



## Jerry M. Hatfield

August 18, 2021

Jerry M. Hatfield, died on August 18, 2021. He is survived by his dear wife Gail MacIntosh Hatfield and three children; Kelly, Cara, and Ashley Hatfield. He also leaves a brother, William D. Hatfield, and a grandson, George Hatfield. He was born to William R. and Illa Hatfield in Kansas City, MO. He lived in Warwick for the last 35 years, previously living in Jamestown.

Jerry began his career running a substance abuse treatment and prevention program for the City of Warwick, and then the RI Division of Substance Abuse. Starting in 1990 he was on the Human Services Faculty of CCRI, and was Department Chair from 2007 until his retirement in 2013. Jerry loved teaching. He believed in community college access and the opportunities they provide to help students grow.

Jerry held degrees from URI and RIC and was a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor. Jerry also worked part time as a family counselor at Caritas House, and consulted with the US Department of Justice on substance abuse staff training and program evaluation. Jerry was also an avid musician, playing guitar since the age of 8. He was in several bands and joined his last band at age 56, one reclaimed from the 1960s. After retirement, he pursued his hobby of writing short stories and poems.

Jerry dearly loved his wife and children, and never wanted anything more than to be a good husband and father. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the San Miguel School, 525 Branch Ave, Providence, RI, 02904, or HopeHealth Hospice, 1085 North Main St., Providence, RI 02904. Memorial

service to be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

KA

“ Oh it is late but I just discovered Jerry's obit. He was like a big brother to me when he was at URI. Jerry, Bill, Richard B and JB spent weekends at my mother's house. There was music all day all night long. Jerry taught me to play guitar. Mom moved us away buy I never forgot them all. I am - belately - so sorry for your loss.

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**Karen Overton Andreas** - December 15, 2023 at 12:09 PM

JB

“ Sending heartfelt sympathy to Gail and her family for the terrible loss of her beloved husband and devoted father. May the happy moments you all shared together comfort you. A life well lived but way too short.

*Janet Bowab*

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**Janet Bowab** - August 29, 2021 at 04:34 PM

SA

“ To Gail and family, my deepest sympathies on the loss of Jerry. I went to high school with Jerry and remember him as a witty, smart, impish guy. (I remember you, too, Gail!) I will never forget our 8th grade English teacher, Miss Nillson, who would call him Mr. Hatfield because she was sure that his given name was Gerald, not Jerry. I hope the company of family and friends will ease the coming days.

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**Susan (Pettee) Augustus** - August 27, 2021 at 08:26 PM

BS

“ Dear Gail,  
Our condolences to you and your Family. May happy memories give you strength at this difficult time. Jerry was a gentle soul taken too soon. Barbara and Jim Semenkow

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**Barbara Semenkow** - August 27, 2021 at 07:28 AM

LZ

“ I knew Jerry as a teenager and have very fond memories of him as a sweet boy who never appeared other than friendly and kind. I am not surprised that he turned his talents to community service. He was handsome and talented in addition to intelligent and caring and I am saddened to read of his premature death. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.

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**Leah Cousins Zisseron** - August 26, 2021 at 03:35 PM

JD

“ A lovely tribute to a wonderful gentleman who was both loved and admired by so many. We have many fond memories of Jerry, from shared holidays, renovation projects and Prince Edward Island. Sending our love, Craig and Jeanine

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**Jeanine Dionne** - August 26, 2021 at 08:05 AM

CL

Dear Gail, Kelly, Cara and Ashley,  
I'm so sorry about Jerry's passing. We lived across the street on Mt. Hope Ave. Jamestown. Jerry helped my deceased husband Kevin, build our deck. Jerry was talented and patient. I used to babysit Kelly and Cara after school. Maybe they remember me. We once won a kite contest in Newport. So sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Carol, Elizabeth and Patricia Lavin

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**Carol Lavin** - August 28, 2021 at 04:29 PM

KR

*I had the privilege of working with both Jerry and Bill as Department Chairs at CCRI. We tackled many difficult issues throughout the years on behalf of the faculty, staff and students at the College. No matter where we stood on the issues, at the end of the day, we were friends and colleagues. I have very fond memories of sharing conversation, beverages, and food at the annual BBQ with Jerry and Gail at the President's house. My thoughts are with the family during this time.*

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**Kim Rouillier** - August 29, 2021 at 09:31 AM

KF

*Dear Hatfield Family, I would like to extend my deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one Jerry. We were fraternity brothers in Phi Kappa Psi at URI during the late 60's. He was a brother with proven leadership abilities when he served as president. Always kind, thoughtful, and faithful Jerry was a credit to our fraternity. I enjoyed his poems and meanderings on facebook the last few years. He will be well remembered. God Bless.*

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**Ken Fecteau** - August 29, 2021 at 09:54 AM

LR

*Enjoyed our daily talks at CCRI ! Great man!!*

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**louis rainone** - August 29, 2021 at 10:50 AM

JJ

*I just saw today in the URI Alumni magazine of Jerry's passing. We were contemporaries in Phi Kappa Psi. I joined as a sophomore and he was especially helpful in helping me fit in. Later, he encouraged me to pursue leadership positions. He was one of the best: friendly, kind, empathetic- a real leader and a good guy. Condolences on his passing.*

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**Joe Jarocki** - January 15, 2022 at 10:28 AM

TH

*I just learned of Jerry's passing today and I'm so sorry for your loss. I knew Jerry at URI where we fraternity brothers in Phi Kappa Psi. He was a kind and gentle spirit, thoughtful and talented. We reconnected through Facebook a few years ago and I always enjoyed the views that he expressed and his sharing of things that he found interesting. Sorry to lose him.*

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**Ted Hilliard** - January 19, 2022 at 12:59 PM