



Jerome "Jerry" H. Magistrella

June 11, 1938 - October 28, 2011

Jerome "Jerry" H. Magistrella, 73, of 1289 Stephano Street, Clarion, died Friday, October 28, 2011, at the Golden Living Center in Shippenville. Born June 11, 1938, in Pittsburgh, he was the son of the late Samuel and Edythe Thompson Magistrella.

Jerry was raised in Indiana, PA. He was an Alumnus of St. Fidelis in Herman, PA and was a 1956 graduate of Indiana High School. He then graduated in 1963 from Penn State University.

A veteran, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps Platoon 257 2nd Battalion MCRD Parris Island, SC from 1957 to 1960. During Jerry's military service, he was assigned to U.S. Marine Corps Pistol and Rifle Team. His competition shooting earned him many awards, among them, the Distinguished Marksman Medal.

He was married on October 18, 1975 to the former Joan DiSalvo, and she survives.

Jerry was a retired forester with DCNR State of Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry. He was assigned to District 8 Bureau of Forestry as Assistant District Forester in 1975. During his years in Clarion, he took care of the grounds of Immaculate Conception Parish. When Jerry retired in 1992, he fulfilled a dream of his, taking landscape design classes and having a business of his own doing landscape and consulting until 2002.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Clarion.

Jerry was also a member of the Society of American Foresters, PA Council of

Professional Foresters, Pennsylvania Forestry Association, National Rifle Association, and International Society of Arboriculture.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Cheri Fleck Watson and her husband, Pete, of Williamsburg, VA; a son, Andrew Fleck of Harrisburg; two granddaughters, Molly and Julia Watson of Williamsburg, VA; and a close friend of the family, Marc Neville of Harrisburg.

Also surviving are a sister, Diane McCarty of Woodland Park, CO; a niece, Eugenia Rendler and her husband, Devereaux, and their four children, Diana, Julianna, Nicole, and Charles of San Jose, CA; and nephew, Quinn McCarty and his wife, Becky, and their two children, Declan and Camden, of Phoenix, AZ.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

There will be no visitation.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 2011, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Clarion with Rev. Monty Sayers, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church, presiding.

Interment will be held in the Calvary Cemetery in Clearfield.

Memorials and donations can be made to the Immaculate Conception Church, 720 Liberty Street, Clarion PA 16214; or Clarion Free Library, 644 Main Street, Clarion PA 16214.

Tribute Wall

PM

“ I have great memories of adventures with Jerry. In particular, I remember playing together in the creek near his home on Oak Street. We were Boy Scouts together and shot rats together at night at the dump. Even though we did not have an opportunity to see each other for many years, I am saddened by his passing. My prayers are for Jerry and for comfort for the family.

Pat McHenry - November 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Jerry and I met in 1956 at Mont Alto, Penn State's forestry school, and we have been friends ever since. I will miss hearing from him. My wife, Nell, and I offer out condolences to Joanne and all of Jerry's family.

Robert Shoemaker - November 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Cheri, you have my deepest sympathy. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Hope to see you soon. Sending hugs.

Terri Davis - November 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ We want to express our sympathy to all of you. We knew Jerry from High School and our parents were friends. We always admired him so much and were saddened by his passing.

Larry&Elaine Reschini Judge - November 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Dear Andy,
I am sorry to hear of the passing of your father. You and your family
will be in my prayers.*

*Sincerely,
Judi Cherico-Miller
Harrisburg*

Judi Cherico-Miller - October 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM