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Gerald E. Picolla



Feb. 12, 1936 - May 29, 2023

Gerald Picolla passed away on Memorial Day, 2023. Jerry was a resident of Moraga for 53 years. Jerry grew up in San Leandro as a huge sports fan, a trait he shared with his son and grandsons, and he competed in doubles roller skating throughout high school. After high school, he worked at the Oakland Airport, where his uncle ran the Barber Shop. Here, he met the love of his life, Carol, the beautiful Hawaiian stewardess, flying in from Honolulu.

Jerry's love of airplanes, travel, and tourism became a 60-year career. Though he retired in the 90s, he continued to consult on travel industry events and as an engaging speaker worldwide.

He was beloved by all that knew him and remembered as an upbeat guy, full of humor and empathy. His friendship, loyalty, leadership, and life-changing opportunities he created for his family and friends are remembered by so many.

Jerry's real legacy, however, was built in the home in Moraga that he shared with the love of his life of nearly 59 years, Carol, who preceded him in death in 2019; his children Jeff, Lisa and Rick, and Keri and David; and his eight grandchildren. He was a fierce fan of his family and enjoyed traveling with them, attending sporting events,

dance recitals, plays, musicals, and concerts with and for them.

Jerry and Carol's remains will be laid together near Carol's parents in Honolulu, near the church where they married and began their life together.

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