



Jerry Razowsky

August 25, 1932 - May 20, 2025

Gerald Razowsky, "Jerry", 92; of Cape Coral Florida, formerly of Chicago's West Rogers Park neighborhood; retired electrician, IBEW Local 134, artist, actor; passed away May 20, 2025, surrounded by love.

Born in Chicago, raised on the West Side, Jerry graduated from Austin High School and proudly served as a code breaker in the U.S. Army stationed in Eritrea during the Korean War. After military duty, Jerry earned his Associate's Degree from Washburn Trade School and trained as an electrician's apprentice. Hailing from a strong union family, Jerry would modestly state of his career that he "worked with the tools" as a jobbing electrician. Jerry was happy to dispense with useful advice for anyone, and usually began with "Now listen to me..."

In 1957, Jerry married his first wife with whom he raised three children in Chicago's West Rogers Park neighborhood. The couple split in 1977 and in 1990, he wed his perfect partner, Robin.

Jerry was a very active person. He had more retirement parties than some people have jobs. He played the banjo, guitar, and piano. Throughout his life, he took art classes, starting with welding, sculpting clay, and painting at Evanston Art Center. He acted in community theater productions and eventually got himself an agent and commercial gigs capitalizing on his

likeness to Albert Einstein. Jerry appeared in advertisements for Steak 'n Shake, Borders Books and Fox Entertainment. He also recorded audio books for the "Left Behind" series, Christian apocalyptic fiction associated with the Moody Bible Institute. Jerry liked being busy.

In 2012, Jerry and Robin moved to Cape Coral, Florida, where he continued to make art and wrote politically progressive letters to the editor of the local newspaper, several of which were published.

Beloved husband of 35 years to Robin Orlov Razowsky and cherished father of David (Laura Parker) Razowsky of Los Angeles, Jordan "Jordy" (Susan Hammer) Razowsky of Evanston IL, and Rachel (partner Jim Milak) of Chicago. Loving step-father of Erin (partner Mike Stehik) Marcus of Deer Park IL and Kevin (Julie Pesce) Marcus of Chicago and Cape Coral, FL. Bonus grandfather ("Papa") of Andrew (fiance Taylor) Pechnik and Margaret "Maggie" and Sophie Marcus.

Preceded in death by older siblings Norman (Jeannette) and Morton Razowsky and Anne "Annie" (Walter) Boll; parents Sam and Gussie (nee Roginsky) Razowsky; and former spouse Jo Anne "Jo" Razowsky (nee Green).

Services, Tuesday May 27, at the Mausoleum Chapel, Shalom Memorial Park, (Wilke Rd. entrance), 1700 W. Rand Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

11am doors open

12:30 service (military honors, prayers, eulogies)

1:15 departure to gravesite for burial

Livestream the service and burial here: <https://www.asimplestreaming.com/jrazowsky/>

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Jewish United Fund <https://www.juf.org/> or the Old Town School of Folk Music <https://www.OLDTOWNschool.org>

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

Previous Events

Services

MAY 27. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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Arlington Heights, IL 60004
<https://www.shalommemorial.org/>

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Tribute Wall

TS

“ I will miss his creative mind and his humor. I enjoyed every minute I spent with him.

Trudy Sampson



Trudy Sampson - June 09, 2025 at 12:01 PM

WL

“ Heartfelt condolences to Dave, Jordy and Rachel, and to his extended family.

Wayne Lipson

Wayne Lipson - June 02, 2025 at 11:59 AM

RN

“ Jerry was a very bright and engaging person, and we are all poorer with his passing. Once a neighbor and once a friend, he is missed.

Bob Norton

Robert Norton - May 31, 2025 at 01:06 PM

PA

“ Oh my gosh! Jerry has been an amazing friend to me. Being both from Chicago, we shared so many terrific memories of our favorite city. Jerry has been an amazing “Whimsical” artist. I should know because I teach a “Whimsical Painting” class and my art is very playful and puts a smile on folks just as Jerry’s work has. When I would take my class to see a show that Jerry was in, inevitably someone would say that “This has to be made by a young person “. Yepper, Jerry was a “young person” with his passion and playfulness.

Rest in Artistic Peace kind soul! Paul David



Paul David Adamick - May 31, 2025 at 10:51 AM

AS

“ Allan S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Razowsky.

Allan S. - May 28, 2025 at 03:46 PM

SG

“ Sending our deepest condolences on your loss. The Goldblatt family.

Steve Goldblatt - May 28, 2025 at 09:35 AM

SG

“ Steven G. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Razowsky.

Steven G. - May 28, 2025 at 09:32 AM

BA

“ Loving condolences to the whole Razowsky Family.
Rachel always spoke of him so fondly.
With Love, Alexis Bradley

Bradley Alexis - May 27, 2025 at 12:25 PM

DO

“ Jerry and I grew up on the West side of Chicago. He lived across the street of the building I lived in. His apartment had a balcony; very impressive. Anyway Jerry was two years older than me but we used to talk on the way to school. Jerry married Robin who was an Orlove and at his first Orlove family meeting he recognized me. We were so excited to see each other after so many years. This past winter I spent two weeks with Robin and Jerry. I had the privilege to view his wonderful art. Jerry and Robin lived happily in their beautiful home overlooking a Cape Coral channel from a magnificent pool and lanai. We had lots of fun being together. Jerry made the most delicious scrambled eggs for me every morning where we reminisced about the olden days. I will miss him.

Dolores Orlove - May 26, 2025 at 03:42 PM

KR

“ My heartfelt prayers to my dear cousins & Robin on the loss of your Dad & husband, a blessed memory. As a child & a woman I have been fortunate to be a recipient of Cousin Jerry's "useful advice," which often did begin with "Now listen to me..." along with his banjo playing, smile, & ability to build the best campfires with my Dad Jack. Forever in our memories,
Karen Rasofsky

Karen Rasofsky - May 26, 2025 at 01:18 PM

EK

“ *My deepest condolences to your family. Art always talked about cousin Jerry and the experiences they shared. Love,Essy*

essy klein - May 26, 2025 at 12:32 AM

CW

“ *My condolences for your loss. I remember meeting Jerry when I was young at the house in Rogers Park.
Cindy Weinstein*

Cindy Weinstein - May 25, 2025 at 08:41 AM

LJ

“ *Love, MILENA & JASON purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jerry Razowsky.*



Love, MILENA & JASON - May 23, 2025 at 05:05 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerry Razowsky.*

May 23, 2025 at 05:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry Razowsky.*



May 23, 2025 at 05:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerry Razowsky.

May 23, 2025 at 03:45 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Jerry Razowsky.



May 23, 2025 at 03:45 PM



“ The world has lost one wonderful fellow...let his name be a blessing. Ted and I have been friends with Jerry and his children for close to 60 years. We have laughed, cried, played music, talked, taken and offered advice, feasted...and loved each other. We were blessed by his friendship. Our hearts ache.

Marcia Johnson - May 23, 2025 at 03:39 PM



Jerry was very special and multi talented. Together we required an entire houseboat and he was continually teaching along the way. He got me started playing banjo and we drove to Old Town School together every week. He was a renaissance man and a very unique individual. The best

Howard Weisbart - May 23, 2025 at 04:51 PM



The GVS {Great Vest Side } will miss you Jerry
Phil Rubenstein

Phillip L Rubenstein - May 25, 2025 at 12:35 PM

WF

“ With love, The Wrocinski Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Razowsky.

With love, The Wrocinski Family - May 23, 2025 at 03:20 PM

WF

“ With love, The Wrocinski Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jerry Razowsky.



With love, The Wrocinski Family - May 23, 2025 at 03:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerry Razowsky.



May 23, 2025 at 10:54 AM

JS

“ Always loved talking to Jerry and his stories were always interesting. He accomplished so much in his life and what a fantastic obituary. Please accept our sincere condolences on this great man! Jimmy and Yvette Sutera

James Sutera - May 23, 2025 at 07:53 AM



“ Jerry will be truly missed in clay classes. He had a great sense of humor for sculpted clay pieces. Loved all the stories he told during class. Goodbye Jerry. Dawn

Dawn Ingram - May 23, 2025 at 06:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerry Razowsky.

May 22, 2025 at 05:35 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jerry Razowsky.



May 22, 2025 at 05:35 PM



“ I met Jerry through his stepdaughter, Erin. Jerry and his wife Robin welcomed me into their family, including me in dinners, brunches, and even vacations. Jerry and Robin took our wedding photos and helped us print our invitations. My favorite memory of Jerry was him calling me after the invitations were printed - "HONEY! There's a mistake. It doesn't say 'wedding' anywhere on it!" I said, "Jerry, I'll be the one in the front with the big white dress - plus, you can tell everyone who is unsure why they're at a banquet hall." I loved him, and I will miss him. May his memory be a blessing.

Christina and Shaun Hannigan - May 22, 2025 at 11:19 AM

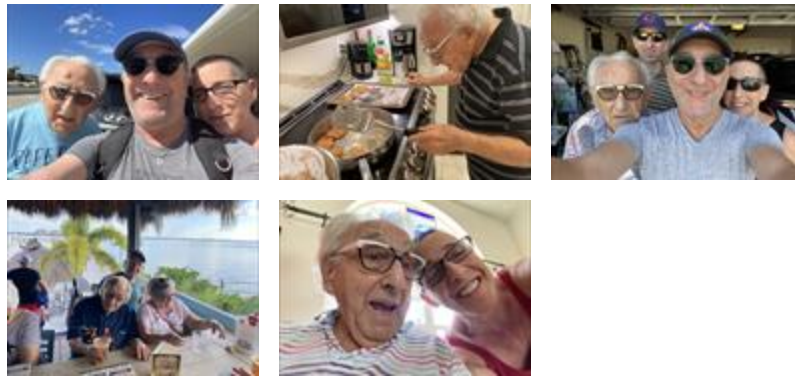
HG

“ Oh my gosh, I would not know where to start. Such a kind, warm man. Always a smile or kind word. I always felt at home at the Razowskys! He took the time to build us this amazing hockey net to play in their basement when Jordy and my efforts failed miserably as 3rd or 4th graders. Will be genuinely missed. My sincere condolences to the family.

Howie Gillman - May 22, 2025 at 11:15 AM

RR

“ 17 files added to the album Memories Album



Rachel Razowsky - May 22, 2025 at 07:09 AM



Beautiful photos and beautiful memories rest in peace.
Macus

Macus Alonso - May 22, 2025 at 11:07 AM

KR

“ *Kathy R. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Jerry Razowsky.*



Kathy R. - May 21, 2025 at 08:35 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Team Inclusive Funeral Care - May 21, 2025 at 09:44 AM