



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

## Gerald Alan “Jerry” Wolfson, ‘61

October 9, 1942 - April 8, 2018



Pvt, 1; Cpl., 2,3,4; Cotillion Club, 1-4; BAYONET, photographer, 3.

Excellent musician . . . reads music better than anyone else in the Band — yes, it’s Jerry, who is persistent in everything he does. If he starts a project, you can depend on the fact that it will be finished! Right now, he, too, is learning to play a mean guitar, and he’s never given up on conquering the f-stops of a camera. Jokes, Jerry can take . . . and that gives him a sense of humor which we all like.



**WOLFSON Gerald A.** Wolfson  
On Sunday, April 8, 2018, Gerald Alan Wolfson passed away at home surrounded by his loving family.

Beloved husband of Elizabeth McClure Wolfson; loving father of Gregory Aaron, Marisa Elizabeth, and son-in-law, Nicolas Morales; and grandfather of Luke Wolfson and Anthony Nicolas Morales.

Gerald was born in Baltimore, MD, on October 9, 1942, to the late Isadore Isaac Wolfson and Rosalie Yerman Wolfson, and was raised in Gaithersburg, MD.

He attended Augusta Military Academy in Fort Defiance, VA, and graduated in 1961.

He went on to earn a Bachelors in Engineering Technology from Capital Institute of Technology in 1967.

Fueled by a lifelong love of learning and technology, Gerald was a voracious reader of science fiction novels and an avid model train hobbyist. Always gregarious, Gerald chatted up friends and strangers with equal ease using his open charm and “Aw, Dad” sense of humor.

A natural educator, Gerald loved to pass on the knowledge he had acquired. Family and friends would often remark, “if you ask Gerry the time, he’ll tell you how the watch works.” Gerald had a long and distinguished career as a network systems engineer.

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At the Naval Research Laboratory, he worked on telemetry equipment for communicating with NASA's NIMBUS\_B satellite while afloat on an iceberg at the North Pole. This technology formed the precursor to modern GPS.

He was a key contributor to Litton's autonomous vehicle navigation systems, which became central to the driverless car industry.

As a Systems Architect at General Dynamic, he made key improvements to U.S. military radio communications that enabled for automatic sniper detection and tracking of troop movements.

Even in retirement, Gerald was generous with his time and expertise, using his programming skills to make numerous improvements to the layouts at his model train club. His friends and colleagues remember him as a man of boundless innovative spirit and enthusiasm, a helpful, all-around great friend who made a lasting impact on their lives.

A private celebration will be held on May 6, 2018. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Northern Virginia Model Railroaders, Inc., in memory of Gerald A. Wolfson, 231 Dominion Road NE, Vienna, VA, 22180.

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