



## Gerald Edmond Millette

June 9, 1942 - December 11, 2023

In Loving Memory of Gerald Edmond Millette, Age 81

Gerald Edmond Millette, affectionately known as Jerry, was born on June 9, 1942, to Gertrude and Edmond Millette in Massachusetts. Growing up on a dairy farm in Charlton, many assumed that farming would be his lifelong path. However, Jerry's journey took him beyond the fields and into a life filled with hard work and dedication.

Jerry was a caring older brother to his only sister, Mary. In their youth, he took on the heavy chores of the dairy farm, caring for the cows and, at the same time, being the best big brother he could be. Mary fondly remembers their adventures together, from tending to the farm to the thrilling sled rides down the big hill across the street.

Although Jerry's formal education concluded with high school, his life was a testament to continuous learning and hard work. He possessed a remarkable talent for understanding machinery and designing systems for optimal efficiency. Known for doing things "his way," Jerry's commitment to excellence and determination paved the way for his success.

Following high school, Jerry embarked on various endeavors, including work in landscaping and service in the Army during the Vietnam War, stationed in

Germany, where he specialized in handling ammunition and explosives. Fate led him to Clark University, where he met his wife, Anne. They were married in 1977 and were blessed with two daughters, Erica and Meaghan (Mikey). Jerry continued to contribute his skills to Barriere in New Orleans, where he worked from 1995 until his well-deserved retirement in 2012.

Jerry loved a good joke and didn't shy away from making a scene. Never one to be embarrassed easily, he always told it like he saw it, resulting in nicknames such as "Precious," "The Crab," and his self-assigned moniker, "Pain in the Ass." He loved working with his hands, building furniture for the house, crafts for Anne, or tables for Erica. Jerry took pride in seeing things he built, knowing the time and effort he put in each piece.

Family and friends remember Jerry for the food and fun he brought to gatherings. Whether it was hosting 4th of July parties by the pool, grilling up a feast, or creating winter memories by towing his daughters on snow tubes behind his John Deere tractor, Jerry knew how to make things memorable. One cherished tradition was the day after Thanksgiving when he and Erica adorned the giant pine tree in their front yard with lights, creating what became known as the Millette Christmas Tree.

Jerry's life was a celebration of hard work and the joy found in a job well done. While there will be no services at this time, the family plans to hold a gathering in Massachusetts during the summer. Friends are invited to raise a glass or a can of beer to honor Jerry's memory and share cherished moments.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude for the overwhelming love and support received during this challenging time. Jerry's legacy lives on in the memories and hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know and love him.

# Tribute Wall

AN

“ Anne & Meaghan,  
I'm sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. This obit is spot on. Jerry motivated and educated me more than any person I've known. Always kind and willing to help in anyway possible and call you a stupid (Bleep Bleep) if you didn't do things his way after he taught you numerous times.

I often hear his Boston accent in my head daily, "come on kid", "what a stupid SOB", "La-Faaaagggeee", "I'm going to 4th St for a...."

Thanks for mentoring me and forming me into the person I am today. I'll have a Busch Light in your honor.

Stay thirsty my friend,  
Al Navarro - New Orleans, LA

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**Alexander Navarro** - January 03, 2024 at 09:10 AM

NP

“ Ann, I am so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. I did not know him except thru you and knew him by "precious". God bless you and your family.

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**Nena Passman** - December 21, 2023 at 06:08 PM

PS

“ Peggy Stevens lit a candle in memory of  
Gerald Edmond Millette



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**Peggy Stevens** - December 16, 2023 at 10:41 AM

SB

“ *Susan Barber lit a candle in memory of  
Gerald Edmond Millette*



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**Susan Barber** - December 16, 2023 at 10:02 AM