



Gerald Barton McAteer

February 5, 1944 - December 13, 2024

Gerald Barton McAteer (Gerry) age 80 of West Linn, Oregon passed away on December 13, 2024, surrounded by his loving daughters, Barbara and Kathleen. Gerry was born and raised in Washington, DC and attended St Thomas Apostle School and St John's College High School where he ran track and played football in the city championship game of 1961, which attracted what was then the largest sport crowd in DC history of over 49,500 spectators. He graduated from Villanova University with a Bachelor of Science degree in economics. After graduating, he started working with the FDIC until his service with the Army.

Gerry enlisted in the Army in 1968. He later graduated from Army Officers Candidate School (OCS) in Fort Benning GA (now Fort Moore) with a designation of Infantry Unit Commander. After OCS, he was assigned as a Recon Platoon Leader with the 31st Infantry Regiment patrolling one of the combat zones on the Korean DMZ. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. After leaving Korea, he was assigned duty in the Pentagon.

Gerry returned to the FDIC after his Army service and spent his entire career in various roles. He was one of the longest serving FDIC bank examiners assigned to both the Philadelphia and Portland field offices. His specialty was directing consumer protection compliance examinations. Gerry had a great

sense of humor; had a generous laugh, quick wit, and always comfortable to share his opinion of current events or to discuss his beloved Washington Redskins. He was the oldest with four siblings and he stayed in contact multiple times during the years, with all of them. He was very patriotic and proud of his country and service with the Army. He treasured his membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). He volunteered to serve in many VFW honor guard ceremonies for veteran funerals.

Gerry is survived by his wife, Kathy, daughters Barbara (Ian) and Kathleen (Nathan). Brothers Dennis, Sean (Loretta), Kevin (Susan), sister Mary Beth (Garry), and many nephews and nieces, fellow veterans, and friends.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JAN 31. 12:00 PM (PT)

St. John the Apostle Catholic Church
417 Washington Street
Oregon City, OR 97045

Committal Service w/ Military Honors

JAN 31. 2:30 PM (PT)

Willamette National Cemetery
11800 SE Mt Scott Blvd
Portland, OR 97086

Celebration of Life

JAN 31. 4:00 PM (PT)

VFW Post 1324
104 Tumwater Drive
Oregon City , OR 97045

Tribute Wall

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“Gerry and I were childhood friends. We went to grade school where we played baseball (he really played and I attempted to play), and high school together, all the way through. I met Gerry's parents and knew his brother Dennis. I remember visiting the family home several times including for a Halloween party, where I was introduced to bobbing for apples. One of my favorite memories is Gerry running practice track all by himself on the St. John's track, and me cheering him on. Our lives took us in separate directions after that, sadly. I am really impressed by Gerry's life history, his very impressive service in Korea and the FDIC, and his family. What a great life! I will never forget Gerry. May his memory be a blessing to all his family and friends.

Robert McCormick - January 18, 2025 at 11:54 PM

EF

Gerry and me and my husband all worked in the Philadelphia field office of the FDIC as examiners. For a time, before I married, he also lived in the apartment next door to me in Gulph Mills, PA. He was a wonderful person to work with as he had a great sense of humor, was very knowledgeable and was always willing to do whatever it took to get the job done. He was greatly missed when he transferred to Oregon, both as a friend and co-worker. To his family and friends, please accept my sincere condolences on his passing.

Eileen Fitzgerald - January 29, 2025 at 11:27 AM

JO

Well done !!!!

joanfalls - February 01, 2025 at 03:22 PM

NM

Jeff and I are very sorry to learn the sad news of Gerry's passing. I first met Gerry when both he and my husband Jeff, attended St John's High School in Washington DC and ran track together. We dated many times. One of my school girlfriends at the time and I had the excitement of meeting the two St John's guys at a Halloween party. We both really wanted to go to the famous "Regimental Ball" that St John's held every year in December. It was the coveted invite for girls in the DC area. Several weeks after we all met, Jeff and Gerry each asked us to the dance. Our friendship has spanned over 65 plus years with many memories. The McAteer family hosted many weekend parties for Gerry's High School friends in their basement. Mrs McAteer the gracious hostess, always made sure we had plenty of food to eat. It wasn't until I became a parent myself of four teenagers that I realized why Mrs McAteer was always bringing food to the basement for Gerry's guests. Gerry's friendship was very special to our entire Moreland family in Washington DC for many years. Gerry was also the Godfather to one of our daughters, Kimberly. May he rest in peace and his memory be a blessing to all his family. Please accept our sincere condolences.

Nancy and Jeff Moreland

Nancy Moreland - March 08, 2025 at 11:10 PM

DM

First met Gerry about 1961 or 62. Met him through my cousin when Gerry came to Philly to compete in the Penn Relays while in high school. Eventually he became a good friend of the family here in Philly and was included in our family events while he was at Villanova. He often came to the house for home cooked meals instead of the standard dormitory meals. We had good times when he worked in Philly including the Redskin/Eagle games. A great rivalry. We kept in touch while he was in Korea and I was in Nam. However our paths eventually diverged. Last time I saw him was dinner in San Francisco. By chance, we were both there on business. Very sorry to hear of his passing. To his family and friends, please accept my sincere condolences.

Dave McGuckin

David McGuckin - March 09, 2025 at 01:27 PM

RM

“ Robert M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Barton McAteer.

Robert M. - January 18, 2025 at 11:40 PM