Jerry Ninnemann

April 3, 1939 - February 20, 2015

Jeris “Jerry” William Ninnemann

Jerry Ninnemann, a gentle, caring and loving husband, father, and grandfather went to heaven on February 20, 2015. Jerry was born in Plymouth, Wisconsin on April 3, 1939 to William Everett Ninnemann and Marcella Kirst and was the second oldest of four brothers: Tom, David and Phillip Ninnemann.

Jerry was a patriotic American and proudly served his country aboard the USS Hancock as an electrician and was honorably discharged in 1962. After his Navy service and a short stint as a fireman in Wisconsin, he moved out to the Pacific Northwest, where he met and married his one and only true love Joyce.

Jerry, with Joyce by his side, shared many adventures, created many wonderful memories and raised a family together over 47.5 years of marriage in the Manastash Canyon near Ellensburg, Zillah and final years in Moses Lake, Washington.

Over the course of Jerry’s life, he was a successful tugboat crewman, fireman, administrative electrician, teacher, orchardist, storyteller, and grandkid babysitter. Of all his accomplishments, he was most proud of his three children and their spouses: Joe Ninnemann (Margaret), Jennifer Ninnemann

(Tom Dresser), and Jeff Ninnemann (Kim) and his four grandchildren: Eli, Isaac, Peyton and Jordyn. Jerry's top priority in life was supporting his wife and family in any endeavor they tackled from rabbits, horses and goats, without complaint. He was truly happy spending his days with his grandchildren. Jerry will be remembered for his selfless nature, compassion, and generous heart.

Tribute Wall

KG

Joyce and Family I am so sorry to hear of your loss, I have many happy memory's thank to your family and guiding me in my younger yrs. With Love and sorrow, Kay

Kay M. Glynn - March 03, 2015 at 07:03 PM

DS

Darcy Sander lit a candle in memory of Jerry Ninnemann

Darcy Sander - February 27, 2015 at 11:35 PM

SS

Sue Sherwood lit a candle in memory of Jerry Ninnemann

Sue Sherwood - February 27, 2015 at 12:28 PM

CS

Cathy Simon lit a candle in memory of Jerry Ninnemann

Cathy Simon - February 26, 2015 at 08:53 PM

DA

Decorah Anderson lit a candle in memory of Jerry Ninnemann

Decorah Anderson - February 26, 2015 at 05:57 PM

CM

Cassie Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Jerry Ninnemann

Cassie Mitchell - February 26, 2015 at 05:50 PM

KS

Kathy Sharrah lit a candle in memory of Jerry Ninnemann

Kathy Sharrah - February 26, 2015 at 05:46 PM

TH

Teresa Hutsell lit a candle in memory of Jerry Ninnemann

Teresa Hutsell - February 26, 2015 at 04:51 PM

ND

Nicole Davidson lit a candle in memory of Jerry Ninnemann

Nicole Davidson - February 26, 2015 at 04:03 PM

AS

Jeff,
I was so sorry to hear about your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I know you have many great memories. My hope is that those positive things will make this very difficult time a little easier. God bless!
April (Cory) Stucker

April Stucker - February 25, 2015 at 07:43 PM

LW

Dear Joyce and family...our heartfelt sorrow of your loss, our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Randy and Laura Wise

Laura Wise - February 24, 2015 at 07:14 PM

JN

Thank you all for your kind thoughts and words. They mean a lot to Mom and the rest of the family.

Jeff N.

Jeff Ninnemann - February 24, 2015 at 05:04 PM

CS

Our sincere condolences to the Ninnemann family. For right now and all the days ahead wishing you strength and peace.

Tom & Connie Smith

Connie Smith - February 24, 2015 at 12:25 PM

MC

So sorry to read of Jerry's passing. Whenever I went out to work on the farm animals or pets were brought to the clinic, Jerry was always kind, gentle, and fun to talk with. Truly a kind and gentle soul and I am better for having known him. Dr. Mike Collins Zillah Veterinary Clinic

Mike Collins - February 24, 2015 at 11:47 AM

PM

Ah, Joyce, I am sorry to hear that Jerry passed away. I am sending good thoughts. Pat, from Yakima County and the GCRSN.

Pat Moran

pat moran - February 24, 2015 at 09:21 AM

NK

Blessings to the whole family at this difficult time. It was an honor to have known Jerry.

Nikki Kilpatrick - February 22, 2015 at 01:41 PM

JO

My sincere and heartfelt condolences to the entire Ninnemann family, especially Margaret and Joe. May you find peace through love and may your memories of Jerry bring comfort. Love to all, Jodie Philhower

Jodie - February 21, 2015 at 08:36 PM

Sherri Kuehl

Joyce, Joe, Jennifer, Jeff and families; First off I am so incredibly sorry for the loss of Jerry. He was such an amazingly, wonderful man. His patience second to none. He loved with his whole heart and we were all so blessed to share in his life.

Memories of the Datsun station wagon, Airedale dogs, goats, horses, playing for hours in the hay loft with Jerry's 'supervision' are a cornerstone my life. Thank you for sharing your husband, dad and grandpa with Jody and me.

My thoughts are with you all. I send my love, Sherri Kuehl.

Sherri Kuehl - February 21, 2015 at 12:29 PM

RB

Jerry was one of the kindest, gentlest people I ever knew. We became friends with the Ninnemans when Joyce and I were both expecting our youngest children. At that time I was working and my 2 youngest stayed with Joyce and Jerry during the day. Jerry often cared for all the little ones who were not in school while Joyce was working or taking classes. My girls always had only good thing to talk about while staying there. One of the favorites was Jerry taking out the living room window out in order to bring in the huge Christmas trees they would cut on their property. The Ninnemans will always be considered some of my very best friends.

Roberta Buum - February 21, 2015 at 11:12 AM

DS

Jerry was good friend dee /shirley strausbaugh

Dee Shirley Strausbaugh - February 25, 2015 at 10:54 AM

ND

Jerry was one of the sweetest and most patient people I have ever met. He always put his family first and was always willing to tell an amazing story or give some words of advice, especially to my oldest son Chris who joined the Navy four years ago. My heart goes out to my beautiful friend Joyce and her children. You are in my family's daily prayers. My husband always fondly speaks of Jerry and calls him "The Salt of the Earth", and he enjoyed the time he spent with Jerry helping set up the Moses Lake homestead. I enjoy hearing the countless stories that Joyce has about Jerry and how she always has a twinkle in her eye when she tells them. Joyce, you married your soul mate and I'm so very very glad that my family got to meet him. Love you....

Nicole, Warren, Chris and Buster Davidson

Nicole Davidson - February 26, 2015 at 04:02 PM

DS

To my dear partner in crime as you call me, Joyce, My thoughts and prayers are with you, your children, and grandchildren at this time. Joyce, in each delightful story you have shared about Jerry as husband, dad, or grandad, it is clear that Jerry loved you all with a full heart. I am so sorry for your loss.

Darcy Sander - February 27, 2015 at 11:33 PM