



William Gerald "Jerry" Cochran

October 1, 1941 - November 15, 2024

William Gerald "Jerry" Cochran, M.D., passed peacefully at the Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House on Friday, November 15, 2024.

Dr. Cochran was born on October 1, 1941 in Philadelphia, PA to William Howard Cochran (08/31/13-07/14/76) of Pageton, WV and to Elizabeth Cook (09/16/18-11/05/85) of Philadelphia, PA.

Dr. Cochran graduated from Central High School in Philadelphia, PA in the class of 1959. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Biology from La Salle University in Philadelphia, PA in 1963. He received his medical doctorate from Temple University in 1967. From 1967-1968 he did his residency with the United States Public Health Service. From 1970-1973 he did his surgery residency with Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia, PA. From 1973-1975 he did his plastic surgery residency at St. Luke's Hospital in Allentown, PA. He also received a Master's in Public Healthcare, Healthcare Management and Administration, in 1999 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He practiced plastic surgery in Boston, MA from 1975-1986 where he was also an Associate Director and an Associate Clinical Professor at the Boston University School of Medicine. Jerry moved to Salisbury, NC in 1986 and opened the city's first plastic surgery office. His plastic surgery practice served both Novant Health Rowan Medical Center in Salisbury, NC and he also had an office serving Davis Regional Medical Center in Statesville NC. He was also instrumental in the formation of wound care and the Novant Health Wound Care & Hyperbaric Center in Salisbury NC. He was also the Medical

Director for MedCost LLC in Winston-Salem, NC.

Dr. Cochran is survived by his spouse and partner of 36 years Timothy D. Gudger of Salisbury NC, first cousins, David Cook of Fairfax, VA, Gregory Cook of San Antonio, TX, and Barbara Cook Hellman of Mount Juliet, TN. Jerry's laughter, generosity, and kindness will be missed. He loved travel, good food, and most important, the arts, especially the symphony. He moved to Salisbury, NC because they have a symphony orchestra. Keep this in mind when thinking about Jerry and in lieu of flowers or cards, donate generously to the Salisbury Symphony, Inc., PO Box 1828, Salisbury, NC 28145-1828. This was his passion, and donations would be greatly appreciated by him.

A private Celebration of Life will be held at a future date.

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

Tribute Wall

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“ Too shocked and saddened by the news to Express my feelings. Jerry was my true "brother". Tim, condolences, love and best to you.

Charles Clerke - December 21, 2024 at 01:29 PM

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“ I will miss him coming to Longhorn! I loved him and his partner so much❤️ Thanks for all the wonderful memories and keeping me encouraged and uplifted! No matter what, he kept a smile on my face and he always, spoke to me and brightened my day! Rest in Peace ❤️ Quita R.

Quira Robinson - November 18, 2024 at 07:22 AM

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“ Jerry was a true friend, like family. We enjoyed being on the Salisbury Symphony Board together. His passion of life and music, I will always remember. It makes
He
Stephanie smile. I loved his little laugh.
He will be missed.

Stephanie Potter

Stephanie Potter - November 16, 2024 at 09:56 PM

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“ I met Jerry in 1958 when he was a scout master at Girard College in Philadelphia. He and his good friend, Chuck Clerk, remained friends for years, visiting me and my family in Virginia. While he was in residency in Norfolk Jerry and I spent a memorable weekend with his aunt and uncle at Fort Story, VA. We kept in touch all these years -- always at Christmas, but also with in person visits either to my home in Virginia or his lovely home in Salisbury. Jerry operated on me in the late 1980's and I recuperated at his house. I was thrilled when he and Tim got together and always enjoyed being with the two of them and hearing about their travels and work with the symphony and other musical activities across the state. I spoke with Jerry a couple of weeks before his death and we joked about his getting better quickly and leading a scout troop on a hike. He had an indomitable spirit, a warm and wonderful laugh and was a long term friend who I will miss greatly. My condolences to Tim and the rest of Jerry's family at his passing. What wonderful memories all of us have to share about this very special man. David Albee, Sperryville, VA

David Albee` - November 16, 2024 at 01:22 PM

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Condolences to the family and friends. I cannot express how sorry I am to hear of your loss. I will be praying for your family
Simone B

simone Alexander-Bailey - November 19, 2024 at 11:32 AM