



Gerard Murphy

July 1, 1934 - December 11, 2019

Gerard D. Murphy passed away at home in the arms of his loving daughter Mary, December 11, 2019 in East Highland Ranch, CA after a fall earlier the same day. He was 85.

Gerard Murphy was born July 1st, 1934 in New York, NY to his parents, Denis and Florence Murphy. He graduated from Maquette University with a degree in Business Administration, served as Sergeant in the U.S. Army, held General Manager positions at Audi, VW and Porsche Dealerships, worked in Field Operations at Chrysler Corporation, managed National Sales Operations at Mazda North America, was VP of Sales and Marketing at Isuzu Motors and Owner/Operator of Jerry Murphy's Redlands Dodge. Jerry Murphy had a positive and lasting impact at the personal and organizational level in the Automotive industry where many attribute their successful start in the business to the consulting and sales training he provided throughout his career.

October 5, 1957 Gerard married his loving wife of 60 years Patricia Murphy. The Murphy's lived their early years together in Wauwatosa WI and moved to Ft. Knox where he served as a Sergeant for the U.S. Army. After moving to Chicago in the early 1970's Gerard began his auto industry career as a General Manager at the local Porsche, Audi dealership and shortly thereafter moved to California where he assumed the role of Sales Operations Manager for Mazda Motors of America, successfully launching and developing the distribution system for the wildly successful RX-7. As VP of Sales and Marketing at Isuzu Motors, he successfully launched the Isuzu Impulse and Trooper to the American Market and eventually moved on to fulfill his dream of owning and operating a Dodge Dealership in Redlands CA. After the sale of his dealership Gerard utilized his industry experience consulting for some of California's largest dealership groups where he managed the hiring and training of finance and sales associates sharing the skills required for a successful career in automotive retail. Gerard retired at 72 and enjoyed his retirement years with his beautiful wife Patricia and staying in close contact with his children and extended family.

Gerard Murphy was a talented, quick witted and incredibly caring person. Everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him would always share an entertaining story about him or sing a song that Gerard taught them. An Optimist through and through, Gerard always

saw the glass half full and inspired people in his life to do the same. Gerard had a talent in helping people see the best in themselves and others and always did his best to share his knowledge and talents with everyone around him. To know Gerard was to love him and know you would always have a friend in him.

Gerard is survived by his, two daughters, Maura and Mary Murphy, son Dan and his wife Esther, three grandchildren; Megan, Cameron and Chelsea and his 17 nieces and nephews. He was greeted into eternal life by his wife Patricia, father Denis, mother Florence and sister Virginia.

The Murphy family will be hosting a Funeral Mass in Gerard's honor at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Redlands CA at 11:00AM, Friday, February 28th. The address for the Funeral Mass is 115 West Olive Avenue, Redlands, CA 92373. The family respectfully requests in lieu of flowers, please donate to the Holy Name of Jesus Church Building Fund or Redlands Family Services Association.

Comments



“ Gerry was one of the kindest and generous men I know. He loved Patty and his family with all his heart. He was a great friend. Sending love and prayers.

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