



## Gerald Edward Ely Jr.

November 4, 1963 - November 15, 2023

Gerald E. Ely, Jr. passed away on November 15th peacefully with family by his side.

He was born in 1963 in Boston, Massachusetts.

He was a proud and dedicated truck driver for over 40 years and was a true example of hard work and perseverance. His Boston accent was his signature, a reminder of where he came from and the values he held dear.

He is survived by his Daughter Kimberley M. Ely, Sisters Karen A. Smith (Ely) and Colleen D. Merkle (Campbell), 3 Grand-Daughters Mary Jeannette, Jessica Marie & Nevaeh Marie, Uncles Frederick Lovett and Lary Lovett, Aunt Ann Johnson (Lovett) and his niece, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his Father Gerald E. Ely, Sr., Mother Carole A. Campbell (Lovett) Stepfather William C. Campbell, and Grandparents Frederick J. Lovett & Elinor M. Lovett (Richmond).

Gerald will forever be remembered for the love he shared, the laughter he brought, and the legacy of kindness he leaves behind.

# Tribute Wall

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“Dad, you never wanted to acknowledge me, I'm so sorry you passed away, I wish we could've fixed things before you died, mom first now you, your grand kids and myself never even acknowledged. I hope you find peace.

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**Joe Ely** - September 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“Hi Dad So It's Been Over A Month Now That You've Been Gone. Well I Just Want To Tell You That I Miss You So Much Each And Everyday. I Think About You All The Time. I Just Wanted To Tell You That I Am Getting Married On Valentine's Day. He Is A Good Man. Uncle Freddie Approves. So Uncle Freddie Will Be Walking Me Down The Aisle On My Wedding Day. Since Your Not Here To Walk Me Down The Aisle... I Know That Your Looking Down On Me. And I Know That You Are Proud Of Me Right Now. I Love And Miss You So Much Dad.  
Love Always Your Daughter  
Kimberley Ely

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**Kimberley Ely** - January 11, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“Daddy I Miss You Everyday. God Took You Way To Soon From Me. But I Want You To Know That I Am Ok. And I Am Going To Be Fine 😊. I Know That You Are Looking Down On Me Right Now.  
Love Always Your Daughter Kimberley

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**Kimberley Ely** - November 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ *R.I.P. Gerald (Jerry) Ely*

*There is something to be said for someone who wants to keep the show on the road, and by in large, he did despite all odds.*

*Often, time spent with Jerry came with a lesson in creative cussing. It was his love language. A life spent behind the wheel gave him a wit and vocabulary he proudly displayed.*

*Jerry was always quick to lend a hand and often called to check-in on friends and family, rare qualities in this age of introverts and over exhaustion.*

*This last year working at Paccar gave Jerry the opportunity to come home each day and be with his family. For a life-long trucker, this was his greatest desire. He just wanted to spend time with Kimberley.*

*Jerry inspired me to try hard every day to be a better person. In that spirit I hope all who knew him take a moment to remember his acts of kindness and pay them forward in some fashion.*

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**Ilene Wailand** - November 17, 2023 at 12:00 AM