



Gerald Raymond Soucy

September 20, 1927 - March 30, 2023

Gerald Raymond Soucy, September 20, 1927-2023.

Our dear dad (Gerry) passed away peacefully at the Veterans Memorial Long Term Care facility on March 30, 2023 at the age of 95. He was predeceased by his wife Shirley Soucy (Brown). They fell in love on the dance floor at the Halifax Olympic Gardens Dance Hall and were married for 56 wonderful years.

Gerry is survived by his children, Susan (Jonathan) Woelber (Edmonton AB) and Scott (Karen) Soucy (Ottawa ON) and grandchildren, Kristina (Yuri), Julie (Meshkin), Emily (Andrew) and Daniel. Gerry was born and raised in Montreal. He has one surviving brother, Jean Claude Soucy (Sutton QC) and was predeceased by brothers Jacques, Paul, André and sister Rejane, all of Montreal, QC.

Gerry loved his family, especially his grandchildren. He was delighted whenever they called or came to visit and was proud of their many accomplishments. Helping grandson Daniel become fluent in French with daily telephone conversations “en français” was a source of pride and joy.

Weekends were family time for Gerry, making homemade French fries shaped like stars, crescent moons or whatever special shapes we requested. While cooking his personal specialty, hamburger soup, he would listen to his favourite singer, Mireille Mathieu, and then served his hearty soup to all of us after our frigid swims in the Atlantic. His recipe is legend, to this day still prepared lovingly by his grandchildren.

Gerry's life long career was with the Royal Canadian Navy, progressing to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer and serving in locations around the world. He was president of the CFB Stadacona Officers' Mess and also a member of the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron.

However, duplicate Bridge was Gerry's passion. Placing 2nd in a Worldwide bridge tournament, he also attained the Emerald Life Master bridge player ranking. Bridge kept his mind sharp: at 95 years of age, he was still analyzing bridge play results late at night on his iPad.

We would like to acknowledge the care and compassion Dad received from the nurses, physicians and personal support workers at the Veterans Memorial Long Term Care facility. We are so deeply grateful, thank you!

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Feed Nova Scotia at www.feednovascotia.ca or the The Royal Canadian Legion at www.legion.ca/donations .

There will be no public viewing, cremation has taken place.

Tributes, words of comfort and memories of Gerry may be shared with the family and friends at: Harbourside Regional Crematorium web site at www.harboursidecremation.ca/obituaries/

On Monday, May 29, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. a Memorial Service -Celebration of Life will be held at Camp Hill - 5424 Veterans Memorial Lane - First Floor - Room 1613 for the families and close friends of residents who recently passed away. If you are interested in attending please contact the Soucy family via email at:
ssouc114@rogers.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **29**. 1:30 PM (AST)

Camp Hill
5424 Veterans Memorial Lane
First Floor Room 1613
Halifax, NS B3H 2E1 (CA)

Tribute Wall

DM

“ *Donalee Moulton lit a candle in memory of Gerald Raymond Soucy*



donalee Moulton - April 04, 2023 at 01:54 PM

DM

“ *Our behalf of all our family, our deepest condolences. My mother, Myrtle Moulton, regularly played bridge with Gerry. He was always kind, helpful, and generous. Mama enjoyed her games with him and gave him her highest tribute: Gerry is a good bridge player.*

donalee Moulton - April 04, 2023 at 01:54 PM

SW

Thank you Donalee for your kind words regarding our dad. Bridge was his passion. Thanks again for taking the time to reach out to us. Love, Susan and Scott

Susan Woelber - April 05, 2023 at 12:11 AM

LS

“ *From Lyette Soucy- I saw Jean-Claude and helène in Sutton this morning and they informed me of Gerald 's passing... René & myself, would like to wish Susan & Scott and family, our deepest condolences.*

lyette soucy - April 02, 2023 at 12:40 PM

SS

Thank you Lyette and René for your condolences. Susan and I greatly appreciate it. Warm regards, Scott

Scott Soucy - April 02, 2023 at 07:38 PM

SS

“ Susan and I are so grateful for having Dad in our lives for so many wonderful years. He was a true gentleman and an excellent role model. He will be deeply missed. Attached are a few memories.
Scott



Scott Soucy - April 01, 2023 at 11:44 AM

JW

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Julie Woelber - March 31, 2023 at 12:45 PM

VJ

“ Oh Susan, I just now heard the sad news about your father, and needed to immediately reach out with my heartfelt condolences. I have so so so many wonderful memories of time spent in your home, both of your sweet parents close by, making me and all the neighbourhood kids feel so very welcomed. And of course who could forget your dad's legendary Surprise Chips!? I remember introducing him to my spouse, Blaise, at mom's 75th birthday party at St. Mary's Boat Club those many years ago, and when Blaise asked: oh, is this the famous Surprise Chips chef?, your dad, completely shocked and incredulous, laughed hard. No, it was not by accident that I often found my way to 6944 on Saturdays, close to lunchtime....

I knew your father as a gentle, kind, man and a doting, engaged father, with such an easy smile and laugh. And, of course, he was much more than that. So I can only guess at the size of the hole he has left and the level of sadness you, and your family, feel.

I just called mom to tell her of your loss....and she very much wanted you to know that she joins me in sending warm hugs and deep sympathy.

Love,
Val x

Valerie Jones - March 31, 2023 at 12:41 PM

SW

Thank you so much Val, for your kind tribute to our dad. Your story took me right back to my childhood. I cried and laughed at the same time. Thank you for sharing your wonderful memories of the "Surprise Chips Chef". Love, Susan and Scott

Susan Woelber - April 05, 2023 at 12:05 AM

TH

“ So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. As with your Mom's loss I am sending pretty much the same memories. Gerry and Shirley visited Owen and Hilda Holland's home many times and they were great friends. Jill, Robyn, David and me - Trudie Holland remember them fondly. I used to run into them at the Halifax Shopping Centre as I worked there. Lovely memories. They definately were special and caring. Trudie Holland Halifax

Trudie Holland - March 31, 2023 at 10:03 AM

SS

Thank you Trudie for your condolences and for sharing your memories of Dad and Mom. We were very fortunate to have such wonderful parents. Scott and Susan

Scott Soucy - April 02, 2023 at 07:49 PM

JD

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Gerald. I met him when mom was in the home where he and his wife were living. He seemed like a wonderful man and I admired how well he took care of his wife whom he obviously loved very much.

jackie Dunsworth - March 31, 2023 at 06:04 AM

SS

Thank you Jackie. Scott and Susan

Scott Soucy - April 02, 2023 at 07:44 PM

DB

“ *My sincere condolences to Susan , Scott and their families on the passing of dear Gerry. He was well loved and cared for. I will miss him and have great memories of sharing a meal and wine with him. May all the wonderful memories that all of you have of him bring you comfort. Debbie Boltz*



Deborah Boltz - March 30, 2023 at 05:50 PM

NH

So very sorry to read of Gerry's death. He and Shirley were always so kind whenever we were in their company. Much love and condolences to Susan and Scott and their families. My cutest memory of Gerry was when we offered to take him out on our boat and he kindly refused as he wasn't a fan of boating. That was so funny given his career was in the Canadian Navy! XO

Nancy & Eric Horton - March 31, 2023 at 08:09 AM

PB

We are so sorry for your loss. Gerry was a great guy and a good friend. We were guests at each other's homes many times to play bridge, and always enjoyed his company as well as your mother's. He will be missed.

*Sincerely,
Pat and Patrick Berrigan*

Patricia Berrigan - March 31, 2023 at 08:59 AM

SD

*Susan, Scott and families,
Sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Gerry was a highly thought of and respected resident of Anchor Living for many years.*

Sincerely,

Susan Daniszewski

Susan Daniszewski - March 31, 2023 at 10:06 AM

BH

*Sad to hear of Jerry's passing this morning in the paper. I started in purchasing during the mid eighties at Public Works in Dartmouth. I was fortunate to have worked along side of Jerry.
He had a great sense of humor and a helpful manner. It made the transition to a new job a lot easier than I had expected.
Always remember Jerry getting up from his desk to have a break and saying "time for my coffee au lait" .*

Deepest sympathies to his family:

*Bert Hennigar
Mosherville NS*

Bert Hennigar - March 31, 2023 at 11:03 AM

JS

Dear Scott and Susan,

Deepest sympathies from his brother Jean-Claude and his wife Madeleine as well as his daughters Evelyne, H  l  ne and Joane along with boyfriend St  phane.

Full of abundant energy and contagious enthusiasm, G  rald was always present for his brothers and sister despite the distance. He loved taking the long road down to Montreal and it was always an extreme pleasure seeing him around us.

*Most sincere condolences,
His brother, Jean-Claude Soucy
Sutton, Qc.*

joane soucy - March 31, 2023 at 01:56 PM

RD

I am sorry to learn of Gerry's passing. He and Shirley were friends with my Mom and Dad. I remember him as a fine person, the kind of guy you felt good to be around. I know he will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to your family.

Robert Dares

Robert Dares - March 31, 2023 at 08:38 PM

MF

Susan and Scott, Please know you and your families are in our thoughts at this sad time. Your Mum and Dad were such a lovely couple who extended hospitality to so many. Gerry was great company and certainly would have boosted the morale of his shipmates in the Navy! He was so charming, a true gentleman, and such an amazing bridge player. We are better for having known him and I hope you will be comforted by beautiful memories of a life well lived.

Anne and Steve Forbes

Marianne Forbes - April 03, 2023 at 01:05 PM