

Obituary for George "Gerry" Rhodes Sherwin

George Rhodes “Gerry” Sherwin, 81, died on June 8, 2022 in Murrells Inlet, SC, at home with

family, friends, and hospice care. Gerry was born May 8, 1941 in Worcester, MA, son of George

Alfred and Helen Anna (Rohn) Sherwin.

Gerry graduated from Wachusett Regional High School, Holden Massachusetts in 1959 and

Hamilton College, Clinton, NY in 1963. He joined the Navy and graduated from the U.S. Naval

Officer Candidate School, Newport, RI in 1964. Gerry served 5 years Active Duty on the USS

Havre, USS Mazama, and at the U.S. Naval Communications School, Newport, RI, followed by

19 more years in the U.S. Naval Reserve Military Sealift Command, primarily in Boston and

Rhode Island. He retired with the rank of Captain on the deck of the USS Constitution “Old

Ironsides” in Boston in 1987. It was his honor to serve in the Naval Reserve, helping to preserve

the military readiness of the United States, and he was privileged to enjoy many interesting duty

stations for his annual Active Duty, including San Francisco, New Orleans, Cape Canaveral,

Washington, D.C., and London, England.

Gerry enjoyed a long successful career in banking in Boston and Worcester, MA before moving

to Plattsburgh, NY in 1992, where he served as Senior Vice President at Champlain National

Bank. He enjoyed some of his best years in Plattsburgh on Lake Champlain, where he could

sail, golf, ski at Whiteface Mountain in Lake Placid, and have dinners in nearby Montreal. Since

moving to Murrells Inlet, SC in 2007, Gerry has loved living and playing golf at Wachesaw

Plantation. He found a new opportunity for his life-long musical interest by singing Barbershop

with the Low Country Chorus for many years. Gerry was a member of Unity Myrtle Beach

Church, where he felt that he found his spiritual center.

Throughout his career, Gerry’s respect and commitment were evident in the way he listened and

provided creative solutions for businesses seeking loans. He enjoyed mentoring and helping

others to succeed, and this was recognized by the U.S. Small Business Administration

Syracuse District Office shortly before he retired.

Gerry enthusiastically gave his time and talent to help any organization in which he was

involved. His insight and leadership were recognized by the Boards on which he served,

including as Board Chairman for Mountain Lake PBS and The Development Corporation of

Clinton County in Plattsburgh, NY. Gerry chaired Annual Fund Campaigns for both The

Foundation of Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital Medical Center and The United Way. He

was also a long time member of the Plattsburgh Rotary Club, for which he served as President

and received the Paul Harris Fellow Award. After retirement, Gerry continued to participate on

committees and boards for Wachesaw Plantation Club, Military Officers Association of America,

Low Country Chorus, and Unity MB Church. Service was very important to him.

Gerry met his wife Jane in the summer of 1963 when they both worked at Filene’s Department

Store in Worcester, MA, just before he entered the U.S. Naval Officer Candidate School and

Jane began her first year at UMASS Amherst, School of Nursing. They celebrated their 55th

anniversary on January 21, 2022.

Gerry’s family was his most important treasure. He loved deeply and he was truly loved in

return. His work and commuting took him away for long hours of the day, but he would still make

time to attend school and community events with his sons. In later life, he told anyone who

would listen about his granddaughter Morgan’s musical performances and her role as Tinkerbell

at Disney World, including pictures! He often spoke about how proud he was of his grandson

Logan’s classical piano skills, sharing videos of Logan’s performances. He was greatly

disappointed that health issues and Covid prevented him from meeting his great granddaughter,

Ella Marie, born three years ago in Texas.

Gerry’s friends remember him as a true gentleman, as ethical as the day is long and equally as

generous. He cared about making life better for those in need. He enjoyed good food––a big

lobster paired with a nice wine. And while his golf swing might have been a bit unorthodox, he

loved the game and the countless friends he made on the courses he played. He will be missed.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Alicia (Stumpf) Sherwin; two sons, G. Marcus Sherwin, (wife

Marina and son Logan), North Grafton MA; David T. Sherwin, Worcester, MA, his daughter,

Morgan Elizabeth (Sherwin) Hamilton, (husband Alex), and great granddaughter, Ella Marie

Hamilton) New Braunfels, TX. Gerry leaves three sisters: Anne S. Neary (husband James),

Bluffton, SC, Jane S. Greenslit, Stratham, NH, and Lynn S. Crystoff, Worcester, MA. In addition,

his sisters-in-law, Nancy E. Shivick (husband Richard), Rochdale, MA and North Port, FL, and

Katharine M. Harper (husband Gary) of Tenants Harbor, Maine. He has several nieces and

nephews, and a cousin, Herb Sherwin (wife Roxanna) of Huntsville, AL. Gerry also leaves his

two beautiful Ragdoll cats, Danny and Hobbes, who greatly miss him!