



Gerald D. Kooser

September 30, 1950 - July 19, 2015

Gerald D. Kooser, 64, passed away unexpectedly at his home July 19. He was born in Medford, OR on September 30, 1950 to Eugene and Geraldine Kooser but spend most of his life in Houston. He is survived by his wife of 33 years Becky, children Erin (Steven), Tyler (Katelyn), and Kelly, and granddaughter Cameron, all residing in Houston, TX. Gerald is also survived by brothers Bob and Don Kooser. He worked his entire life in sales to provide for his family.

Gerald was a major sports fan but nothing compared to the joy he got from watching his own children play. Whether it was softball, baseball, volleyball or football Gerald never missed a game and you would often find him at practice. If you were at one of the Kooser's games you were sure to hear his voice shouting out words of encouragement. Gerald also had a passion for hunting and boating. He was happiest when he was out on the water with Becky and the kids. Whether it was food, or love, he always made sure everyone was taken care of.

The Kooser family will be present to receive friends Friday, July 24, 2015 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77079. A Funeral Service will be held that same day at 1:00 PM following visitation. A reception will follow the service in the Grand Room. The family suggests in lieu of flowers, contributions in Gerald's memory be made

to the Houston Food Bank, www.houstonfoodbank.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 24. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Service

JUL 24. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Reception

JUL 24. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald D. Kooser*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Gerald D. Kooser*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Gerald D. Kooser*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Gerald D. Kooser*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *I played church football with Gerald on the St. Christopher's team in 1961. The team was not very good, but there were a few players with obvious talent, and he was one of them, along with John Kelly; both turned up on the Spring Branch varsity a few years later. He was also a good teammate, cheerful and encouraging throughout a losing season. I was saddened to learn of his death and extend my sympathies to his family. I won't forget him.*

Jay Nelson - September 18, 2015 at 03:40 PM

AA

“ Gerald was one of the first people I met at IKON/RICOH he was a great friend to me when I was navigating my way through the organization. While we had not been in contact in some time, he was still a wonderful person, I considered my friend. May the blessings of the LORD wrap his arms around your family during the overwhelming feeling of loss. Know that Gerald will continue to cheer you on from above and will be waiting patiently for when his family will be one again. Know his spirit will always be with you until you go home.

Amanda Anagnostopoulos

AMANDA ANAGNOSTOPOULOS - July 27, 2015 at 03:00 PM

VL

“ I was blessed to work with Gerald for many years. I remember when he first went to work for Mirex of Texas. We all knew he would be successful, but there were some challenging times in the beginning. In those early days, there were a few issues with some of the reconditioned machines he sold, and we started calling the problem copiers "the Kooser pile". I remember the first year he even worked an extra job to make sure his family would have a good Christmas. Gerald worked hard, was successful, and was always willing to help others. Yes, President's Club trips were fun, and a chance to get to know the spouses. Becky, you and your family are in my prayers.

I still keep in touch with Art Rios and John Lawrence and we are all thinking of you at this difficult time.

Vicki Leggett

Vicki Leggett - July 26, 2015 at 11:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald D. Kooser.*



July 24, 2015 at 11:45 AM



“ *Your Physician and Staff Family at Memorial Village purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Gerald D. Kooser.*



Your Physician and Staff Family at Memorial Village - July 24, 2015 at 10:03 AM



“ *Gerald is one of the most sincere and genuine people I have had the pleasure of meeting. Gerald worked for me for 4 years and over that time I may have learned more from him than he did from me. He was always willing to go out of his way to help anyone who needed it. His could never hide his big heart behind his rough exterior. I always joked that he was everyone's favorite curmudgeon. He is and will be truly missed.*

Tony Owens - July 24, 2015 at 09:15 AM



Dearest Becky, I just learned of your loss and my heart is breaking for you. I never had the pleasure of meeting Gerald but he had to be a mighty fine fellow to have caught you. I will diligently lift you and your family up in prayer for comfort and strength. With love, Becky Coffield Moore.

rebecca moore - July 24, 2015 at 03:39 PM

 Randy
Garner

“ I met Gerald 20 years ago when I was a young man trying to determine what I was going to do as a career. He visited me weekly at the restaurant I worked at. He was the man that was always thinking about business. He was the one with all the friends. He was the one I wanted to work for.

He recruited me (or perhaps I convinced him), he hired me, mentored me, and has been a dear friend to me for 20 years.

He taught me what I needed to know, he taught me what I wanted to know. He allowed me to be me, he allowed me to be imperfect, he always gave me the latitude I needed when I needed it most, he knew how to coach me without discouraging me and he knew how to get the most out of me.

Gerald I've told you before, just haven't told you recently. I owe my success and truly my career to you and a select few that you brought me together with.

Thank you so much for always being there and thank you so much for the opportunity to learn from you.

I love you, and will forever miss you.

Rest in peace.

*Rg
Randy Garner*

Randy Garner - July 23, 2015 at 11:24 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald D. Kooser.*



July 23, 2015 at 07:59 PM



“ *I will always remember Gerald for his contagious laugh, wonderful smile, and big heart. I can't remember how many years we have worked together but it's been a very, very, long time. One of the best memories I have of Gerald is the time we spent on a president's club trip in the Dominican Republic. I shared a house at the resort with Gerald and Becky. Gerald somehow managed to rig our golf carts so they would go just a little bit faster than they were intended to. This turned out to be a good thing when driving through the jungle at night with armed guards following us! We had some good laughs on that trip. Gerald loved his family and was so proud of his children. He always filled me in on what was going on with the kiddos and what Beck was up to. It was clear to anyone who knew Gerald that he loved his family dearly. He will truly be missed by everyone who knew him.*

Shelley Parker - July 23, 2015 at 04:21 PM



*Shelley, thanks for sharing.
It's times like this we realize how fragile and delicate life is.*

Randy Garner - July 23, 2015 at 11:33 PM

KB

“ I will always have fond memories of Gerald. I started working with him in 2002. A few years later my wife and I had a son who was born with Down syndrome. Gerald shared that his brother-in-law also has DS. I was always encouraged to hear how self-sufficient that young man was and have always hoped the same for my son. Every time we talked, it was about kids first. Anything business related took a back seat. He will be truly missed.

Kent Bratsch

Kent Bratsch - July 23, 2015 at 01:47 PM



Randy
Garner

“ Everytime I spoke with Gerald he asked about Dylan. I can only say that about a few of you guys. Thanks for sharing Kent.

Randy Garner - July 23, 2015 at 11:32 PM

KD

“ Ken & Dee Nurphy (grandparents of Jared Dyer) purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Gerald D. Kooser.



Ken & Dee Nurphy (grandparents of Jared Dyer) - July 23, 2015 at 01:47 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Gerald D. Kooser.



July 23, 2015 at 01:18 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald D. Kooser.*



July 23, 2015 at 01:08 PM



“ *Gerald Kooser was one of my first managers when I started in the industry some 20 years ago. He affectionately called us "Kiddos" and I will speak for myself, when I say he made you feel like family. He was never too busy to share an idea, encourage the team and always made us laugh. But most importantly I will always remember him for speaking about the love he had for his children. He was the salt of the earth!!
You will be missed!!*

*Lisa Zarco-Trom
Houston, Texas*

Lisa Zarco-Trom - July 23, 2015 at 12:27 PM



*So true Lisa, so true.
Kooz was a family man through and through.*

Randy Garner - July 23, 2015 at 11:30 PM



“ *Gerald was a great guy never judging anyone. He helped find a job for one of my son's when he was struggling. I will always picture Gerald sitting in a chair in the front yard or driveway.*

Sheri McGowan - July 23, 2015 at 12:15 PM

RO

“ To the Kooser,

Although I did not meet him personally as I am new to the Ricoh organization, from what I have heard of Mr. Kooser he was a dedicated and humble man in all of his undertakings.

I offer my sympathy's for your lose, and hope that you find comfort and joy in a life well lived.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Zimmerman

Robert - July 23, 2015 at 12:08 PM

LF

“ Love, The Daugherty Family purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Gerald D. Kooser.



Love, The Daugherty Family - July 23, 2015 at 11:28 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald D. Kooser.



July 23, 2015 at 11:27 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald D. Kooser.*



July 23, 2015 at 11:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald D. Kooser.*



July 23, 2015 at 11:01 AM



“ *Heaven is a little brighter today. I will surely miss my dear friend. His laugh, his 7am phone call everyday: "good morning Kiddo, what's on our plate today ", His kind gentle spirit. May your sweetest memories fill the gaps in your broken hearts.*

*Donna Faltisco - NOV
Houston, TX*

Donna Faltisco - July 23, 2015 at 10:25 AM



Well said Donna, well said

Randy Garner - July 23, 2015 at 11:28 PM