



Gerald Michael Fisher

May 7, 1945 - July 23, 2024

Gerald Michael Fisher, “Gerry” 79, of Chicago’s Andersonville neighborhood, passed away after a decade-long battle with Parkinson’s disease.

A Pittsburgh native, Gerry settled permanently in Chicago in the ‘60s after a short stint at Lindisfarne College in Hastings, England. Under the spell of the McLuhan craze, he completed his BA in media and communications at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Gerry spent his working life in the music and recording business. He co-founded Proteus Entertainment, an eclectic classical and world music label which featured local artists such as soprano Michelle Areyzaga, the St. Charles Singers, and guitarists Fareed Haque and Goran Ivanovic. He would sell off his share to co-founder Jim Manfre in 2011 before the label officially closed in 2015.

Prior to this venture, he managed the classical division at the Warner Brothers Music Group WEA—and towards the end of his career he helped coordinate WFMT’s Live from Mayne Stage, a weekly chamber music series broadcast from the former Morse Theatre in Rogers Park. Between it all he sold CDs and LPs at Rose Records on Wabash, Virgin Megastore on Michigan Avenue, and Barnes & Noble in Evanston.

Gerry was fluent in Spanish and French. His passions were classical music, art, and reading. He collected art books and said that his profession was that of “selling music!” He was a persistent man, and never gave up.

Those who knew Gerry were drawn to his modesty, self-effacing humor, and an almost boyish introversion.

Beloved husband of 13 years (together for 35) of Rodolfo “Rudy” Moreno Sandoval.

Rudy is also survived by two best friends, Bryant and Anne in Iowa, and also by Rudy’s supportive angel friends David, Cameron, and Manuel.

Son of the late Henry and Dorothea Fisher.

Memorial gathering Saturday, August 3 from 2:00PM until time of Funeral Mass at 2:30PM at Saint Ita Catholic Church 5500 North Broadway, Chicago, IL 60640.

Obituary compiled with assistance of friend Bryant Manning.

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-318-1305 or www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com.

Obituary link from Chicago Classical Review below.

<https://chicagoclassicalreview.com/2024/07/gerald-fisher-1945-2024/>

Previous Events

Gathering

AUG 3. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

St. Ita Catholic Church
5500 N. Broadway
Chicago , IL 60640

Funeral Mass

AUG 3. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SM

“ I worked with Gerry @ WEA. He also helped me by bringing in my band's cd into Tower Records: The MADMAN Blues Band. He was a good cat!

Scott Madden

Scott Madden - July 30, 2024 at 09:06 AM

BG

“ I knew Gerry from Rose Records and worked with him at WEA and Virgin Records. Gerry was kind, intelligent and mild mannered. He was a truly good person and will be missed by many.

Bill Giardini - July 28, 2024 at 01:25 PM

ML

“ Maureen Dunn and Glenn Longacre planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Michael Fisher.

Maureen Dunn and Glenn Longacre - July 28, 2024 at 11:39 AM

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“ Maureen Dunn and Glenn Longacre purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Gerald Michael Fisher.



Maureen Dunn and Glenn Longacre - July 28, 2024 at 11:39 AM

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“ Ann, Andrew, & all of the Fishers purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Gerald Michael Fisher.



Ann, Andrew, & all of the Fishers - July 27, 2024 at 03:19 PM

BM

“ Here are some photos of Gerry, mostly from 2020 and after. The close up shot of him is likely around 2012. —Bryant



Bryant Manning - July 25, 2024 at 10:34 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Team Inclusive Funeral Care - July 24, 2024 at 04:07 PM