



Gerald M. "Jerry" Dignam

September 17, 1930 - July 7, 2017

Hampton – Gerald M. 'Jerry' Dignam, 86, a longtime resident of Hampton, passed away peacefully on Friday, July 7, 2017 in his beloved town of Hampton, surrounded by family.

He was born September 17, 1930 in Bradford, England, son of the late Martin and Beatrice (Bracewell) Dignam. Raised in Yonkers, NY where he met his wife of 64 years Margaret 'Marge' (Cocciardi) Dignam. Jerry graduated from Saunders Trade & Technical School, Class of 1948. Following graduation he proudly served in the United States Army as a member of the Ordnance Department during the Korean War.

Returning home from the Army, he first worked at Otis Elevator as an engineer, which led to a long career as a radar and missile guidance systems engineer for various contractors including Raytheon in locations all over the United States. He was very proud to have been part of the team that worked on the Saturn rocket, part of the Apollo program that helped propel man to space and the moon.

Mr. Dignam was very active in his community and was a member of American Legion Post 35, the Royal Society Bridge Club, Co-Chairman of the Hampton 350th Parade, former Chair of Hampton Beach Seafood Festival, former Chair of Hampton Town Democratic Committee, former President of Hampton Area

Lions Club, and President of the former Exeter Hampton Elks Lodge, a former Knights of Columbus, and he emceed the Hampton Christmas Parade for years. Jerry volunteered for many organizations in support of his community and being the larger than life and colorful character he was, acted as master of ceremonies for countless fundraisers and events.

Jerry enjoyed cooking, singing, politics, woodworking, traveling, a good laugh, and swimming in the ocean especially at North Beach, was a voracious reader, but most of all he loved spending time with his family and friends.

In addition to his wife Marge Dignam of Hampton he is survived by his children, Michael Dignam of Hampton, Gloria Dion and her husband Jack of Hampton, William Dignam and his wife Kelly of York, ME, Dianne Frechette and her husband Allen of Hampton, Pamela Bates and her husband Garrett of Stratham; grandchildren, Jeffrey Dion and his partner Judy Boyd, Nicole Dion and her partner Jesse Simons, Matthew Dion, Caitlin Smith and her husband Jon, Joseph Dignam, Madelyn Dignam, Alaina Frechette and her partner Mike Emond; Patrick Frechette and his wife Ashley; great grandchildren, Cayden, Sophia, Olivia, Stella, and Sadie; and granddogs Chance, Ollie and Willie as well as his Sister in Law, Catherine O'Leary, Brother in Law Bobby Vigliotti and his wife Joan, Brother in Law Whitey Melvin, cousin Glenys Tencer and many nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be held from 4 to 6 pm on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. A prayer service will immediately follow the visitation starting at 6 pm in the funeral home. Burial will be private. Donations in Jerry's memory can be made to Future In Sight, 25 Walker St, Concord, NH 03301 or the New Hampshire SPCA, PO Box 196, Stratham, NH 03885.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Prayer Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald M. "Jerry" Dignam*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *281 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - July 12, 2017 at 02:22 PM



“ *Stately Croton was purchased for the family of Gerald M. "Jerry" Dignam.*



July 11, 2017 at 07:49 PM

KE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kelly - July 11, 2017 at 06:11 PM

GC

Rest in Peace Mr Dignam. Thank You for your service of the town and country. You have a great family who I'm certain will miss you.

Glenn and Wendy Chase - July 13, 2017 at 02:17 PM

KE

“ 3 files added to the album Tribute wall



Kelly - July 11, 2017 at 06:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald M. "Jerry" Dignam.*



July 11, 2017 at 12:15 PM

SC

“ *Our sympathy to Jerry's family and friends.*

Skip & Margie Brown (Kelly D's cousin) - July 11, 2017 at 12:05 PM

KE

Thank you Margie

Kelly - July 11, 2017 at 06:13 PM

GC

“ So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. We will never forget the time we had a sing along with him and Marge at our house. We have an old song sheet that he gave us that we framed and is hanging in our living titled "SMILES". Rest in peace. Gerry and Sandee

gerry chenard - July 11, 2017 at 09:24 AM

TM

“ Our dearest Jerry Dignam, a man who for all his many talents truly stood out as an extremely proud and supportive father to all his children. So many hearts weeping but many souls blessed for having known you. RIP Mr. Dignam. Will be in mass on Wednesday here in Ireland and will light a candle for you.

Tina and James McSweeney - July 11, 2017 at 06:52 AM

PB

Thanks Tina. He loved his extended family. Xxoo

Pamela Bates - July 11, 2017 at 08:11 AM

GI

“ Gina lit a candle in memory of Gerald M. "Jerry" Dignam



Gina - July 10, 2017 at 09:57 PM

GI

“ Our deepest condolences to Aunt Margaret and Family. A true lifetime friend to my parents and always known as "Uncle Jerry." His kindness, laughter, intelligence and love for singing will be remembered forever. Who else but, my Uncle Jerry would teach me how to eat lobster the correct way?! Such wonderful memories will carry on. May you always Rest In Peace. We love and miss you always. Gina & Lou.

Gina - July 10, 2017 at 09:55 PM

PB

Thanks Gina & lou, you know how much Uncle Jerry loved the Belenchias. He and No are surely belting a song or two

Pamela Bates - July 11, 2017 at 08:12 AM

MC

“ Marge & Family,

We are both so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. Please accept our heartfelt sympathies and know that we share your sorrow. We will forever remember Jerry with much fondness. We always enjoyed his personality, generosity and overall wit and humor. He would light up any gathering and knew how to include everyone making sure that we all had a good time. He certainly was a great friend, a great negotiator, a fantastic master of ceremonies and someone you could turn to for assistance in any given situation. He was called upon many times at Raytheon to "get the job done". My heart is broken once again. Love & Hugs to all of you. Mary and Dave Conant

Mary Conant - July 10, 2017 at 10:17 AM

PB

Thank you Mary & Dave, Dad was so lucky to have so many wonderful friends

Pamela Bates - July 11, 2017 at 08:13 AM

MM

“ My heart goes out to the family and friends.



Marla Tirone Maryea - July 10, 2017 at 12:16 AM

NR

“ Sending hugs to the family. So sorry for your loss.



Norma Rogers - July 09, 2017 at 11:25 PM

EM

“ My prayers go out to my friend Mike, and All of the Dignam family on the loss of your loved one. It's never easy losing someone we love, but remember your only saying see you later, not goodbye. I want to say thank you Mr. Dignam for your service in The United states Army. When any of you feel down, remember it's only a "See You Later" not a goodbye... Gods Blessing be with you all during this difficult time.



Elizabeth Marshall - July 09, 2017 at 10:07 PM

DO

“ *DONNIE lit a candle in memory of Gerald M. "Jerry" Dignam*



DONNIE - July 09, 2017 at 05:26 PM

DO

Often the measure of a Man is reflected in his children ..Oh to be so Blessed ..and My goodness what an amazing Man and life to Celebrate

DONNIE - July 09, 2017 at 05:33 PM

GK

“ *Gloria Kinney lit a candle in memory of Gerald M. "Jerry" Dignam*



gloria kinney - July 09, 2017 at 04:16 PM