



## Alphonse J. Gerrato Jr

May 1, 1921 - January 22, 2022

Portsmouth - Alphonse J. Gerrato, Jr., 100, of Portsmouth, died Saturday, January 22, 2022 at his home after a period of failing health. He was born May 1, 1921, in Elmont, NY the son of the late Alphonse and Caroline (Maffetone) Gerrato.

He attended local schools, graduating from Sewanhaka High School in Floral Park, NY and later the University of New Hampshire. He was a veteran of WW II and the Korean War, serving with the US Air Force, participating in combat in Europe and Korea, and retiring after 22 years of service. After his retirement from the Air Force, he was employed by GTE Sylvania retiring in 1981 with 16 years of service.

He regarded his marriage to Marie (Schmidt) Gerrato as the greatest achievement of his life and continued to mourn her, and honored her by establishing the NHPTV Marie Schmidt Gerrato Memorial Trust, a living memorial to Marie.

He is survived by his son Stephen Gerrato and his wife Gail of Greenland, his son-in-law Cliff Beidleman of Port Charlotte, FL, five grandchildren, Scott and David Gerrato, Eric Beidleman, Karen Secor, and Kimberly Donovan, and ten great grandchildren, Joshua, Samantha, Joseph, Sarah and Logan Gerrato, Brooke, Blake and Paige Secor, Nicholas Beidleman, and Trevor Donovan.

In addition to Marie and his parents, he was predeceased by his daughter, Marilyn Beidleman.

After cremation a graveside service will be held in the spring at Calvary Cemetery in Portsmouth for both Marie and Alphonse. Please check back for complete information about his services.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Alphonse J. Gerrato Jr*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



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**Diane** - June 24, 2022 at 11:49 AM



“ *Happy Heavenly Birthday Al. I will eat chocolate cake today in your honor..*



**Diane** - May 01, 2022 at 07:39 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I'm just now hearing about Al. He was a Hospice volunteer for many years, and the patients loved him. I was the coordinator and we could always count on Al day or night to sit for vigils. He was a wonderful person.*

**Elaine Bonnell** - April 06, 2022 at 02:04 PM



*You were one of his favorite, he spoke of you and your kindness often.*

**Diane (neighbor)** - April 20, 2022 at 07:09 AM

DI

“ Miss you



Diane - March 01, 2022 at 06:25 AM

DH

“ Diane Hardy lit a candle in memory of Alphonse J. Gerrato Jr



Diane Hardy - February 13, 2022 at 09:26 AM

DH

“ So many memories.. I remember the day I walked across the street Al was gardening in 2001 and said Hi I'm in new neighbor. And from that day forward we were the best of friends. We planted tree's, we had vegetable gardens, weatherd so many winter storms sat in the driveway and listened to so many stories with this great man! I miss our visits, miss yelling across the street "Hey neighbor" miss you dearly. Thank you for being my friend ❤️ love you.

Diane Hardy - February 13, 2022 at 09:24 AM

TI

“ It was a pleasure to work with AL at GTE Sylvania in Exeter NH. He was tireless and loyal to all who knew him. He was one of the nicest individuals that I have had the privilege of knowing and working with. I miss you AL, RIP until we meet again 🙏

Tony loia - February 07, 2022 at 02:38 PM

FC

“ Al was a frequent gym goer on the naval base. The staff and community of retirees will miss a great contagious smile and his chatting. Thank you Al.



Friends at PNSY Fitness Center - February 07, 2022 at 09:16 AM

EB

I remember his days going to work out! Thanks for posting.

Eric Beidleman - February 07, 2022 at 12:06 PM



“ I started working at GTE Sylvania about the same time as Al and will always remember him as an extremely nice man. My sympathies to his family but think you all were lucky to have had him in your lives.  
L Johnson

Frank Johnson - February 06, 2022 at 08:00 AM

KD

“ Kathy Dunbrack lit a candle in memory of Alphonse J. Gerrato Jr



Kathy Dunbrack - February 02, 2022 at 04:14 PM

CO

“ *Cora lit a candle in memory of Alphonse J. Gerrato Jr*



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**cora** - February 01, 2022 at 06:13 PM

MV

“ *I will forever be grateful for the years I had with Al and cherish all those wonderful memories we shared together. Playing my ukulele for him while we sang songs were some of the best moments, but honestly every moment was special. We had a quote we liked to say "We didn't realize we were making memories, we just knew we were having fun." and we did! I miss him and will always hold him near to my heart but find peace knowing he has been reunited with his wife and daughter.*

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**Malinda Virkaitis** - February 01, 2022 at 02:12 PM

MV

“ *Malinda Virkaitis lit a candle in memory of Alphonse J. Gerrato Jr*

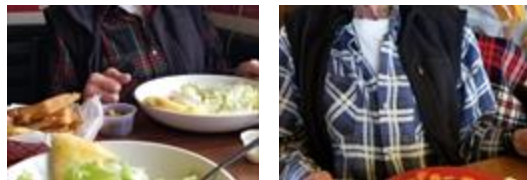


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**Malinda Virkaitis** - February 01, 2022 at 01:46 PM

MV

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Malinda Virkaitis** - February 01, 2022 at 01:44 PM

DI

*Miss you my dear friend* ❤️

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**Diane** - April 28, 2022 at 07:13 AM

EB

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Eric Beidleman** - February 01, 2022 at 09:15 AM