



Gerald James Ghastin

November 28, 1958 - March 21, 2021

Gerald James Ghastin passed away peacefully on March 21, 2021 at the age of 62, with his loving wife Angela by his side, after a long and tenacious battle with cancer.

Jerry was born on November 28, 1958, in Royal Oak, Michigan. He was the first child born to Burl and Anita Ghastin, high school sweethearts who added three children to the family over the next 10 years: Jon, Donna and Sherry. Jerry looked out for his younger siblings as they moved frequently due to Burl's work with the Michigan State Police. The family eventually settled in Paw Paw, Michigan where Jerry graduated from high school in 1977. He was a three-sport athlete and active in student government. As the oldest child, Jerry developed a strong sense of responsibility at a young age, caring for his two younger sisters after school and always working one or two part-time jobs.

Following Jerry's graduation from Western Michigan University, he moved to Texas to find employment and proceeded to make the Lone Star State his forever home. He and his first wife Diane lived in Houston, San Antonio, Dallas and Austin, where they raised their two treasured children, Taylor and Emily. Jerry loved supporting the kids' activities, and he also enjoyed music, travel and following the Texas Rangers.

Through hard work and life-long learning, he became a top salesperson in the

pharmaceutical industry. He derived enormous satisfaction in consulting with medical professionals and, through them, helping their patients. In addition to Jerry's busy home and travel schedule, he earned his Master's Degree in Business Administration from Southern Methodist University.

Jerry finally met and married the love of his life, Angela del Carmen Ortiz, when he was 55. At the same time, he learned that his cancer, which had been in remission, had returned. His fight became their fight, and they cherished every moment they had together. With Angela's love, support and faith, his deep knowledge of the medical industry, and his fierce advocacy for himself, Jerry far exceeded his doctors' estimates that he would live only another year. The last six and a half years were the hardest but also the happiest years of his life.

Jerry was preceded in death by his father, Burl Ghastin. He is survived by his wife Angela Ortiz Ghastin, his mother Anita Ghastin, his siblings Jon (Mary) Ghastin, Donna Neyome, Sherry (Vince) Vacha, and his children Taylor Ghastin and Emily (Tyler) Walvoord.

Jerry's generous spirit and devotion to life and love are an inspiration to all of us. His family and friends will love and miss him forever.

SERVICES

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 25, 2021 from 6:00 – 9:00 PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North with a Rosary to begin at 7:00 PM. Church services will be held at St. Paul Catholic Church on Friday, March 26, 2021 at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society in memory of Jerry Ghastin.

The family would like to express their deep to all the Medical Teams that provided medical care for Jerry in his fight against cancer. The teams in Nashville TN, Houston TX, and San Antonio TX, Dr. Ronald Drengler, Oncology with START Center San Antonio, Dr. Eric Jonasch Genitourinary Oncology with MD Anderson Houston and a special Thank You to Dr. Robert Schnitzler, Cardiology Internal Medicine, San Antonio and Nurse Practitioner Victoria Paparelli who cared for Jerry extensively for his many medical needs, along with many other specialists from various specialties who helped Jerry in his tenacious fight against cancer.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **25**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

MAR **25**. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78230

Mass of Resurrection

MAR **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Catholic Church
350 Sutton Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78228

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Gerald James Ghastin*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - March 25, 2021 at 06:32 PM

KS

“ *Dear Anita, Jon, Donna and Sherry! Im so sorry for all if you!
Jerry was bigger than life, his gregarious personality will leave a hole in our hearts without him!
I know know there will be another ache in your hearts, a piece missing! But I know he is in heaven with your Dad/Husband!
Time will take everything but the memories~ hold on to them tight!
Rest easy my friend~ With Love Your friend Kimmy*



Kimberly Ann Stiglich-Myers - June 16, 2021 at 11:29 AM

BH

“ My thoughts and prayers remain with all of you, Jerry's precious family. I was heartbroken when Jon called to tell me about the loss of my dear friend. Jerry had a love for people and a driving desire to help and support all those around him. During all the years we worked together I marveled at his capacity to care for others and put their needs first. Jerry lived the principles of Jesus. He was always driven to be the best he could be in every facet of life. He always had a smile and a kind word to say. Jerry was tenacious when he knew he was right. That quality and his wisdom helped him so much as he worked with the doctors who delivered his care. I will miss him and the wonderful conversations we would have. May God wrap each of you in His arms of love and care.

Brent and Brooke Hollingsworth

Brent Hollingsworth - March 29, 2021 at 10:07 AM

WS

“ I worked with Jerry Ghastin and he was a man you never forget. He was intelligent, humorous and was always open to help someone in need. I will miss him but will never forget him. God Bless Jerry and our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Wayne & Sheri Smith McKinney Texas

Wayne & Sheri Smith - March 25, 2021 at 11:49 PM

AL

“ To Taylor, Emily, Tyler,

We're here for you if you need anything.

Love,

AJW

AI - March 25, 2021 at 08:00 PM

EW

Thank you, Al

Emily Walvoord - April 14, 2021 at 02:23 PM

ES

“ *Taylor, Emily, and Tyler,*

My thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Love,
Elaine Ritter Shirk*

Elaine Ritter Shirk - March 25, 2021 at 03:19 AM

EM

Thank you, Elaine <3

Emily - March 25, 2021 at 04:04 PM

AP

"Taylor, Emily, and Tyler,

My prayers and thoughts are with you...

*Love,
Arlene Ritter Peterson*

Arlene Peterson - March 25, 2021 at 10:17 PM

EW

Thank you, Arlene

Emily Walvoord - April 14, 2021 at 02:23 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Gerald James Ghastin.*



March 24, 2021 at 09:53 AM



“ *Jennifer Gates and David Monroe purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Gerald James Ghastin.*



Jennifer Gates and David Monroe - March 24, 2021 at 09:24 AM



“ *Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. There are no words to fully express our condolences for your loss. We love you. Jennifer Gates and David Monroe*

David Monroe - March 24, 2021 at 09:08 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gerald James Ghastin.*



March 24, 2021 at 07:11 AM