



## Gerald William Howe

February 3, 1935 - May 15, 2020

Gerald “Jerry” William Howe, 85, passed away surrounded by loved ones on May 15, 2020 after a long battle with Dementia. Gerald was a resident of Sunrise of Sandy Memory Care in Sandy, Utah.

Gerald was born on February 3, 1935 in Murray, Utah to John and Maxine Howe. He attended Granite High school and was a member of the 4-H club. After high school, he attended the University of Utah where he studied business and golf. He worked as a Golf Pro and even taught a President to play golf!! Gerald loved the game of golf his entire life.

Gerald married Lorraine Lewis in 1960 and they had 1 daughter. They later divorced. In 1962, he moved to Iowa where he met Esther Oster. They married in 1965 and had 2 sons. Esther passed away in 1997. On August 28, 2004 Gerald married Kaye Cale in Kansas. She passed away in 2012.

Gerald had a very successful banking career and was always working a “deal” until the very end of his life. He worked for Ford Motor Company in Iowa and Indiana and American Fletcher National Bank in Indiana. Then in 1985, he and Esther and their family moved to Illinois where he continued his career at Continental Bank and LaSalle National Bank. He and Esther built their dream home in Naperville, IL and Gerald was a member of the Naperville Men’s Garden Club. He always enjoyed gardening and growing vegetables and flowers...he even had his own corn patch just like his father’s in Murray, UT. Gerald could always be found with a garden hose in his hands.

His career took him to Kansas City, MO in 1992 where he worked for Farm & Home Savings Association. He purchased another home in Overland Park KS; this one was on a golf course with retirement in mind. Gerald retired in 1994 and he and Esther spent some time traveling and enjoying their many friends.

Gerald belonged to a great church group where he had many friends with whom he socialized, traveled, and played golf. It was within this group that he met Kaye Cale. Kaye

and Jerry had so much fun traveling the world, and both enjoyed golfing on the course that they lived on as well as many others around the world. After Kaye's passing, Jerry moved to Tall Grass Creek Retirement Center in Overland Park, KS. He enjoyed his time at Tall Grass but in 2016 he had some health concerns and decided to move back to Utah to be closer to family. It was at this time he moved to Sunrise of Sandy.

Our family would like to thank Sunrise for all the loving care they provided to Jerry over the 4 years he spent with them. They worked with him to execute his "deals" whether it was going over financial statements, writing letters of demand, or even letters to the president! Sunrise has truly been an extended family for our Dad, grandpa, and great grandpa. Words cannot describe our gratitude for them. We will always remember Gerald for his great business sense, his independence and self-reliance, and his great sense of humor. We love him and he will be greatly missed!

Gerald is survived by his brother, Jono Howe, Oregon, daughter Jacci (Steve) Gunn, Utah, his sons Gerald Howe II, Illinois, and Brian Howe, Michigan, his 3 grandchildren Megan (Eric) Dryer, Brittany (Jeremy) Russell and Tyler (Katelyn) Gunn, great grandchildren, Claire, Quinn, and Blake Dryer, Loomis Russell, and Tyson and Caroline Gunn, all from Utah, nieces Jennifer, Shannon, and Stephanie.

# Comments

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“ Jacci, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. You were an amazing and caring daughter to him and especially these last few years. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family for comfort and peace.

**Debi** - May 20 at 02:32 PM

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**Eric Dryer** - May 20 at 12:32 PM

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“ We love you and will miss you, grandpa! I am so grateful you made the move to Utah so we could spend more time with you over the past few years. I'm happy my children had the chance to get to know their great-grandpa. I always admired you and your accomplishments. You told me often how proud of me you were and that I had a beautiful family and that always meant a lot to me. I hope you know I am proud of you too. Keep an eye on us up there and we will see you soon. I'm so grateful for eternal families. I love you!

**Megan Dryer** - May 20 at 11:54 AM

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“ My best friend how do I start... Thank you for all the wonderful memories, teaching, headaches, laughter and nickname (Obama) heaven will be really small to such a great person. Worked for 3 years and a half with Gerald at Sunrise of Sandy and every day he had a different way to make me laugh. You were the BEST friend i have made in my 10 years helping senior patients and all i can say is thank you "Obama" loves you.

**Joel Diaz** - May 19 at 06:50 PM

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“ Gerald lived a wonderful life, I had the pleasure of caring for him during my time at Sunrise, there was never a dull moment. From the constant laughter to his days when he re-lived days in the office. I always looked forward going into work knowing that Gerald would make my day's so much better. Sunrise will not feel the same without you my friend. A big hug to your family, we will miss you!

**Jose** - May 19 at 06:02 PM

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“ My name is Francisco Aponte. And I just want to say how lucky I was to be part of Gerald's life. We met at Sunrise Senior living. Those were days full of laughter and joy thanks to him. He taught me many things about life and how to cherish every moment. He loved to sit down and just talk about his old business with the bank of Chicago, fishing or just about anything. He used to tell me Francisco is an old mans name that I should be called San Fran instead. Even after I parted ways with Sunrise, I still visited him because he made an impact in my life that truly changed me for the better. To Jackie and everyone, Gerald loved you very much. Although he is gone, a piece of him still lives within us. Thank you for the memories.

**Francisco Aponte** - May 19 at 05:58 PM

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“ Over the past few years I have had the pleasure of getting to know Gerald and he is someone I will never forget. His sense of humor, love for golf and business will never be forgotten. He made everyone smile and there was never a dull moment with him. We will miss him so much!

**Angie** - May 19 at 05:03 PM