still a terrible wrench to lose a loved one. My husband and I played beside Jerry on saxophone in the Hungry Five Society bands up in Duluth, MN, back when we were in college and newly married in the late '70's through the 80's. He was so kind to us "newbies" and we loved playing in the band with him! He helped form us as performers and was always so kind and sweet to us. We eventually went on to start our own big band in Duluth and still perform today, 45 years later! Much love to you all - he was a gem!*

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**Mary Lee** - September 12, 2024 at 07:38 PM



“ *I knew Jerry when I worked for Anderson Linoleum in Duluth in the 70's. He was often in the store & I always enjoyed talking with him. I remember him as a kind man. I have never forgotten him after all these years.*

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**Claudia Knight** - September 12, 2024 at 01:41 PM