



Gerald "Jerry" Stephen Stocker

October 8, 1942 - June 4, 2022

Captain Gerald S. "Jerry" Stocker, 79, of Winchester took his last dive Saturday, June 4, 2022. He was born, Oct. 8, 1942, in St. Charles, MO, the son of Herman and Mary E. (Duncan) Stocker. He married, Nancy Welsh, Mar. 13, 1981, in Jacksonville.

Surviving is wife, Nancy of Winchester; children, Jon (Christina) Stocker of Winchester and Salina (Mark) Heller of Rochelle; grandchildren, Mason and Bruce Stocker, Emma, Brock and Logan Heller; twin brother, James (Diane) Stocker of Jacksonville and many nieces and nephews.

Jerry was employed by Pikeland Community School District 10 for many years. He was a lifetime member of National Association of Underwater Instructors. He instructed numerous students over the years. Jerry was a certified cave diver and obtained his Mariners Captain license in 2007. He was also a member of the NRA and Gun Saves Lives Organization. He enjoyed diving, hunting, fishing, canoeing and anything related to the outdoors. Jerry loved to support and spend time with his grandkids.

A visitation will be held 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Saturday, June 11, 2022, at the Daws Family Funeral Home in Winchester. Memorials are suggested to your local animal shelter or charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Daws Family Funeral Home - Winchester

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Tribute Wall



“ Gerald "Jerry" Stephen Stocker

January 28, 2023 at 11:11 AM

JT

“ I became acquainted with Jerry as my scuba instructor around 1985, which led to a lasting friendship with about 20 scuba trips to the Florida Keys and two to the Cay Sal Banks. I will so miss Jerry for his honest, good natured self. The Florida Keys will not be the same without you. I'm proud to have known you Jerry and my condolences to your good family. Jay Todd

jay Todd - June 21, 2022 at 10:51 PM

DC

“ I have fun memories of visiting my Uncle Herman's home, and visiting Jerry and Jim, my cousins. So glad I had recently been a Facebook friend of Jerry's. It was special that he would post some pictures, and ask if the cousins remembered that. Sending love to Jerry's family. From, cousin Debbie



Deborah Curtis - June 20, 2022 at 02:36 PM

KK

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Kirby Klys - June 15, 2022 at 01:26 PM

KK

“ My name is Kirby Klys. I've known Jerry for 54 years. I am 68 years old, and work for Captain Hugh Brown when I met Jerry in 1964. We took a one month charter to the Bahamas, and that started our 54 year friendship. We have dove Springs, Rivers, the Gulf of Mexico, the Bahamas, in the Cay Sal Bank. Captain Jerry, Captain Brown, and myself had a very special bond. We dove with Captain Brown on three different vessels over many years. This was my third visit to Illinois and I was able to see his children and spouses now grown up with their own families, and see Nancy for the first time in many many years. It certainly won't be the last time and I was honored to be there and to be able to speak. Captain Jerry will be sorely missed by the many people whom he touched in his lifetime in the world is a little smaller without him

Kirby Klys - June 14, 2022 at 06:21 AM

SD

“ So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. He was a longtime friend and scuba instructor to the Dodd family. Denny was certified in 1976, I was certified in 1979 and our son, Jared was certified in 2017. Denny and I took a diving tour down the Florida Keys to the Dry Tortugas with Jerry and Captain Brown. Lots of interesting stories to tell. I taught with Jerry at PHS for many years. We loved his stories and his slide shows! In our family he will be missed and fondly remembered.
Susan and Denny Dodd and family

Susan and Dennis Dodd - June 10, 2022 at 11:18 AM

GK

“ Fond memories of our family gatherings in Jacksonville at our Uncle Herman's place where my older cousin, Jerry, would tease and torment us younger girl cousins. After our Dad passed he and Jimmy continued to be kindly attentive in visiting our Mom. He will be missed by cousin Gail.

Gail Stocker Kotter - June 10, 2022 at 10:47 AM



“ Will always remember Mr. Stocker. He was such a cool cat and always down for a conversation. He was one of the best! Sad to hear of his passing - but thankful I got the chance to know him.

Jordan Evans - June 09, 2022 at 04:24 PM

LS

“ Jerry was my cousin. It was always so much fun growing up when we visited them. Jim and Jerry were always up for fun activities. I sure admired Jerry and was so happy for him in that he seemed to love life so much. Larry Stocker

Larry Joe Stocker - June 09, 2022 at 01:12 PM

KF

“ I taught with Jerry at Pittsfield High School for many years. He was a one of a kind. He always had a smile on his face and a story to tell. Anyone who knew Jerry knew how much he loved his diving and his outdoor activities. My condolences to his family. He will be missed!

Karen Fox - June 08, 2022 at 10:51 PM

BT

“ Becky Tool Columbo, Dan Tool and Bryar Tool

Our hearts go out to the family, Jerry was such a vibrant and caring individual, he was always sharing his knowledge with everyone. He was our scuba instructor, he taught three generations of my family to dive. He will be greatly missed.

Becky Tool Columbo, Dan Tool and Bryar T - June 08, 2022 at 01:35 PM

KK

“ Nancy an Family,
So very sorry to hear of Jerry`s passing. May he rest in peace..

Kerry & Janet Kitner - June 08, 2022 at 01:32 PM

TB

“ Mr. Stocker was my math and photography 101 teacher, and a good friend of my dad, Floyd Lacey. He is part of my fond memories of East Pike High School. Deepest sympathies to the family.

Tami Lacey Beaverson - June 07, 2022 at 09:51 PM

JH

“ To the family of Jerry,
My first year of teaching was at East Pike School in Milton, IL in 1975-76. Jerry was my principal. I loved to hear his stories of diving and fishing during the summers. Jerry was a unique personality and all the staff enjoyed working with him. I always enjoyed running into Jerry in later years just to catch up on what had been happening in both our lives.
I know how much Jerry loved the outdoors and how much he loved his family. He always spoke of both with much enthusiasm.
Sending my condolences,
Jeannie Hoover

Jean Hoover - June 07, 2022 at 08:48 PM

CA

“ Nancy, Jon, and Salina,

I'm so sorry to hear about Jerry. Mom told me about his passing. I'll never forget the first time meeting him - there was a giant, stuffed deer head in the living room (I think it was the living room). The memory still makes me smile. He definitely was one of a kind and will be missed.

*Love,
Carla*

Carla - June 07, 2022 at 08:34 PM

CK

“ Nancy, Jon and Salina and families. So sorry to hear of your loss of Jerry. He was an amazing friend to my dad and shared his love of diving and the ocean with him. I know they are in heaven planning their next adventure. Cathy Spencer Kinze

Cathy Spencer Kinzie - June 07, 2022 at 06:39 PM

BW

“ Shortly after we moved in to our new house on Cherry street I was shocked to see a deer hanging from a tree in Jerrys yard What a shock to this city boy . We would see him riding his recumbent bike, walking the dog, cutting the grass, loading the canoe on his roof for his many excursions. From his son Jon i know he loaded up his gear and went to Florida for his usual dive excursion. He wanted to do some hunting last year and hope he was able to do it . He made his last dive and this would be how he would have wanted it to be
Bill and Dee Walquist

Bill walquist - June 07, 2022 at 06:11 PM

DB

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Danny D. Behl - June 07, 2022 at 03:39 PM

DB

“ *From one Pirate to another, thank you my friend for a lifetime of adventures and memories.*

Danny D. Behl - June 07, 2022 at 03:38 PM