

Gerry Kaiser Spaulding Jr. - Obituary

Gerald Kaiser Spaulding, Jr. (Gerry) 64, passed away in Peace Health Medical Center in Vancouver, Wash., surrounded by his family, on Monday, Feb. 25, 2013.

Gerry was born on May 11, 1948, the son of Gerald and Gladys (Wylie) Spaulding. For many years the Spauldings lived in Craftsbury and St. Johnsbury. Gerry attended grade school in Craftsbury then graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1966. He graduated from Lyndon State, Lyndonville, Vt., in 1971 with a BA in English. He was editor of the college newspaper, The Critic.



On Dec. 24, 1971 Gerry married Mary Barnett of St. Johnsbury and as he had been drafted into the Army he soon left for Scofield Barracks in Oahu, Hawaii, where he was editor of Army newspaper, The Tropic Lightning. His wife joined him a few months later upon graduating from Lyndon College.

When his tour of duty was completed, Gerry worked for Vermont Forests and Parks as a park ranger in various parks in the state. Later he lived in Hardwick and worked for Vermont Department of Corrections until his retirement. Gerry and Mary had two children, Jessica and Travis who learned to love the outdoors and camping much like their Dad.

After his retirement Gerry spent two winters in Florida then resided in Wolcott, Vt. On Jan. 11, 2013 Gerry moved to Camus, Wash. to be

with his children and grandchildren.

Gerry loved his music; piano, guitar and harmonica and he could multi-task with these instruments. While in college he was part of a group called The Potato Peelers. He always looked forward to jamming with his friends in later years. He loved wildlife and one might say that he was a would-be ornithologist as he could identify birds on the wing.

Gerry was an avid gardener, woodsman, hunter, also a friend and mentor to many young people. While in college he spent most of his summers as a counselor at Camp Wapanacki, a camp for the blind in Hardwick. Most of all he loved camping with his children and grandchildren particularly at one of his favorite places, the coast of Maine.

Survivors include: daughter, Jessica Eva Spaulding of Crested Butte, Colo., son, Travis Spaulding and his wife, Rebecca Robidoux Spaulding, grandchildren, Philomena (Mena) Eve Spaulding and William Kaiser Spaulding of Camas, Wash., his sister, Roberta S. Alexander and her husband, Robert M. Alexander of Craftsbury Common, Vt.

Gerry was predeceased by his parents, his companion in later years, Maureen Horgan and his faithful cat, Fred.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2013 at the Craftsbury Cemetery on Cemetery Road in Craftsbury, Vt. at 11 a.m. with Pastor Alan Parker officiating Memorial contributions may be made to a non-profit organization, Keeping Track, a branch of wildlife conservation at Keeping Track, Inc., PO Box 444, Huntington, VT

