



Jerry Perelom

July 21, 1932 - January 16, 2011

Jerry Perelom, of New Britain, passed away on January 16, at the Hospital of Central Connecticut NBGH after an heroic battle against a rare and aggressive blood disorder at the age of 78. Born in New Britain, Jerry was a graduate of the University of Hartford then Hillyer College with an engineering degree. Soon after graduating, Jerry entered the U.S. Navy, serving aboard the U.S.S. Gilmore, based out of Key West, Florida, and also working on the first two U.S. nuclear submarines, the U.S.S. Nautilus and the U.S.S. Seawolf. After leaving the Navy, Jerry settled in Key West and utilized his maritime training, knowledge and skills by owning and operating, along with his former wife, the Glass Bottom Boat "Fireball", which offered oceanographic tours in the Florida Keys. Jerry later returned to New Britain to care for his elderly father and mother and became a partner in a specialty optical business before retiring. Jerry was an intelligent, warm, and caring person who highly valued family relationships. He particularly enjoyed being able to have his parents spend winter vacations with him in Key West and taking them traveling to various islands in the Caribbean. He was always willing to be of assistance, particularly when it came to any mechanical repairs or projects. An example of this was his role as an advisor during the planning and installation of the wheelchair lift at St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in New Britain. Jerry's love of animals led him to become an inveterate adopter of cats and dogs, rescuing and saving the lives of many of them.

Having an avid interest in weightlifting and bodybuilding, until being stricken

last October, Jerry maintained a strict physical fitness program, including exercise and nutritional support. More recently, daily hikes with his dog Jake became part of the routine he enjoyed. Jerry maintained contact with many of his friends and former business associates in Key West after he returned to New Britain.

Jerry was predeceased by his parents, John and Julia Perelom. Surviving are his sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Joseph Kerel of Newington, his nephew Christopher Kerel of Newington, and his niece, Alisa Kerel of Kensington, his aunt and her husband, Anna and Jan Nazar of New Britain, his uncle, Roman Tynik, and several cousins. The family expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to all the nurses and support staff on Floor C-5 at NBGH, with special thanks to Diane DeFronzo, Deborah Ferretti, and Anne Bailly.

Calling hours at the Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain are on Wednesday, January 19, from 5 pm to 7 pm, with a Panakhyda service at 6:30pm. You may also pay your respects at St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 54 Winter Street, New Britain, from 9 am to 9:30 am on Thursday, January 20, after which the funeral service will immediately follow. Burial will be at St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery on Osgood Avenue, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Please share a memory of Jerry with his family by "clicking" SEND CONDOLENCES at the bottom of this page.

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“ We are so sad to hear that Jerry had passed on to an higher calling. We will deeply miss him. Jerry was loved so much by his family friends in the park. He loved life to the end all ways cared, shared stories, working out, loved pets and just down to earth. Jerry was a smart and friendly man.I was blessed to have know him. We will miss seeing both Jerry and Jake in the park they both put a smile on your face and touch your heart in so many ways. Jerry was a great man.

Warren Rivers - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jerry will surely be missed, he was the best neighbor and friend. Watching him with his parents and the care he gave them was heartfelt. This world was a better place for having him in it. God Bless Carol, Frank, Tyler and family.

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“ Dorothy, Joe, Alisa and Chris,

From our family to yours, our heartfelt sympathy on the loss of Jerry. We know he was a special person by the example he set in the loving care he gave his parents. The love he felt for all of you was very evident and very touching.

His kindness and gentle manner was always easy to see whenever he would interact or speak of his animals.

Memory eternal.

Diane and Mike Wowk - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM