



## Gerald Francis Corrigan Jr.

November 29, 1939 - June 3, 2021

Gerald Francis Corrigan Jr., "Gerry", age 81 of Colleeville, died from cancer on Thursday June 3, 2021 with family by his side in St. Joseph's Manor in Meadowbrook, PA. Gerry was born on November 29, 1939 in Attleboro, MA, son of the late Gerald F. Sr. and Irene (Gingras) Corrigan. He was the beloved husband of the late Muriel Clark for 54 years.

Gerry was a graduate of St. Raphael Academy in Pawtucket, RI and went on to earn his BS in Economics from Villanova University, where he completed ROTC Officer Training. He served his country honorably in the United States Marine Corps as a Lieutenant, and was a proud Veteran. Following his Honorable Discharge, Gerry began his long career in sales for Penco Products in Oaks, PA.

Although his sales job often took him on the road Gerry was a devoted husband and an involved Father who enjoyed his role as Webelos Den Parent, softball and flag football coach, and leader for the neighborhood Christmas carolers. Gerry loved combing the beach for shells, cheering on Phila sports teams, celebrating holidays, vacationing with family, and spending time with friends old and new.

Gerry's Roman Catholic faith was very important to him, and he served the Church as a Religious Education instructor and Eucharistic Minister. In his

retirement, Gerry was blessed to share his faith with others through Alpha and Prison Ministry programs.

As a member of The Ancient Order of Hibernians Notre Dame Div. 1, Gerry made many friends and found deep connection to his Irish roots. It was a great honor for him to be selected as Grand Marshall for the 2003 Norristown St. Patrick's Day Parade. Gerry learned to play the bagpipes and helped to establish the Irish Thunder Pipes and Drums Band. Gerry played the pipes for weddings and funerals, marched in parades, and traveled to Ireland to compete with the band. Symptoms of Multiple Sclerosis denied Gerry the opportunity to continue with the band, but he never lost his love for the pipes.

With Muriel, the love of his life, Gerry moved from the home where they raised their children in Audubon, PA to a home they built in Traditions at Skippack in 2002. Their lives at TAS were vibrant, fun-filled, and enriched by amazing, lifelong friendships. Gerry and Muriel are surely reunited with some of these special people, and have left many others to continue enjoying the retired life at TAS.

Gerry was a friend to all who met him, and while there are too many to name, he loved each and every one very much. Gerry will be missed for his indomitable spirit, ever-present sense of humor and hearty laugh. He was strong and positive, cheerful, and grateful to the very end.

He is survived by: a daughter Jennifer Hollister (Bob) of Lancaster; 2 sons, Jerry Corrigan (Jessica) of Malvern, Michael Corrigan (Kristin) of Jenkintown; 7 grandchildren, (Cari, Beatrice) (Katherine, Michael Patrick, Megan) (Annie, Michael Jr.); a sister, Eleanor (Corrigan) Crowell; many nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends. Gerry was preceded in death by his beloved wife Muriel (Clark) and daughter-in-law Debbie (MacFarland) Corrigan, wife of Michael.

Relatives and friends may pay respects on Monday morning, June 14 from 10-11:20 AM at St. Eleanor RC Church, 647 Locust St., Collegeville, PA 19426. Mass will commence in the church at 11:30 AM. Internment will be private at Calvary Cemetery in West Conshohocken.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St Patrick's Missionary Society at <https://www.spms.org/> or (773) 887-4741. Professional arrangements are by the William A. Moore Funeral Home, 708 Fayette St., Conshohocken, PA 19428.

Live Stream Link: <http://joyfulfilms.com/portfolio/funeral-mass-of-gerald-gerry-f-corrigan-jr/>

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

Matsonford Rd  
West Conshohocken, PA 19428

# Previous Events

## Morning Visitation

JUN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:20 AM (ET)

St. Eleanor RC Church  
647 Locust Street  
Collegeville, PA 19426

## Funeral Mass

JUN 14. 11:30 AM (ET)

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647 Locust Street  
Collegeville, PA 19426

# Tribute Wall

LF

“ I delivered Meals on Wheels to Gerry for a year or two. I usually stayed & chatted with him for 10-15 minutes...we shared a lot of laughs, and I was always impressed by his positivity - even with his MS... I was thinking about him today, and so I googled him, and was saddened to hear of his death. My sincerest condolences to his family.

Lois Fulton - July 12, 2021 at 07:46 PM

JG

“ Gerry and I were both posted to Camp Lejeune when we were newly minted Second Lieutenants. We're were also both newly married. Our wedding rings were as shiny as the gold bars on our collars. My wife Gloria and Gerry and Muriel used to socialize together. Spending time with the other young officers was about the only entertainment we could afford. I think we were paid something like \$242 every two weeks.  
Jan Garigliano Villanova '62.

Jan Garigliano - June 12, 2021 at 11:16 AM



Jennifer Hollister

Thank you for sharing this memory of my Dad, Mr. Garigliano. Camp Lejeune is where I was born, so we may have met a very long time ago.

Jennifer Hollister - June 13, 2021 at 07:59 AM

DM

Many great memories of times shared with Gerry. Always with a positive attitude and a million dollar smile and laugh.

Dave McKeon - June 13, 2021 at 06:44 PM

RT

*You were always the "guy" I looked up to since we were kids; always a smile, always a laugh. You made the most of everything in life. I was so lucky to have you as a cousin. I believe that you are with Muriel, smiling and catching up with each other. Thank you for all the happiness you brought to my life; you are sorely missed.*

Robert Tetreault - June 16, 2021 at 01:19 PM

KG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kathleen Garcia - June 09, 2021 at 10:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald Francis Corrigan Jr..*



June 09, 2021 at 10:50 AM

BW

“ *Will always remember the smile, especially when playing Mexican Train, what a good sport. Will miss the wave from the window or the sit down chat's in the garage. RIP*  
*Bev & Don Warnitsky*

Beverly Ann Warnitsky - June 09, 2021 at 08:30 AM

KG

“ *Mr. Corrigan was one of the best neighbors my parents ever had living next door. He was more than a neighbor, he was a friend. Whenever I visited my parents, I tried to stop by and visit with him as well. He played the bagpipes at my wedding and everyone was so impressed! He had a great sense of humor and always made me laugh. May God bless his soul.*

Kathleen Russo Garcia - June 08, 2021 at 11:18 PM

EC

“ *I remember the day he took out of work. Then the family lived in Plainville, ma. We went to Boston and got a passport for me. I was married to his brother in law then serving in Vietnam. Then I was able to fly and be with E J Crowell to Japan during his Vietnam tour with the Marine Corp. It was quite a full day getting the paperwork/ passport in short .  
That happened because of his determination.*

Eleanor Catherine Corrigan Crowell - June 08, 2021 at 06:07 PM

EC

*Sister*

Eleanor Catherine Corrigan Crowell - June 08, 2021 at 06:08 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald Francis Corrigan Jr..*



June 08, 2021 at 05:48 PM