



Gerard A. Tancrede

May 17, 1953 - November 9, 2017

AUBURN- Gerard A. Tancrede, 64, a resident of Lisbon, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at the Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice House in Auburn, Maine following a brief illness.

“Gerry” was born in Lewiston, Maine on May 17, 1953 the son of Arthur and Lorraine (Lussier) Tancrede of Lewiston, Maine.

Gerry grew up in Lewiston and graduated from Lewiston High School in 1971. Following school, he entered the United States Navy and worked as an aircraft engineer mechanic on the USS Independence from 1971 to 1975. He attended CMVTI and earned his electrical license. He worked many years for the State of Maine in a number of positions and most recently as a boiler engineer at the Baxter School for the Deaf until his retirement in 2016.

Gerry enjoyed playing hockey in his youth and was passionate about canoeing and fishing the lakes and rivers of Maine and instilled his passion upon his nephews. Family was very important to him and took his role as “Uncle Gerry” very seriously. He was known for giving the most unique gifts to his nieces and nephews that would instill a love of “science”.

He is survived by his mother, Lorraine Tancrede of Auburn; three sisters, Claire Wright of Lincoln, Rhode Island, Doris Arsenault and her husband Raymond of Lewiston and Jacqueline “Jackie” James and her husband Bobby of San Diego, California; one brother, Normand Tancrede and his wife Lise of Monmouth; also surviving are nieces and nephews, Kristina, Stacy lee, Jeffrey, Alyssa, Carrie, James, Lee, Tyler, Jacob and many great nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father Arthur Tancrede and a nephew Alex Sasseville.

Online condolences and sharing of memories may be expressed at www.lynchbrothers.com .

Tancrede- Died in Auburn on Thursday, November 9, 2017. Mr. Gerard A. age 64 a resident of Lisbon. A Memorial Service honoring Gerard's life will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 11:00 am the Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home. Private burial will be held in the family lot at St. Peter's Cemetery. Family and friends are invited to visit on Wednesday morning from 9:00 am till the time of the service at the Pinette Dillingham & Lynch Funeral Home 305 Alfred A. Plourde Parkway, Lewiston 784-4023.

Cemetery

Events

**St. Peter's
Cemetery**

217 Switzerland Rd.
Lewiston, ME,
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NOV 15 Visitation 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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Comments



“ I'm just hearing of Gerry's passing. I'm heartbroken and I only saw Gerry once a month to pay his lot rent but I always looked forward to it. We use to joke about how quickly the months would fly by. Gerry was a wonderful man. It was an honor to know him. I'm so sorry for your families loss.

Courtney Garrison
Grimmel's Mobile Homes

COURTNEY GARRISON - November 30, 2017 at 02:27 PM



“ I am very sad to hear about Gerry. For many years I worked with Gerry in the same school on Mackworth Island, and it was always a pleasure whenever our paths crossed in the corridors. Gerry was interested in so many things, and loved to share a thought or two, and usually a laugh, with everyone he met on his rounds. He was someone who loved to know how things worked, from boilers and engines to stars and galaxies.

Gerry always had time for people and was particularly kind and considerate to the students. He was, as Andy Oliver notes, remarkably clever and ingenious in his engineering work. In a pinch, you'd always want someone like Gerry around, with his calm presence and his real know-how. Cathy and I will remember Gerry with great fondness; a decent and thoughtful man who was a friend.

Rob Gillies

Rob Gillies - November 15, 2017 at 03:04 PM



“ Thank you Mr. Gillies for your kind words about my brother. Jackie

Jackie James - November 16, 2017 at 08:20 PM



“ I'm really going to miss seeing Gerry on our trips back to Maine. He was always very kind to me, and everyone I saw him come in contact with. I was always impressed by his zest for life as expressed through his curiosity of things unknown. I'll never forget his visit to San Diego many years ago. When he arrived we somehow started talking about the Black Widows outside our home, and how they came out at night and I would go around and terminate them. He was absolutely fascinated with this, and basically insisted that I take him out on an evening widow hunt! That's just the kind of guy he was. There didn't seem to be anything that he couldn't get interested in discussing and learning more about. That is a special quality in a person, and he certainly has left an impression on me.

Jackie and I will miss him dearly.

Bobby James

Bobby James - November 15, 2017 at 02:14 PM



“ My condolences to all of Gerry's family and friends. I am a retired teacher of children with Special Needs at Gov. Baxter School for the Deaf. I have known Gerry for many years. He always paid attention to my students and bent over backwards to provide whatever I needed for them. A sweetheart of a man. I know how much you will miss him.

Susan North

Susan North - November 14, 2017 at 04:25 PM



“ A good (great) friend (KD1OD) and co-worker. Gerry and I worked together for many, many years. I met Gerry at Pineland Center in the 80's, where he worked in the Boiler Room as an Engineer, and I was a Safety Officer, until it closed. We spent many nights talking, and going to the Water Plant or watching weather balloons at the going up in the am. We then returned working together at Governor Baxter School for the Deaf, both in the Gatehouse, then there was an opening in the Maintenance Department where he transferred to, as that was the type of work he enjoyed. When another position opened up, in Maintenance I put in and was back working with Gerry, learning more. Now I can look at an area and say that is a "Gerry Fix", he could make anything work. One day he said, you know if you had a ham radio and your licence we can talk anytime. There are so many memoirs of Gerry, I could go on an on. You are truly already so missed. I hope you found a good place to canoe. I will not forget you my friend, until we meet again. Signing Off KB1SSF.

Steve Kimball - November 14, 2017 at 02:24 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Andy Oliver - November 14, 2017 at 02:19 PM



“ "Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show"

Hot August night

And the leaves hanging down

And the grass on the ground smelling sweet..."

Ahhh, Gerry's favorite song while working on Mackworth Island. He didn't really sing it as much as burst into an impromptu, animated recitation as he performed "Gerry's Walk" through the halls of Governor Baxter School for the Deaf. Every workday, without fail, Gerry would utilize his keen, finely-tuned senses to monitor the health and well-being of the HVAC system pulsing through the entire campus. "Let's take a walk!" he'd announce with that ever-present, inviting grin, and with his long legs ticking off the distance on his pedometer, we would stride along the hallways and walkways of nine island buildings. Like a doctor with his stethoscope, Gerry, cocking his head a little in the direction of the sounds, would listen intently, diagnosing the creaks and clanks of hot water coursing through unseen pipes and the whirr of pump motors hidden by the the ceiling tiles overhead. Try as I might, I couldn't get Gerry's "Sixth Sense" to rub off on me. As he walked, this exceptional man had to place his left foot in the 20th century and right foot in the 21st. Baxter School has built itself up over time, making the combination of vintage and modern heating and ventilation systems even more complex than they usually are. Gerry, with his two decades of tending to the island, possessed a passion for, and an expertise and understanding of the inner workings of Baxter School like no one else. He was willing to share his knowledge and enthusiasm - and his favorite Neil Diamond hits - with all of us on the island. - Although you're no longer physically among us, Gerry, your friendship, your memories, and your handiwork live on.

Andy Oliver - November 14, 2017 at 08:43 AM



“ Thank you so much Andy for your poignant description of Gerry.

The Tancrede Family - November 14, 2017 at 02:12 PM



“ Sincere condolences to the Tancrede family. We are thinking of you at this sad time.
Sincerely, Doris and Pat

Doris Chamberlain - November 14, 2017 at 04:49 AM



“ Thank you Doris!

The Tancrede Family - November 14, 2017 at 02:12 PM



“ I am sad today to hear that Gerry died last week. He always greeted me on Mackworth Island with a smile and helping hand. He will be greatly missed by his MECDHH/GBSD family. Until we meet again....God Bless you and your family. Sincerely, Kristen Quinn Shorey <3

Kristen Shorey - November 13, 2017 at 10:45 PM



“ Thank you Kristen

The Tancrede Family - November 14, 2017 at 02:13 PM



“ Gerry, was one of the most kind and compassionate persons i have had the pleasure of knowing.We shared many laughs together and I will miss him dearly. My heart goes out to his family .Bombarding Heaven with prayers for you all. Thank You Gerry, You were my friend.

robert scally - November 13, 2017 at 04:11 PM



“ Thank you Robert!

The Tancrede Family - November 14, 2017 at 02:13 PM



“ When my son Alex (Gerry's nephew) was in the hospital in Portland for an extended amount of time, he began to miss his dog and best friend (Shadow). Uncle Gerry caught wind of this and quickly devised a plan. through careful planning, Uncle Gerry managed to drive (Shadow)from Lewiston to Portland hospital, transport the dog to an adjacent 4th floor parking building and parade Shadow around the roof top so Alex could view his dog through his sixth floor hospital window. what a guy! Gerry was an exceptional uncle and a thoughtful brother.. I will surely miss your demeanor big brother

doris arsenault - November 13, 2017 at 03:06 PM



“ Gerry and I were in Drafting at Lewiston High Jr and Sr year. I dropped out early and went Navy. Sorry to loose you so young Shipmate. RIP

Pat. Soule - November 13, 2017 at 09:01 AM



“ Thank you Pat!

The Tancrede Family - November 14, 2017 at 02:14 PM



“ I am so sorry to here of Gerry's passing. The only time I spent with Gerry was in the early seventies when he was in the circle of friends we had that went to local dances. I met Gerry from my good friend Norm St. Pierre whom I'm sad to say has also passed. Gerry always had an upbeat attitude even when I met him not too long ago. Rest in peace Gerry. Glenn Gagne

Glenn Gagne - November 12, 2017 at 08:49 PM



“ Thank you Glenn!

The Tancrede Family - November 14, 2017 at 02:14 PM



“ One of my favorite memories of Gerry was "bucket o sauce". The family frequently gathered on Sand Hill Rd late Sunday afternoons and often had supper together. Frequently Mom would cook spaghetti and Dad would send Gerry to Sams for the sauce. On this Sunday, things went very wrong for Gerry. The bucket of sauce spilled almost entirely in the passenger front seat and floor board as he was getting it out of his truck. There were many many "Aw geez's and even more screaming from mom. Everyone else was hystericaly laughing as we helped Gerry clean his precious truck. I think we ate spaghetti and butter that night. Gerry was never again asked to get the sauce. Large containers of sauce always fondly remind me of Gerry. Rest In Peace bud, I hope all your questions about the universe are now answered. Claire

claire Wright - November 12, 2017 at 07:46 PM



“ One of my favorite memories of Gerry is when he came to visit me in San Diego several years ago. I picked him up from the airport and as I was accelerating to merge onto the busy, fast moving freeway I noticed Gerry in the front seat beside me hold on to the door handle with one hand, tighten his seat belt with the other hand and brace his head back onto the head rest while saying these words over and over, "Awe jeez, Awe jeez. This is now a saying in our household; whenever we are overwhelmed or scared. I hope there aren't any freeways in heaven, just happy places like lakes and country roads.

You will forever be in my heart dear brother, you will be greatly missed.

love

Bobby and Jackie

Jackie James - November 12, 2017 at 05:08 PM



“ I would not know where to start when thinking about my child hood friend Gerry! Growing up on Sandhill Road, Gerry, Dick and I were the 3 musketeers throughout our child hood, if you saw one you saw all three. Weather it was building models,playing army,playing hockey, or making the big guys at the cliff's chase us (since we knew the cliffs like the back of our hand) our childhood was full of memories! I could go on but will always have memories of this kind and gentle person and Gerry may you REST IN PEACE!
Rod Parker

Rod Parker - November 12, 2017 at 04:39 PM



“ Thank you Rodney.

The Tancrede Family - November 14, 2017 at 02:15 PM



“ Love, Jackie and Bobby James purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Gerard A. Tancrede.



Love, Jackie and Bobby James - November 12, 2017 at 04:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerard A. Tancrede.



November 12, 2017 at 01:47 PM



“ Shared many fun and happy memories with Gerry growing together as childhood friends and well into our teens. Rest in peace my good friend!

Dick Plourde - November 12, 2017 at 09:49 AM



“ Thank you Dicky!

The Tancrede Family - November 14, 2017 at 02:15 PM



“ I am unable to attend the services, however, would like to express my sincere sympathy to the family. I will be thinking of you all at this time. Louise Tancrede

Louise Tancrede - November 12, 2017 at 09:01 AM



“ Thank you Louise!

The Tancrede Family - November 14, 2017 at 02:16 PM



“ So very sorry to hear of Gerry's passing. I will miss seeing and talking with him at the store. Love and Prayers to Aunt Loraine and family. Rita Lussier Lemieux

Rita Lemieux - November 12, 2017 at 06:46 AM



“ Thank you Rita.

The Tancrede Family - November 14, 2017 at 02:17 PM



“ Sorry for Gerry's passing. He will be missed by me. He was a vital part to family and family events and gatherings. I also want to acknowledge his service for our country. Thank you Gerry. With appreciation and love, Lorraine Bureau

Lorraine Bureau - November 12, 2017 at 06:38 AM



“ Thank you Mom.

The Tancrede Family - November 14, 2017 at 02:17 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gerard A. Tancrede.



