



Stephen "Jerry" Gerard Lawlor

July 27, 1928 - July 13, 2014

STEPHEN GERARD LAWLOR, age 85, passed away on Sunday, July 13, 2014 at INOVA Fair Oaks, Fairfax, VA.

He was born on July 27, 1928 in Ireland to the late Stephen and Mai (Foley) Lawlor.

Predeceased by his parents and one brother: Paschal Lawlor.

Survivors include his loving wife of 56 years, Myreta Lawlor of Centreville, VA; five children: Brian Lawlor and wife Kim of Centreville, VA, Diane Tomajczyk and husband Michael of Richmond, VA, Sheila McKinney and husband John of Harrisonburg, VA, Barry Lawlor and wife Rheetha of Bristow, VA and Derek Lawlor and wife Layton of Alexandria, VA; 19 grandchildren: Brandon, Trent, Kerri, Ryan, Drew, Bret, Megan, Luke, Kyle, Kelly, Kevin, Anna, Julie, Reese, Jacoby, Eamon, Sylvia, Adrian and Sean; two sisters: Breda Duffy and Betty Kilcoyne and husband Mick; two brothers: Father Brendan Lawlor and Sean Lawlor and wife Peggy and one sister in law: Noreen Lawlor all of Ireland.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, July 19, 2014 at 12:30 PM at St. Timothy's Catholic Church, 13807 Poplar Tree Road, Chantilly, Virginia, where the family will receive friends in the vestibule of the church from 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM. Interment will follow at Stonewall Memory Gardens, Manassas, VA.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to: American Heart Association, 4301 N. Fairfax Drive #530, Arlington, VA 22203; or flowers to: Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA 20110, in loving memory of Stephen G. Lawlor.

Cemetery Details

Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway
Manassas, VA 20109
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

Previous Events

Family to receive friends

JUL 19. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Timothy's Catholic Church
13807 Poplar Tree Road
Chantilly, VA

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Tribute Wall

GL

“ *Has the Lawlor smile didn't know Jerry but met he's brother Brendan in lawlors pub in Kilkenny belated condolences just came across photos online & recognised the smile From he's namesake gerard Lawlor London*

gerard lawlor - March 28, 2018 at 05:01 PM

AD

“ *Dear Myreta & Family, we send our deepest condolences on the untimely passing of our much loved Uncle Jerry. Through the many visits home to Ireland (32 in total - I am reliable informed) , we got to know and enjoy the irascible character that he was. He had plenty of stories of how he plucked the ball out of the sky when surrounded by the opposition and boots the ball down the pitch - and that midfield was the only place the Stars hung out ! He was always enormously cheerful and got a huge welcome from whomever he met. He was interested in everyone he met, intelligent in an uncommon way (I'm still looking for my sinecure), and above all a gentlemen and friend. He will be sorely missed in Ballina, his beloved Clare just to mention two. If there is once thing we know it is that he is In a better place because he was just that sort of guy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, Adrian Duffy and Family.*

adrian duffy - July 19, 2014 at 01:05 AM

LL

“ *Love, Robert and Shara Lozier purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Stephen "Jerry" Gerard Lawlor.*



Love, Robert and Shara Lozier - July 18, 2014 at 08:28 PM

BL

“ 1 file added to the album Jerry Lawlor tribute



Brian Lawlor - July 18, 2014 at 07:32 PM

GT

Beautifully presented!!! His smile will live with us forever. We loved you, Jerry. Love, Gretchen & Chuck Tomajczyk

gretchen tomajczyk - July 19, 2014 at 03:54 PM

EK

Love you uncle jerry, u were amazing, always will remember you. Rest in peace.

elizabeth kelly - July 19, 2014 at 04:36 PM

DF

“ *Durning Family purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Stephen "Jerry" Gerard Lawlor.*



Durning Family - July 18, 2014 at 03:21 PM

SD

“ My condolences to the Lawlor family. Jerry was a wonderful friend; always full of joy and with a gift for making everyone around him feel special. His sense of humor was delightful and brightened my days. He made being Irish seem like God's gift to the world! His spirit will live on in the many lives he touched.

Sharon Driscoll

Sharon Driscoll - July 18, 2014 at 12:40 PM

LR

“ I was lucky enough to meet Jerry nearly 30 years when we worked together at Fairfax Alcohol and Drug Services. Although I met and became good friends with a lot of good people there, Jerry was a great friend and a great person. On the surface, we appeared to be an odd pairing--he was an older guy from Ireland, and I was (at the time) a young guy from Southeast DC--nevertheless, we had the greatest relationship (probably only rivaled by her mutual friendship with Steve Weiss). I will miss him telling me, "come here, let me tell you something," although I was sitting right across the desk from him. Like David Jabobs, I will miss hearing him tell someone, "you've got the best shaggin' job in the place" knowing that he told almost everyone that. I will miss him asking what made him sick at Cafe Italia at lunch several years ago. I will miss the stories about Steve and him savoring their Costco hot dogs (it was almost like a religious experience with them). I will miss his sense of humour and innocent mischief. And, I will miss how he would light up with adoration and pride when he talked about his family. I will miss much, but I am grateful and better for the fact that our paths crossed and I was fortunate to call him my friend.

Larry Robertson - July 17, 2014 at 07:34 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen "Jerry" Gerard Lawlor.*



July 17, 2014 at 06:49 PM



“ *I remember being 15 when the Lawlors joined our family one summer at our relatives lake house in NH. Mr. Lawlor had asked that I go with him to a small local store to pick something up. Never in a million years did I realize that he was going to pull to the side of the road and encourage me to sit behind the wheel of the car...to give me my very first "driving lesson":) He was calm and collected and made me feel like I was the best driver ever! During that same trip he was fascinated to learn how to capture crawdads with my brother Mike. With great enthusiasm he tossed his shoes to the side and went right into the lake, splashing away trying to grasp the crawdads. In all his excitement he fell into the lake...wallet and all! I remember that he laid the entire contents of his wallet onto a table, and instead of being mad he laughed about 'how the crawdads made him fall in!' He was filled with joy, had the deepest love for his wife, children, grandchildren and made all those that came across his path his friend. He remains forever in our hearts...*

Katie (Tomajczyk) Kukura - July 17, 2014 at 06:27 PM



“ *Andrea C. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Stephen "Jerry" Gerard Lawlor.*



Andrea C. - July 17, 2014 at 02:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen "Jerry" Gerard Lawlor.



July 17, 2014 at 01:39 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. When I was little, I was terribly fascinated by his Irish accent and thought it made him even more jolly than he already was. Always a kind word, he was a great man with the best smile around!

Kelly (Herritt) von Schwanitz - July 17, 2014 at 09:50 AM



“ It was many years that we at A New Beginning would look forward to having Jerry make his appearance and tell us all that we had the "best shaggin' job" in the agency and then head to the kitchen to see if we were having corn beef and cabbage for dinner. It didn't take long for us to realize he said the same thing to everyone but the predictability of it all made the day nice. Jerry added a bit of brightness to our day and will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of crossing paths with him

*David Jacobs
ADS Retiree*

David Jacobs - July 17, 2014 at 07:33 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stephen "Jerry" Gerard Lawlor.*



July 17, 2014 at 06:24 AM



“ *JERRY WAS A FRIEND AND CONFIDANT TO MANY AT HIS JOB AT ADS WITH FAIRFAX COUNTY. HE NEVER SEEM TO TAKE HIMSELF TOO SERIOUS BUT WAS ALWAYS SERIOUS ABOUT PRO VIKING COMFORT TO OTHERS. WHEN TIMES GET TOUGH OR TENSE I THINK ABOUT HIM AND SAY TO MYSELF " YOU'RE RIGHT JERRY; IN THE END it's all small stuff R.i.P my friend.*

Jeremiah Marshall - July 17, 2014 at 04:22 AM

LE

“ Our love and prayers go out to each of you in the death of your husband, father, grandfather Jerry, and our special brother-in-law. Don and I have many wonderful, warm and funny memories of Jerry, beginning with Myreta and Jerry's wedding. And some of our family also have great memories. Our children loved the stories of the bear that lived in the back yard. And the Irish lilt of his speech with a bit of blarney! He will be greatly missed. Some of the stories will be told when we are together later.

May God surround and fill you with his Holy Presence, his Holy Spirit through your grief and loss, and bring you that peace that passes all understanding. Jerry is with God as our Lord Jesus promised to all who believe in Him. Thanks be to God!

Myreta, Brian & Kim, Dianne & Mike, Sheila & John, Barry and Reetha, Derek and Layton, and each of those precious grandchildren who were the light of Jerry's life, our prayers continue for you. Uncle Don & Aunt Letha Essinger, Fruitland, ID

Letha Essinger - July 17, 2014 at 12:55 AM

RH

“ Meeting and working with Mr. Lawlor (Jerry) in the early 90's at ADS was a very special treat as his caring and kind ways never ceased. His smile and laughter was an invitation to us all to "enjoy" and have fun while working (and everyone in the office joined in!). To the family, I wish you all the fond memories and joy of knowing how much he loved you all. I am sorry for your loss. May our heavenly father comfort you always.

Rose Mary Harris

Rose Mary Harris - July 16, 2014 at 04:25 PM

SW

“ Jerry was my friend and my hero. I've never known anyone with a more beautiful smile or a more beautiful soul. For me, Jerry's Lawlor was a living, breathing example of the goodness and fullness with which we can live our lives. His warmth, his laughter, and his kindness were a gift to everyone he met.

Jerry will be missed by many, but his smile, his joy and the twinkle in his eye will live in our hearts forever.

Steve Weiss - July 16, 2014 at 04:20 PM

SM

AWE! I loved reading this....Thank You! Especially (as his daughter), I knew how much you meant to him!!!! :)

P.S. - He is my HERO too!

Sheila McKinney - July 16, 2014 at 10:41 PM

TB

“ I met Jerry in the early 90's and I recall he was quite the jokester. He, Steve and Larry would often play jokes on Miles about his new car. However, Jerry and Steve were like Tom and Jerry and one day Steve was in my office on the phone with a client and Jerry came in. He saw Steve looking out the window, but did not realize Steve was on the phone. Well, being the practical joker he was with his two fingers he poked Steve in both of his sides and Steve spun around and knocked all my knickknacks off the window ledge (some novelty glassware). Every day after that Jerry offered to go to Kings Dominion and replace my glasses. He was full of life, joy and laughter, and always had a sly grin or smile on his face and that is how I will always remember him. My prayers are with Jerry's family, and may they know that he is smiling down and watching over them.

Tracey E. Bland

tracey bland - July 16, 2014 at 03:16 PM

SB

“ Although, I personally did not know Mr. Lawlor, I feel as though I knew him through Mike Tomajczyk (my boss). Mr. Lawlor had an undeniable gift of connecting with his grand children; upon which he bestowed his unconditional love, time, and inspiration. It is obvious how special he was to his family and all who knew him...what an honor to have known such a man. I pray that God will surround you with his love and that you will find peace in His presence during this difficult time. For all who knew Jerry, may his legacy continue to be lived through you... gone but never forgotten.

*In Christian Love,
Susan Baldwin and family*

Susan Baldwin - July 16, 2014 at 02:11 PM

AN

“ I worked down the hall from Jerry when I started work at ADS in 1992. He always had a good word for everyone and had great stories. He was a fine person and I am sorry for your loss.

Al Nixon - July 16, 2014 at 01:40 PM

LL

“ I had the great pleasure of working with Jerry at Alcohol & Drug Services beginning in 1990. He was such a kind man, always in such good humor and with a smile for everyone. I'll never forget how he once "cured" my hiccups by telling me he'd give me all the cash in his wallet if I hiccupped again...of course, the hiccups were immediately gone. I was honored to know him. My thoughts are with Jerry's family and everyone who loved him.

Lara Larson

Lara Larson - July 16, 2014 at 12:34 PM

SS

“ My father worked with Jerry Lawlor for many years, and as a teenager I worked for a summer at Western Union, where Jerry shared an office with Dudley (Steve) Stevenson. I loved to drop by their office, the friendliest place in the building. My father died in 1992. But the night my mother died in June, 2011, I went home with my friends from her Alzheimer's community, Steve & Ellen Weiss. Somehow they mentioned Jerry Lawlor as a friend of theirs. So we got him on the phone and talked. He ended up reading a letter my father had written to him when he retired (and later sent it to me). Such an odd and beautiful thing, to hear the voice of one's long dead father in Jerry's Irish brogue. I will treasure that phone call always. And I send fond alohas to Jerry's family.

Susan M. Schultz
Kane`ohe, Hawai`i

Susan M. Schultz - July 16, 2014 at 12:15 PM

PC

“ Jerry's Office was right down the hall from me. He always had a story to share with a smile. He often brightened my day. He will be missed. Peggy Cook

Peggy Cook - July 16, 2014 at 11:48 AM

JV

“ A tribute to you, Jerry, who served as a source of Light for so many. Thank you for sharing so much of your Self and helping to bring compassion and understanding to the work of Alcohol and Drug Services. My fond memories of you live on. Blessings to you and to your family.
Joan Volpe

Joan Volpe - July 16, 2014 at 11:46 AM



Margaret
Glenn

“ *Everyone who worked with him found him delightful and that Voice!
All the best to his family - what a legacy! 19 grandchildren with a
wee bit of his DNA!*

Margaret Glenn - July 16, 2014 at 09:35 AM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family
of Stephen "Jerry" Gerard Lawlor.*



July 16, 2014 at 09:24 AM



“ *I met Mr. Lawlor in 1997 where he was employed at the time. He
helped me and accepted me in as a volunteer for where I was hired
less than a year later and I am still employed in the agency. When I
first met Mr. Lawlor, I shook his hand and he said "That feels like a
fish shaking my hand, this is how you shake a hand," and gave me
firm grip. From that day forward, I have always given everyone I
meet a firm handshake. Mr. Lawlor was always a very sweet man,
he always said hello, and I remember how he spoke of how much
he loved his family. May Mr. Lawlor Rest in Peace. My thoughts and
prayers to his family, Donna Dessoify*

Donna Dessoify - July 16, 2014 at 09:14 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Stephen "Jerry" Gerard Lawlor.



July 15, 2014 at 07:57 PM



“ We are so sorry of the loss of your father Derek, you are never prepared to lose a parent or anyone you love, but, I hope you will find peace in knowing he is comforted in the arms of God and you will again greet him through the grace of our Lord. Love, Linda and Thomas Steinhoff (Oma & Opa)

Linda Steinhoff - July 15, 2014 at 07:21 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to this family. This kind and charming man will be missed by many. He had a magical voice and kind heart. He sure had a way with the little ones! We wish you strength during this difficult time.

Mark, Denise, Marina & Landon Yingling

denise - July 15, 2014 at 05:19 PM



“ Barry, so very sorry for your loss. It sounds like he led a full and rewarding life. Take care and I pray for your strength and courage in the coming months.

Paul Barker - July 15, 2014 at 05:04 PM

MK

“ *Rest in Peace my Lovely Uncle we are all going to miss you so very much. You will never be forgotten and will always have a big piece of our Hearts. Your visit's to us every year were so special and we Thank you for that. We will continue to keep your Family and ours together as you have done through the years. Watch out for Pascal and make sure he is behaving!*

Love and Blessings always.

Tony Maria and Darragh.

Maria Kilcoyne - July 15, 2014 at 04:53 PM