



## Gerald "Jerry" Lee Allison

September 17, 1934 - August 5, 2020

Gerald "Jerry" Allison of Corvallis, Oregon, passed away on August 5, 2020 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Corvallis surrounded by his family.

Jerry was born in Scranton, Iowa to Guy Byron and Leota (McCullough) Allison, moving to the Eugene area when he was two. After graduating from University High School, he served four years in the United States Coast Guard as a radioman. He had some memorable experiences on rescue missions and a tour of the North Pole on the icebreaker Northwind.

Receiving an honorable discharge from the Coast Guard, he enrolled at the Oregon Institute of Technology, where he studied electronic technical engineering. Jerry then went to work for Lawrence Livermore Labs and soon after, married Patricia (Schaefer) in Salem, OR. Jerry and Pat moved back to Livermore, where they began to raise their family. Family was always important to Jerry. In 1965, his father was killed in an industrial accident.

Jerry and Pat moved back to Oregon to be closer to family members. In Oregon, Jerry was hired by the Chemistry department at Oregon State University where he had a long and fulfilling career running the electronics shop and maintaining large research equipment. He worked there for 28 years before retiring. Jerry was always creative; he designed and built new equipment for the Chemistry department and even had a couple of patents. In retirement, Jerry continued to be active and had many years of enjoyment

with his family and friends, spending winters in Yuma, AZ with his wife Pat. Jerry had many interests and hobbies. He loved woodworking, fishing and golf. He liked camping and hiking with friends and family, and enjoyed travelling and exploring new places. Most of all, Jerry loved his family and was much loved in return. His two children and three grandchildren have many very fond memories of him. He especially loved being with his wife Pat, spending 61 years together.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and two brothers. He is survived by his wife Pat; son Greg Allison (Debbie); daughter Renee Narimatsu (Jon); and grandchildren Tessa, Jay and Katie.

A graveside service will take place at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, August 11 at Zion Lutheran cemetery in Corvallis. A memorial service will be held at Zion Lutheran Church on Saturday, August 15 at 10:00 AM.

# Cemetery Details

## Zion Lutheran Cemetery

Corvallis, OR 97330

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG 11. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (PT)

Zion Lutheran Cemetery  
Corvallis, OR 97330

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Jerry always impressed me as a true gentleman. He was good neighbor to us for over 30 years. He shall be missed.*

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**Jim Baglien** - August 12, 2020 at 05:27 PM

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“ *I was very saddened to hear of Jerry's passing. My heartfelt condolences to the family.*

*I am sure that I met Jerry at one of our chemistry family coffee times. For years a number of Chemistry faculty and staff would have morning coffee across the street in the donut shop.. Jerry was a regular in that group. He was always full of stories and was fun to interact with. He was also a very knowledgeable electronics technician and could build or fix anything you brought to him. I saw another side of Jerry when I became department chair. I found him to be loyal to the department and very hard working with an ability to work with many different types of people.*

*Jerry had an infectious smile and a great laugh. He will be missed.*

*Carroll DeKock Emeritus Chemistry Professor and Chair*

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**Carroll DeKock** - August 11, 2020 at 07:37 PM

SL

“ *My condolences to the family. (sister-in-law of Greg Allison)*

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**sharlene lee** - August 11, 2020 at 06:31 PM

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“ *Sharlene Lee lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Lee Allison*



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**sharlene lee** - August 11, 2020 at 06:28 PM

JN

“ *I was so sad to hear of Jerry's passing. I knew him for years as electronic technician in the chemistry department and had nothing but admiration for his skill and helpful attitude regarding the invaluable service he provided. He was a real pleasure to interact with and he was a major asset in helping us and others do research. I regarded him as a friend and still treasure his invitation for two fishing trips to the coast. Both Ken Hedberg and I went and actually caught fish!*

*I also remember the beautiful wood canoe he made. What a craftsman!.*

*He was a remarkable individual and touched many people. We share your loss.*

*Joe Nibler  
Emeritus Professor of Chemistry  
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**Joseph Nibler** - August 11, 2020 at 04:48 PM