



Jerry Alfred Cain

April 10, 1946 - November 30, 2018

Jerry was born in a log cabin in the bottom of the Clark's Fork of the Yellowstone River near Painter, Wyoming April 10, 1946 to Lester and Elanor Cain. Attending his birth would be grandparents, Dorothy and Alfred Wright, Dorothy was a trained nurse.

Upon the time of arrival Grandfather Fred would also contact a medical clinic in Cody, Wyoming to have a doctor come and check out the newborn as well as the delivery mother.

Dr. Dewey Dominick, a partner in the practice providing the medical team sent out to the Sunlight Basin Area would later write in his book about this experience as well as Jerry receiving the Distinguished Service Cross Medal for bravery and Purple Heart for wounds received during Viet Nam War. Jerry was a part of 320th Artillery Brigade, 101st Airborne division as a radio operator. His awards were for his heroic actions in battle, on 11 July 1967, at Phan Rang, Vietnam.

Jerry returned to the United States to pursue his education and continue to work at various jobs in Montana eventually migrating in 1970 to Alaska which became home for this hero.

Jerry would pursue his goal of graduating from college where he became a fixture with the Geology students and at various athletic events rooting on players, on the volley ball, basketball and hockey teams. As a humble person, not having children of his own, Jerry would provide support and encouragement to these young people. When family would congregate Jerry loved to be with the young people and they loved him.

Jerry helped to build Prudhoe Bay, as a Teamster with 959 for over 30 years. He was a fire fighter in the wild fire seasons of Alaska. Jerry built a number of homes, cabins, greenhouses and gardens. After Prudhoe Bay he worked for many trucking companies during the summer road construction seasons. He was in the hardware department for many years, at Sears. For the last years of his employment he drove the Daily News Miner vehicle to Tok and delivered papers all the way back, 4 days a week. Loving nature, animals and taking pictures, this was his favorite job.

Enjoying photography as a hobby brought much pleasure to Jerry and he shared pictures across the world with others. He explored and photographed America, Europe and Australia, always wanting to return to the Down under. Jerry encouraged young people to

pursue photography as a hobby and would even gift them with cameras.

Growing things and using it was a gift for Jerry. He taught many the ways to garden in Alaska, then Canning and Preserving what you harvest each year. Jerry was a bee keeper and when family moved to Delta Junction, AK he helped them to purchase hives and produce honey providing help and tools to collect and harvest the crop. His gifts of honey will be missed by many.

He loved to trap, draw, journal, hunt, travel, snowshoe, ski, snowmobiling to Tack's for pie, was a favorite. For many years Jerry helped to groom trails for the many Dog Sled events in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. He loved the races, dog teams and mushers. He was a true lover of nature and this love included animals of all kinds. He took to cats in his later years and rescued many. Tossie, his last will now be cared for by friends for the rest of his days.

Everywhere that Jerry went he made a new acquaintance and many knew him as Mr. Jerry. He loved to research and learn about everything, people were included. Though he had not as many close friends. Many have predeceased him and the rest of us will never forget the things he taught and shared, with us. A gentleman always, a selfless, honest, trustworthy, kindhearted, brave, truer friend many will never know.

He was predeceased parents Lester and Eleanor Cain, step mothers Ann and Susie, and nephew Nathan Cain. Survived by sister Susen (Ron) Erickson, Nephew Tyd (Angie) Erickson Great nephews Calvin and Jayson, Niece Tammy (Casey) Cloninger, great nephews Kelly and Colten. Brother Byron (Donna) Cain, nieces Jennifer and April. Brother Daryl (Bonnie Barnard) Cain, nephews Logan and Ryan. Second cousin Charles (Alice Sue) Wright, cousins Andrea (Ryan) Richards, Max and Carter. The Gedraitis family of North Pole AK, and Tossie will miss being with, learning from, caring for and all the Jerryism's that were a big part of our memories of Jerry. We will meet again one day our friend, where you can teach us all the great wonders you have discovered about heaven. Jerry passed peacefully on November 30, 2018 in Fairbanks AK, at his side would be special friends and family.

A memorial Service is being planned for Jerry on Saturday, June 15 at 2:00PM a light meal to follow, at the VFW 10029 in North Pole, where he was a lifetime member. 3159 VFW St. North Pole ALASKA.

Comments



“ Jerry, you will be forever missed as we find those special moments we shared creep back to let us know how you touched our lives.

Sharing my pony, Silver would always be a memory as you father and you pulled up in a small horse trailer to load up Silver and head back to Sunlight Basin.

Your Grandpa & my Great Uncle Fred picking us up to go to Billings, MT for shrine circus.

And, later as we reconnected when Richard Family would move to AK and we drove the Hall Road, attended hockey games, and visited the Grand Canyon in AZ. RIP

Charles Wright - December 15, 2018 at 12:40 PM