



## Gerald (Gerry) T. MacPherson

August 13, 1948 - October 20, 2014

Gerald (Gerry) T. MacPherson, 66, of Tinton Falls, had the best heart but a lousy ticker. He passed away on Monday, October 20, 2014 at Beth Israel Medical Center, Newark, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Staten Island, NY, he has been a resident of Tinton Falls for over 60 years. Gerry worked 34 years as a mechanical engineer for Bell Labs/Lucent Technologies, Holmdel, retiring in 2002. He was a life member of the Tinton Falls Fire Company No. 1, serving for 46 years where he was Ex-Chief (3 years), past President (12 years), and unofficial Ebenezer Scrooge of the annual tree lot. He also served as a Commissioner for Fire District No. 1 for nearly 20 years. He is predeceased by his parents, Donald H. and Alice MacPherson as well as his brother, Donald MacPherson. His laughter will live on in the hearts of all the lives he touch especially his wife of 44 years, Carin MacPherson; his children Colleen and Stephen Werner, Scot MacPherson, and David and Pam MacPherson; his grandchildren, Miles and Paige Werner; his siblings Bonnie and Ricky Ambrosia, Robbie and Janice MacPherson, Jeff and Carmelina MacPherson, and Carol and Jim Noe; and several nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation on Friday October 24, 2014 at Bongarzone Funeral Home, 2400 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls from 2-4 PM and 6-8PM. A funeral service will be held Saturday, October 25, 2014 at 11:00AM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations in Gerry's memory may be made to the Tinton Falls Fire Company No 1, 695 Tinton Avenue, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **24.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home  
2400 Shafto Road  
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712  
(732) 918-6200

## Visitation

OCT **24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home  
2400 Shafto Road  
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712  
(732) 918-6200

## Funeral Service

OCT **25.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home  
2400 Shafto Road  
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712  
(732) 918-6200

# Tribute Wall

EJ

“ *Carin and Family -*

*Larry and I are so very sorry to hear of the passing of Gerry. Our deepest condolences at the time of this very tragic loss. May God keep you in his comforting arms.*

*Sincerely,  
Eileen and Larry Jones*

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**Eileen & Larry Jones** - October 28, 2014 at 01:22 PM

BH

“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Gerald (Gerry) T. MacPherson*



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**bongarzone funeral home** - October 24, 2014 at 02:15 PM

JC

“ *"A wonderful human being" never applied more to anyone than it did to Gerry. He was a terrific person and it was my very great pleasure to have known and worked with him for several years at Bell Labs / Lucent.*

*My most sincere condolences to his family.  
Joe Carbonaro*

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**Joe Carbonaro** - October 24, 2014 at 08:02 AM

SD

“ *Sherrie Dean lit a candle in memory of Gerald (Gerry) T. MacPherson*



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**Sherrie Dean** - October 23, 2014 at 02:56 PM

SD

*My thoughts and prayers are with the MacPherson family.*

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**Sherrie Dean** - October 23, 2014 at 02:57 PM

DS

“ *Dear Carin and the entire MacPherson clan-*

*I worked with Gerry for many years at Bell Labs and then me and my family were introduced the "MacPherson" family at Loon Lake, NY. Gerry was such a delight to be around and we shared our fire house stories when we were together. My children still talk about the great times at the lake with all of you. Sorry for your loss.*

*Don & Cathy Swicker*

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**Don Swicker** - October 23, 2014 at 12:45 PM

RW

“ Back in 1976, A lifelong American Tradition of Volunteering began under the leadership and mentoring of Gerry McPherson... His spirit will live on forever in our hearts and many memories...

Thank you Carin, for sharing this treasured man with the members of Tinton Falls Fire Company Station 1 and with everyone that had the pleasure of meeting him...



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Ray Wingo - October 23, 2014 at 07:44 AM

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“ "The Chu Family" lit a candle in memory of Gerald (Gerry) T. MacPherson



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"The Chu Family" - October 22, 2014 at 10:45 PM

JJ

“ I am sorry to hear about the loss of Gerry, he was a great man, friend, and leader. After joining station 1 he was the go to guy for any advice whether it be about firefighting or on a personal note. Those who walk through the doors of the station will miss out on such an incredible person. My thoughts are with you during this most difficult time. Gerry will be missed greatly.

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John Sanders Jr - October 22, 2014 at 12:57 PM

EK

“ Dear Carin and Family,  
I am so sorry to hear of Gerry's passing.  
Just wanted to let you know my thoughts and  
prayers are with all of you.

*Mickey Kowalick*

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**Eileen Kowalick** - October 22, 2014 at 11:53 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of  
Gerald (Gerry) T. MacPherson.



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October 22, 2014 at 10:05 AM

SM

“ Steven Maul lit a candle in memory of Gerald  
(Gerry) T. MacPherson



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**Steven Maul** - October 22, 2014 at 07:30 AM

MV

“ From the minute any new member walked into the firehouse, Gerry  
made them feel at home. After only talking with him for a little while  
you felt as though you have known him for years. Gerry was always  
ready and willing to mentor anyone and lend a helping hand  
whenever he could. Things wont be the same without him around.  
He'll be greatly missed.

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**Michael Vernon** - October 22, 2014 at 05:57 AM