



# Gerald Edwin Shampo

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**G**erald Edwin Shampo, 90, passed away July 25, 2011. He was born May 15, 1921 in Amherst, Massachusetts to the late Grant and Gertrude (Blair) Shampo. In addition to his parents, Jerry was preceded in death by his loving wife of 58 years, Marjorie (Cady), sister Dorothy Winslow; brothers, Kenneth and Donald “Bud” Shampo. Jerry was a graduate of Atlantic Union College in So. Lancaster, MA. He was the director of the Children’s Homes in Dobbs Ferry and Kingston, NY, where he positively influenced the lives of scores of teens, the administrator of Fuller Memorial Hospital in So. Attleboro, MA, and Vice-President of Adventist Health Systems North in Hinsdale, IL, where he served as board chairman of numerous hospitals. He was a past president of the Rotary Club of Kingston, New York. He moved to Lee County in 1987 from Burr Ridge, IL and was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Fort Myers. Jerry served our country in the US Army during WWII. He was a Sgt. and served in both the European and Pacific Theaters and in Japan during the Occupation. He loved New England sports; Patriots, Red Sox, Celtics, and Bruins. He played piano by ear, was a collector of antiques, and loved his grandchildren very much. Jerry loved all the birds of SWFL, but particularly cardinals and “Big Bird,” the great blue heron who frequented his backyard. Jerry loved serving others, feared God and loved Jesus, in whom he had an abiding faith and always strove to place his body, mind, heart, and soul in service to God, and to be harmonious, well-balanced, cheerful and true. In all these things he was immensely successful. He is survived by his daughter, Susan Shampo of Brookings, Oregon; son, G. Christopher Shampo of Camino, California; sister, Doris Shampo of Hagerstown, Maryland; grandchildren, Julia Rochelle Shampo and Jackson Christopher Shampo, and numerous nieces and nephews. There will be a visitation on Friday, July 29, 2011 from 10 to 11:00 AM at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home. Funeral will be at 11:00 AM. Interment will follow in Fort



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Myers Memorial Gardens. ?á Online condolences may be made at:  
[www.fortmyersmemorial.com](http://www.fortmyersmemorial.com).



## Tribute Wall

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KK

**Kevin & Karen Kruth** posted:

Sue & Chris, We are sorry to learn of your loss.

August 9 at 9:18 AM

GG

**Geneva Gersonde** posted:

I would like to extend my sympathy to the family in the loss of your father. Your mother and father were very dear friends of my husband, Bill and I. In the last few years after your mother's death I would send your father the church bulletin and we would talk on the telephone. He enjoyed working in his yard, and often would talk about memories of the past and his family. Your parents were dear to us, and I will always have those memories of them to cherish. May God bless you, and may your memories be of comfort to you at this time. Sincerely Geneva

August 3 at 10:45 AM

NA

**Nanciemaceachern** posted:

s SUE,SO SORRY ABOUT YOUR FATHER,

July 31 at 8:14 PM

JE

**Jack Edmondson** posted:

Jerry was a kind, generous, honest, and considerate man. He was a friends friend...always ready for a little joke/prank and I will always remember his smile and laugh. He was a great businessman and I learned a lot from him. He will be missed by many. My condolences to Susan and Chris.

July 28 at 1:37 PM

JF

**Jasmine Browne And Family** posted:

Gerald, our dear friend will be missed by all of us here at College MCD. He had a great sense of humor, always shared his heart with others. His family and friends became a part of our Mcd family. May he rest peacefully. Jazz

July 28 at 12:58 PM



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GR

**Gary And Robin Lee** posted:

Susan and Chris: We are so sorry for the passing of your father. He was a very dear man and Uncle. The kids have fond memories of him visiting in MD and playing 'school" with them. I first met him at our wedding and instantly like him. Of course Robin knew him a lot longer and has always loved him. Her Uncle Bud and Uncle Jerry were father figures for her as she didn't know her dad. She will miss him. We told Doris and she cried and wishes that she could have said goodbye to him, but in her state of mind, I don't think she remembers the conversation. She still wants him to come and visit her.

July 28 at 5:00 AM

PK

**Peter And Anne Kelderhouse** posted:

What a huge hole in humanity Jerry leaves. His wisdom, wit, and sage advice will be sorely missed. His unique voice still rings in our ears, and he could take all sorts of prizes for stubbornness! Our yearly trips to Florida will not be the same without our stops at Leeward Ct. We would like to express our special thanks to his good neighbor Jerry who helped him in all sorts of ways. We send our love to his daughter Susan and son Chris, who though far away were never out of Jerry's heart. We will miss this giant of a man. Love, Pete and Anne

July 27 at 12:22 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gerald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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