



REMEMBERING
Gerald Gerry Odegaard
June 26, 1937 - November 28, 2010



Tribute from H.W. Wallace Cremation and Burial Centre Staff

H.W. Wallace Cremation and Burial Centre Staff send our condolences to family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Tribute from Irene and Tony Gunton

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Tribute from Kim (Urbaniak) Riggs

Relation: A lucky employee

12 years later and I still talk about "this really Great Boss I had". You will be greatly missed Gerry, by me and I am sure the whole community of Shawnigan Lake that was fortunate to have had you as there corner store owner.

You were so kind, careing and generouse. I know you really did care about your community as no matter what you were always there for us all even in the winter of 96, amazing!

Good by Gerry, you were one of a kind Kim

Tribute from Jan Felix

Relation: shopped in his store for many years

Dear Mary and family.

Chuck and i send our thoughts and prayers to you all at this time of loss. Gerry was one of a kind. A loving, caring and gentle person. He will be missed by many.

Tribute from bill minnick

Relation: waikiki

good-bye my friend

Tribute from Lono Zane and Michelle Manna

Relation: Friends from Sand Bar in Waikiki

To Mary and all of the rest of Gerry's family, we send our sincere condolences and will miss seeing him in Waikiki.

Tribute from Margaret and Bob Hosie

Relation: thru the store

We were summer residents at the lake. Gerry was a good friend thru the store, answering questions re workmen and services. He always had time to chat and took an interest in our family. Gerry was genuine and sincere and we missed him when he retired. The world needs more Gerry Odegaard's. He certainly made a difference, in our world.

Tribute from Sheryl McMahan nee (Stockand)

Relation: friend of kim and Kellys in school.

Mrs. Odegaard, Kim, Kelly, Lana, and Leanne Im so sorry to hear about your Dad. My thoughts are with, take care of each and love life. Sheryl McMahan.

Tribute from The Tony and Didi Family

Relation: Shawnigan Lake 'Community'

Dearest Odegaard Family, Your family 'makes a difference' in SO MANY people's lives. You've lost a huge part of yourselves, and we are especially glad that you live by the 'We do the best we can' motto of Gerry's. With your Creator's help, and with the love of your family and friends, may the wonderful memories 'see you through' .

MANY of our best memories of the 70's and 80's, include 'Gerry's. Know that we are thinking of you, in prayer, especially at this time...

Tribute from Kim and Patti Bergh

Relation: Old customers and acquaintances

Mary and family. Sorry sorry to hear of Gerry's passing. Always a fine gentlemen and friend to all. We are so pleased we were able to run into you several times during your Oswego stays. So sorry for you loss.

Tribute from Arve & Karen

Relation: live in Shawnigan Village

Wherever, whenever we saw Gerry, he always had a smile and a kind word to say. Please know that we will miss him in the Village and in town and accept our heartfelt condolences.

Tribute from Leanne Lang

Relation: know the family

Mary, Lana and family...I would like to send my deepest sympathies to you at this time of great loss. Hold onto each other and know that the community is behind you.

Tribute from Barry Duvall

Relation: Friend of the family

Although I did not have the chance to know Gerald, as a one time member of the Silent Call, Nestledown and Stump Lake communities, I have fond memories of spending time at the Odegaard store at Nestledown. I would like to extend my sympathies to the Odegaard family on their loss. Barry Duvall, Victoria, British Columbia

Tribute from Nora (Ballantyne) Irvine

Relation: frequent customer and friend

To you Mary and your family we send our deepest sympathy on the passing of your special Gerry ,Dad, Grandpa and GG. As kids Mom would pile us all in the car and head for Gerry's all summer long. Gerry always greeted us with a great big smile and took the time to catch up from the previous summer and gave us all the Shawnigan news too. I remember how kind he was to us and so friendly no matter how excited we were! We'll always have the fondest memories of Gerry.

Tribute from Ken F. Smith

Relation: Canada Safeway

Dear Mary:

I was saddened to read of Gerry's passing in the Times Colonist. I worked with Gerry at Safeway 1962-1963 before transferring back to Victoria. Gerry was a true gentleman and a pleasure to work with. My thoughts are with you. Ken

Tribute from Eberhard & Jeanette Hahn

Relation: (Jaegerhaus)

We remember Gerry as a generous and kind man.Our condolences-
Eberhard & Jeanette

Tribute from Liz Waelti and Tony Cairns

Relation: friends

Dear Mary,

Tony and I would like to express our heart felt sympathy for the loss of your dear Gerry. We were so sorry to hear of his passing. Gerry was a rarity in this world, kind and sincere, his wonderfully accepting, non judgemental and exceptionally generous ways made everyone admire him and feel comfortable in his presence. It was a privilege for us to know him. We always loved to stop and shop at the store after work because no matter what kind of day we had had there was always a genuine smile and a sincere,"how are you doing?" from Gerry to lift our spirits. Our Shawnigan friends all tell us they felt the same way when they went to the store. Gerry exuded good karma.

When we told our children Gerry had died our daughter, Lise, who lives in England and dreams of home said, "I can't believe it, Gerry was a fixture in Shawnigan, I can't imagine Shawnigan without him." It seems the whole community is feeling the same way.

Please know we are thinking of you, Mary, we know Gerry always felt blessed to have you as his right arm and his soul's support. We hope your wonderful memories of Gerry will bring some comfort to you at this difficult time. It is good to know you have such a lovely family surrounding you, we send them our love and condolences too.

Although we probably won't be able to attend Gerry's celebration of life due to the arrival of out of town guests Thursday evening, our thoughts will be with you. Gerry will always be celebrated in ou

Tribute from Norma Pannell

Relation: "old" acquaintance

Mary (and family). So sorry to hear of Gerry's passing. I have many memories of you coming to visit my Mom and Dad (Florence and Al Soderquist), and being allowed to help make many plates of cinnamon toast that was consumed with pots of tea/coffee. Although I was too young to join in the conversation - I do remember there was always alot of laughter. Cherish all the great memories.

Big hug for you

Norma Pannell

Tribute from Jeff and Bonnie Boccabella

Relation: Store

Mary and Family. We are very sorry to hear about the passing of Gerry. He will be remembered by us as a pillar of the community. A stand up guy who gave so much in spirit, generosity and the accepted the trust of others on their word. He will be missed.

Tribute from David & Barb Boyles

Relation: friend

David & I are deeply sadden by the passing of Gerry. Fort Derussy beach will never be the same for us neither would a Pro Bowl Game. What could be more exciting the game or getting scalped tickets.

Tribute from Donna and Doreen Sayers and family

Relation: We met Gerry at the General Store.

Please accept our sincere sympathy for your recent loss. We are still trying to cope with our own loss, and know what you are going through. Our thoughts are with Lana, Mary and the family. Gerry was a very special person.

Tribute from Elaine and Denis Nessman

Relation: friends of Lana and Dave

Lana, Dave, Krista and Melissa--We were so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad and grandpa. We will always remember his perpetual cheerfulness and positive outlook on life, characteristics that he passed on to you, Lana. We're thinking of you during this tough time for your family. With much

sympathy, Elaine and Denis

Tribute from Jo-Ann Koenders

Relation: ACQUAINTANCE

Mary, please accept my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Through out the years, both Gerry and yourself have brightened up my day and my heart. May that light continue to burn for you.

Tribute from kent Skinner (Frost)

Relation: went to school with Kim & Kelly

I was in grade five when my step father moved us to shawnigan. I have found memories as a child of Mr. odegaard. I went to school with his girls. I remember, I thought that Kim & Kelly were so luckly to have a dad like him. When I was a teenager, my friend & I had long hair. Mr. Odegaard would tease us. "Hello Ladies" he would say when we came in. I had an enjoyable encounter with him at Canadian Tire this year. He still knew who I was. In my eyes he was a real great man who I held alot of respect for. He will be truly missed.

