



Gerry P. Ozzimo

April 30, 1940 - March 8, 2019

Gerald “Gerry” Peter Ozzimo, 78, husband of Lenore Magin Ozzimo, went to be with the Lord on Friday, March 8, 2019 at Rolling Green Village in Greer.

Born in Niagara Falls, NY, he was the son of the late Orlando A. Ozzimo and Rose Mastromatteo Ozzimo. As a young man, Gerry worked with his father in the family pizza business, Ozzie’s Pizza, in Rochester, NY and soon ventured out to Arizona where he graduated from Arizona State University and began his professional business career with the original Taco Bell in Arizona. Gerry took a position with General Electric Corporation in Phoenix, AZ, later transferring to Worthington, OH, Wilmington, NC, Liverpool, NY and eventually to General Electric Turbine Division in Greenville where he had a successful career in Materials Management. With the desire to start his own business, Gerry and Lenore founded Ozzie’s Pizza in Greenville which they operated for over 8 years. While operating the pizza business, Gerry took a position with Digital Equipment Corporation as Production Control Manger at their Printed Wire Board Manufacturing Facility. He advanced to the Global PWB Sourcing/Procurement Manager and eventually as the Greenville Facility Purchasing Manager. The decision to semi-retire allowed Gerry to pursue a desire to work independently and do materials management consulting work which he truly loved.

Gerry had a love for bowling, having bowled on The Ohio State University

bowling team and later took up golf which he enjoyed well into his retirement years. An avid reader, doing fitness workouts, a keen eye in the investment world and a love for his family allowed Gerry to comfortably enjoy his retirement years. Both Gerry and Lenore enjoyed traveling together, having been to China, Italy and all across the United States.

A true man of his faith, Gerry was a founding member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Taylors, SC and recently a member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Simpsonville, SC and Saint Rafka Maronite Catholic Church in Greer, SC.

Surviving along with his wife of 54 years are his daughters: Chrissa M. Fore of Greenville and Michele L. Fleming (Daniel) of Jones Creek, GA; sisters: Kathleen Ozzimo and Tana Arneson (Dave) both of Webster, NY; 4 grandchildren: Carris Fore, Landon Fore, Isabella Fleming and Eva Fleming; sister-in-law: Valerie Magin of Simpsonville, former brother-in-law: Joseph Drews and nieces: Renee Del Vecchio (Tony) of Rochester, NY and Laura Merk of Murfreesboro, TN.

Receiving of friends will be on Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 11 until 11:50 a.m. at Saint Rafka Maronite Catholic Church in Greer, SC. Funeral Mass will follow at 12 noon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 123 West Antrim Drive, Greenville, SC 29607; St. Judes Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148; St. Rafka Maronite Catholic Church, Building Fund, 1215 S. Hwy 14, Greer, SC 29650.

The family will be at the home.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 23. 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM (ET)

St. Rafka Maronite Catholic Church
1215 S. Hwy 14
Greer, SC 29650

Church Service

MAR 23. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LO

“ To all who contacted the Ozzimo family through the Howze Mortuary website,

Thank you for your memories, thoughts, prayers, and condolences. A special thank you for sharing how Gerry touched your life. He is sorely missed by his family and your kind words have been a comfort.

Lenore

Lenore Ozzimo - April 29, 2019 at 03:34 PM

WE

“ Hi Lenore & Family. Gerry gave me my first job in Leadership as his Production Control Supervisor with Digital Equipment Corporation at Greenville. We worked together from 1981 until 1986 when he encouraged me to move to Atlanta. Gerry treated me like a Son and I loved him like a Father. He guided me in my career, was a role model and taught me how to be a good Leader. We played tennis together, had pizza luncheons with the Family in his restaurant, shared Christmas cards each year and he always talked with pride about his girls (Chrissa & Michele). When I received word of his passing this morning, I felt like I had lost a close Family member. I truly have. My condolences to the Family. Rest in Peace my Friend.

Willie Eastman

Willie Eastman - March 21, 2019 at 04:18 PM

KW

“ Dear Lenore, Chrissa, Michele and the entire Ozzimo Family:

So very sorry to hear about your dear Gerry. I do remember our years of friendship and eating delicious “Ozzie’s Pizza”!

Sending love, special thoughts, prayers and abundant sympathy to you and your entire family now and in the days/weeks to come. May God’s love, grace, blessings and mercy surround all of you now and always. May all of the wonderful memories Gerry leaves behind fill your hearts, bring you comfort and bring you peace.

With loving thoughts and heartfelt sympathy, Karen Waldrop

Karen Waldrop - March 21, 2019 at 10:16 AM

GC

“ Lenore, Gerry will be missed from our Greenville Chautauqua audience.

Greenville Chautauqua - March 21, 2019 at 07:39 AM

RP

“ I am sorrowful at the passing of my good friend, and remember his vitality, love of life and family, quick sense of humor, and our time together. We worked together, and shared stories of our daughters and family, and our golf game. My thoughts and prayers are with Lenore, Chrissa and Michele and the family.

Ron Du Puis

Ron Du Puis - March 19, 2019 at 12:02 PM

LN

“ *Laura Norman lit a candle in memory of Gerry P. Ozzimo*



Laura Norman - March 16, 2019 at 01:07 PM

JF

“ *Hi Lenore, Chrissa, and Michele and All the Ozzimo family - my thoughts and prayers are with you all and I am so very sorry to hear about Gerry passing away. Awesome guy and family and great memories of growing up with family get togethers and all the laughs we had. He will be missed. God Bless and love you all! John & Cathy O'Leary & Family*

John & Cathy O'Leary & Family - March 15, 2019 at 11:00 AM

KC

Rest In Peace, my Dear Cousin!! Remembering all our good times threw our younger years!! Say hello to all our Loved ones and most of all Pete!! You'll be together again! Love you and God Bless!! 🙏🙏

Karen Salcicciol - Cousin - March 15, 2019 at 10:12 PM

SN

“ *Rest In Peace my dear friend. Thanks for the many, many memories over the years. I will truly miss you.*



Steven A Norman - March 13, 2019 at 02:49 PM