



Ronald Joseph Gerlock

May 27, 1942 - September 1, 2022

Ronald Joseph Gerlock, 80, of Salisbury, passed away Thursday, September 1, 2022 at his residence.

Born May 27, 1942, in Erie County, New York, he was the son of the late Charles Joseph Gerlock and Ruth Helen Brown Gerlock. He was a 1960 graduate of Lancaster High School in Lancaster, New York and a 1964 graduate of Michigan Technological University.

In 1969, he assisted in the building and testing of the rockets used in the Apollo 11 mission to the moon. In 1981, he developed a new corrosion-resistant nickel and titanium alloy called ALLCOR.

Mr. Gerlock was an expert in the field of metallurgy and gave speeches in Europe, Saudi Arabia, and the Canary Islands.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, National Association of Corrosion Engineers, American Society for Testing and Metals and SAE International. He was a prior member of the Town of Spencer Planning Board. He regularly attended the London Air Show. He loved classical music, travel and supporting his family's love of breeding and showing American Saddlebred horses. He was the best grandfather, keeping his grandchildren entertained with his witty humor. He especially enjoyed Thanksgivings when his whole house was filled with his grandchildren and their friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Dennis Gerlock.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 57 years, Christine Beback Gerlock; daughters, Debra Gerlock Garrison (William III) of Gastonia, Kirsten Gerlock Stern (JB) of Agawam, MA; brothers, Charles Gerlock (Betty), Gary Gerlock; sister-in-law Shirley Gerlock; and grandchildren, Christopher Gunter (Brittney), Heather Gunter (Leif Anderson), Charlie Stern, Jodie Stern and William B. Garrison IV (Alyssa).

A memorial service will be conducted at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the Novant Health Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House, 1229 Statesville Blvd., Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Gerlock family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ronald Joseph Gerlock.*



September 16, 2022 at 08:28 AM



“ *Mike Haney lit a candle in memory of Ronald Joseph Gerlock*



Mike Haney - September 04, 2022 at 08:08 PM



Thank you.

Kirsten Gerlock Stern - September 05, 2022 at 06:44 PM



“ *Dear Christine and family, Aunt Rosemary (age 93) Kacko's family along with myself, wish to extend our sadness to hear of Ron's passing. My memory of him is that he was such a smart, kind man. I was proud to be a participant in your wedding party at the age of 16 and have fond memories of that beautiful affair. Sending hugs and condolences to you and all of Ron's family. Elaine (& Dick) Orcutt*

Elaine - September 04, 2022 at 02:07 PM



Thank you, Elaine

Kirsten Gerlock Stern - September 05, 2022 at 06:45 PM