



## Jerry C Harber

April 20, 1941 - June 14, 2015

Jerry C. Harber, age 74, of Fort Myers Beach, Florida, passed away at the University of Chicago on June 14, 2015. Jerry was born on April 20, 1941 in Dyersburg Tennessee and was a Veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Jerry was a true entrepreneur in every sense of the word. He was a “diehard” Cubs and Hoosier basketball fan. He could often be found at Supervisors Club golfing with his son Brad. He owned nearly fifty Corvettes during his lifetime in addition to many other cars. Many of his friends on the beach knew him as “Corvette Jerry” as he organized the monthly car show at Parrot Key. Another special pastime was coaching many youth basketball teams in Hobart and Fort Myers. Jerry founded Oil Technology, Inc., in 1982 and was a business visionary that saw the need for oil recycling long before others. Jerry knew that recycling oil would not only save companies money but serve to improve the environment as well. Jerry helped grow Oil Tec as he earned the confidence and trust of his customers. His exceptional sales skills and business acumen helped Oil Tec earn business with the largest steel companies in the world.

He was a great people person as well as possessing numerous managerial and financial skills. Jerry retired in 1996 and spent his retirement in “his paradise” Fort Myers Beach. He could be found having a beer and enjoying the sunset during Happy Hour at the Holiday Inn Tiki Bar.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Clint and Mattie and his brother Bill. Survivors include his sons – Todd (Laura) Elliott and Brad (Christina)

Harber; grandchildren – Jenna Elliott, Sean Elliott, Bryceston Harber and Brantley Harber; brothers – Ray and Danny and his former companion, Marilyn Elliott. A special thanks to the staff at the University of Chicago, including Dr. Vokes and Dr. Howell for their world renowned cancer care. Jerry was a fighter till the end.

Friends are invited to visit with Jerry's family on Thursday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m., at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart. Funeral service will be held on Friday, June 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home. An additional memorial will be planned in Fort Myers Beach this winter. Interment at Angel Crest Cemetery in Valparaiso, IN. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Angelcrest Cemetery

Highway 49 and 600 North  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 18.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart  
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## Funeral Service

**JUN 19.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

TC

“ Jerry was a good friend and I will miss him. He inspired me to purchase my first vintage Corvette, a 1973. Jerry created the monthly car shows at Parrot Key on Fort Myers Beach which brought many of us together to enjoy a common passion. God speed.

Tommy St. Croix - June 28, 2015 at 05:37 PM

GC

“ Jerry was a wonderful man, eventhough, I didn't. Know him long, he touched my soul. W . had a special bond, we also laughed alot that day.



Gwendolyn Czupryn - June 25, 2015 at 07:48 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry C Harber.



June 18, 2015 at 09:27 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry C Harber.



June 18, 2015 at 08:52 AM



“ *Loving Grace was purchased for the family of Jerry C Harber.*



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June 18, 2015 at 08:13 AM



“ *Jeff & Laura Preusser and The Loftus Family purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Jerry C Harber.*



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**Jeff & Laura Preusser and The Loftus Family** - June 17, 2015 at 02:14 PM



“ *Karen Sitkowski and Larry Pianto purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jerry C Harber.*



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**Karen Sitkowski and Larry Pianto** - June 17, 2015 at 01:38 PM



“ *Brad & Family, Sending are deepest condolences and prayers to you and your family on the loss of you father. Dave & Michelle Francis, Fredericksburg, VA*

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**Dave Francis** - June 17, 2015 at 11:53 AM

DA

“ Van and I would like to express our deepest sympathies to Brad, Christina and their family during this difficult time. Brad, your dad was hilarious from the day I met him. I'll never forget his dance moves at your wedding! :) I enjoyed our conversations and his company when I would visit. Most recently, I will never forget, when he saw me, "you have another new car?!" lol. He would tell me about Florida and how I should come down to Florida and visit and see his new Vette. He was wonderful to be around, he was kind and loving, had a personality that would fill a room with laughter and smiles, and had a heart of gold- His spirit was truly contagious! He will be greatly missed by many. I know that he will be having a beer up in heaven with our Uncle Roy sharing stories of all the wonderful memories he has been apart of. We love you. May he rest in peace with the angels.

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**Dana** - June 17, 2015 at 11:27 AM

GQ

“ We would like to offer our deepest condolences to all of Jerry's family and friends. Jerry has been a good friend and business associate here in South Florida for over 10 years and he will be greatly missed. Jerry was the biggest Corvette guy I have ever know and he was always so excited to manage the Salty Sam's car show the first of every month! It just won't be the same without seeing Jerry there.

*Geary and Sue Quinn, Cape Coral, Florida.*

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**Geary A. Quinn** - June 17, 2015 at 08:36 AM

MN

“ Always enjoyed talking Sports and joking with Jerry! Also enjoyed one our our trips to Fort Meyers sitting at the Holiday Inn and the Sandbar watching the Cubs game with him!

Thoughts and Prayers To Todd, Brad, their families and everyone mourning Jerry's loss.

Hopefully Jerry can pull some string in Heaven for the Cubbies!

Much Love,

Mike and Nicole Nigh

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**Michael Nigh** - June 16, 2015 at 04:41 PM

GE

I loved gerry he was a sweet man always made me laugh he came to shrimp shack every week and he will be missed so much. Love always your Dear Friend Gerry.

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**Gerry** - June 16, 2015 at 09:10 PM

JT

After knowing Jerry for over 30 years, his goofy smile and warm heart will forever be sweet memories. What a wonderful guy. You will surely be missed. Your Forever Friend.... Jessie

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**Jessica Titus** - June 17, 2015 at 02:45 PM