



Gerald "Jay" Puskenalis

March 2, 2014

Jay Puskenalis, age 67, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, March 2nd, at home. He had been retired from Kubota for 5 years.

He was predeceased by his devoted parents, George and Helen (Judski) Puskenalis. Jay is survived by his Godson, Alex Kaminsky, of Concord, North Carolina. He has numerous relatives throughout the states of New York, California, Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Michigan and Florida. His first cousins were extremely close with him. And Jay was proud of his Polish roots.

For over 40 years, Jay was a member of the SCCA family, the Sports Car Club of America, where he had a close network of friends, at Road Atlanta, and Watkins Glen Grand Prix Race Course. Initially, Jay started out racing his Toyota and working as an EMT. Over the years he worked at flagging, communications and emergency services.

Jay was a kind, outgoing guy who made friends easily. He was that rare individual that would drop everything to help a friend. We will remember Jay mostly for his sense of humor and his huge heart.

A service to celebrate Jay's life will be held Sunday, March 9th, at 4pm, at Flanagan's Funeral in Buford, GA. The family service and burial is planned for

July 5th in Johnson City, New York.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Gerald Puskenalis Memorial Fund, c/o Susan Batla, 3638 Shutesbury Street, Mount Pleasant, SC 29466.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald "Jay" Puskenalis*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *When people talk about those special persons in their lives who light up the room, who pay attention to your every word as if it were the most important thing they've heard, and who smother your fears and doubts with the most reassuring bear hug- they are describing my Uncle Jay to a tee. His smile and his laugh were infectious. His energy contagious. Our family, and this world has lost a great light.*

Charles Batla - March 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jay has been a friend of our family for over 30 years. I am now 29 and can remember him when I was as young as 5 years old. I will always remember when I was at that age he nicknamed me "biker chick" (A nickname that has stuck with me throughout my life). He was an amazing friend to not only my father but to my family as a whole and an amazing godfather to my brother Alex. Jay will forever be a great friend to our family and will be truly missed by many.*

*Love always,
Biker Chick*

Alison Kaminsky - March 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ I am saddened to hear this news. I have know Jay for many years with his involvement with Atlanta Region SCCA at Road Atlanta. I loved his big bear hug and huge smile he will be missed. Tere Pulliam past RE Atlanta Region SCCA current Area 12 Director SCCA

Tere Pulliam - March 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ We've lost a hearted man but won the Kaminsky family. Love you.

Anie Clark - March 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

IK

“ Remember Jerry (Jay) as a kid and later as an adult. Hope you are at peace now.

Irene (Stevenson)Spano - March 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Jay was in one of my Red Cross first aid classes in order to qualify to work for the race communications association at Watkins Glen. Nobody ever worked harder at qualifying to help others. He really did have a generous heart. He sweetly offered us a place to stay if we ever traveled south. I'm so sorry he left us so soon.

Robin Schmidt - March 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Our family has lost a friend of over thirty years. A kind, giving person, Jay was an outstanding Godfather to Alex. He will always be loved and sadly missed by the Kaminsky family.

Pat Kaminsky - March 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Jay was one of the highlights of working at Watkins Glen Racetrack. A great guy, someone that was your friend from the start. I hope to see him in heaven.

Jim McBride - March 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM