



Jerrold (Jerry) H. Blair

April 9, 1961 - September 8, 2021

Jerrold H. Blair (Jerry) born in New Haven, CT. April 9th, 1961, passed away on Wednesday, September 8th due to complications from Covid-19 in Stamford CT. He was 60 years young and was surrounded by his family and left us peacefully.

A force of nature, and immensely passionate about his work and the people in his life, as anyone who knew him can attest, he was tireless and insatiably curious. Graduating from Brandeis University, Jerry also attended Boston University Law School which near after graduation he began his 40-year career in the music and entertainment industries.

Jerry worked with, discovered, championed, and guided a stunning array of musical artists across all major genres, and was perhaps the person most responsible for bringing Hispanic music solidly into the mainstream. He is known for working with such acts as: Mariah Carey, Will Smith, The Fugees, Wyclef Jean, Lauryn Hill, Ricky Martin, Marc Anthony, Destiny's Child, Beyoncé, Huey Lewis, Bruce Springsteen, Dido and Aerosmith to name a few.

Most recently Jerry worked with his son Joshua at Josh's company, taking what we think was probably his proudest ever role as VP/Strategic Partnerships of Goldleaf, a consumer wellness and purpose-driven company delivering CBD oil and healthier options to help consumers quit smoking.

Jerry cherished his family and closest friends over everything. As hard as he worked and as imaginative and ambitious as he was, family in particular always came first. His accomplishments in the music industry are legendary. His love for music was only surpassed by his love for his family and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife Karen, two children Joshua, (27) and Suzette, (9) sister Michelle, brother in-law Lenny Cipollone, his half-brother Christopher Ciarleglio and nephew Christopher Ciarleglio Jr.

We will all miss him greatly.

Jerry's funeral services will be held on Sunday, September 19, 2021.

His funeral services will be private to the family. However, his family welcomes you to attend via a live webcast to begin at 11am. To attend, please select "webcast video" on Jerry's obituary at www.bosakfuneralhome.com.

After his funeral services, his family welcomes you to Visitation hours that will be open to the public from 12pm to 2pm at the Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, in Stamford, CT.

For the safety of all those attending his funeral services, please wear face coverings and maintain social distancing.

To leave an expression of sympathy for Jerry's family online, please sign the guestbook at www.bosakfuneralhome.com or visit the funeral home Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome .

Previous Events

Prayer Service (Live Streamed)

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bosak Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Jerrold (Jerry) H. Blair*



Bosak Funeral Home - September 16, 2021 at 06:38 PM

LR

Sending love and condolences. We will forever remember Jerry's infectious smiles and love for family, Linda and Emily Reinstein

Linda Reinstein - September 19, 2021 at 10:54 AM

JK

Our hearts reach out to Karen, Suzette, Josh and Michelle. We will be with you at the service today at the Live Stream. With love, Maureen and Jamie Krinsley

James Krinsley - September 19, 2021 at 10:58 AM



All my love and condolences to Karen, Suzette, Josh and my eternal appreciation and respect for Jerry. He will be sorely missed.

Rick Eberle - September 19, 2021 at 11:03 AM

LH

Love and sympathy to you on this hard day - beautiful tribute to Jerry ... Love PC

Lynda (Fucci) Hogan - September 19, 2021 at 11:04 AM

LE

Sending love and light to Karen, Suzette, Josh and Michelle. Jerry will be remembered for his love of his relationships... He was the energy that brought so many not only opportunity, but joy and confidence. Jerry made so many people their best selves... He will be greatly missed and remembered. Love and light, Lisa Ellis

Lisa Ellis - September 19, 2021 at 11:07 AM

TA

Thank You Jerry for being such a great friend during the hardest part of my life. You were there for me Professionally and most appreciative Personally. My Dad was dying... You were there. You will always be a Gem. God Bless You Jerry and God Bless Karen, Suzette and Josh and Your entire Famiglia. We will Miss You on earth greatly. Until We Meet Again - Arrivederci.

TA - Terry Anzaldo

Terry Anzaldo - September 19, 2021 at 11:23 AM

AN

Baruch dayan ha emet. May Jerry's soul have the highest aliyah. With my most sincerest love and sympathy. Andrea Cooper Fair

Andrea - September 19, 2021 at 11:33 AM

TH

*G-d bless you my friend Jerry. I will miss you, my heart is heavy. My prayers are with Karen, Josh, and Suzette. Jerry never missed an opportunity to tell me how lucky he was to have you as his family. That in itself is a blessing. Amen,
With much Love, Tyesh Harris*

TYESH HARRIS - September 19, 2021 at 11:34 AM

MB

Sending my love and deepest condolences to the entire family. Jerry truly was one of a kind. Although years would pass from the time we worked with him at Columbia Records, it didn't matter. Jerry would always take your call and try his best to assist in anyway he could. Thank you for being a friend and I will always cherish the memories.

Matthew Brookman - September 19, 2021 at 11:47 AM

BD

Sending love to Karen, Suzette, Josh, Michelle and all who loved Jerry. You were a great friend and I will continue to use the lessons you taught me every day. This service is a beautiful tribute to why Jerry was simply one of a kind. Sending all of my love.

Brad Davidson - September 19, 2021 at 12:03 PM

TT

Jerry was my friend and mentor for the past 20 years. He was the most generous person I've ever known. He gave me his time, insight and some of the most significant opportunities of my career. The music business is full of up & downs. Most people are happy to be around for the great times, but Jerry was always there for me during the lonely tough times too. He had an intuition beyond most earthly beings. There was nothing he wouldn't do for his family & friends. I will forever miss him and love him. Sending love & light to his beloved family. ❤️

Trina Tombrink - September 19, 2021 at 12:07 PM

LE

A truly touching service... the stories are so beautiful... Each person touched by Jerry. So so rare. May your spirit shine Jerry. Thank you so much for all you gave

Lisa Ellis - September 19, 2021 at 12:21 PM

TT

I'm heartbroken and in denial about the fact that Jerry is gone. He's been my friend for 30 years, not 20! (Sorry to get that part wrong, my dear friend.)

Trina Tombrink - September 19, 2021 at 12:36 PM

LS

Sending love and strength to Karen, Josh, Suzette and Michelle. Jerry meant the world to me. His life lessons will stay with me the rest of my life. His advocacy for his staff has made me a better person. The love he showed Josh in my presence has made me a better parent. Thank you Jerry for everything. May his memory be eternal.

Lynne Salivaras - September 19, 2021 at 12:36 PM

MD

Our deepest condolences to Karen Suzette and the Blair and Krondes Family. We are sending healing love and strength to all. Matt And Ray

Matthew Brown and Ray Durand - September 19, 2021 at 12:52 PM

ES

Karen.. I'm Catholic and we do Eulogies for friends. I realize it's a closed service and me and Mel are going to watch. So here I go sorry about grammar. I met Jerry from a random email I sent to Eddie Money back in 2015. Threw a dart at the wall but if you knew Jerry that was his thing. Always taught me can't hit a Homer sitting in the stands. Jerry was 100mph from the moment I met him. Overwhelmed me. But he was genuine. We worked thru the details and had some ups and downs. Being a Midwest guy expecting a big music guy I asked what would you like to do in Indy? He said whatever you do? Took him to the Golden Ace hole in the wall Irish dive bar which he loved and him and the Moneys to the workingmans friend another dive bar. Jerry and the moneys seemed to like the normal life I brought them. All were safe and all had fun. After the visit I used to txt Jerry to see other Eddie shows. Finally he said to me Eric they like you. Ask your self? He was kinda my Yoda in a crazy way. Jerry always asked. He didn't care. The worst you would here is no! After that we became good friends. Baseball, family and politics. We made big plans to see each other but life came in the way. He is the only person I communicated with everyday. And if I didn't respond he would ask "are we ok?" Jesus he was Jerry Blair I was Eric Strange but he cared of my approval. It wasn't I didn't want to talk I was busy and as you know Jerry was 100% all the time. He sent me updates on his son and his CBD business. sent me pics of you and your daughter. God he loved you guys. We had a common interest in red flag gun laws and had a master plan. I met with a congresswoman and where going to make a documentary then Covid hit. That gone we still talked and debated everyday. And no matter how heated it got it ended "I love you brother how is the family" that's the beauty we were America. A big shot and a common guy but best of friends. We were gonna go to Vegas this month and you and kids coming for the 500. I mean this he was one of my best friends and I only saw him once. I looked forward to his 3am messages. My wife would go crazy... who are you texting I'd say Jerry she would roll her eyes at me. I felt horrible our last time taking we were fighting. But my wife said it best. That's what you two did. That's what made you friends. She was right. I'll always miss him. He was a friend. Will always be a friend. On behalf of me and my wife we are so sorry. Jerry was my brother.

Eric Strange - September 19, 2021 at 02:54 PM



I just learned of this - I worked with Jerry in the 1990's and was shocked to learn about this now. Jerry was a beacon of light, he was always full of energy and positivity and even though we had lost touch through the years, my heart aches to hear this. I hope time is healing you...I am so sorry - sincerely, Tom Steele

Tom Steele - April 07, 2022 at 09:24 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Eddy Puse - October 15, 2021 at 11:10 AM



I loved Sinead but was out-of-town for the dinner. Jerry made certain that I was present with my photo. Oedipus

Eddy Puse - October 15, 2021 at 11:11 AM



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Eddy Puse - October 15, 2021 at 11:07 AM



Jerry and my staff at WBCN with Fishbone. Oedipus

Eddy Puse - October 15, 2021 at 11:12 AM

JP

“ *Jerry was a legend and a kind man. I have many memories of dinners in New York and Miami full of interesting conversations and laughter, we were always laughing. May his memory be a blessing.*

Jacquelynn Powers - September 20, 2021 at 12:26 PM

ES

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Eric Strange - September 19, 2021 at 05:39 PM

LH

“*It takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, and a day to love them, but it takes an entire lifetime to forget them.*” *Anonymous*

Jerry, you will never be forgotten. My sincere condolences to your beloved family.

Lisette Hoyo

Lisette Hoyo - September 19, 2021 at 02:17 PM

LM

“ Eddie Money and The Money Family loved Jerry Blair. He was a close family friend for over thirty years. We were so blessed to have him and his boundless energy in our lives. He was supportive of Eddie’s decision to have our “kids” play his music with him on his final tours when so many others were not. This meant a great deal to Eddie and to our family. Jerry was so good to keep in touch with us after Eddie’s passed, as true friends do. We loved seeing the pictures and videos that Jerry would share with us of him with his family. Like Eddie, he was a man who was very proud of his family and made sure that everyone knew that about himself. We will miss Jerry, however we won’t forget and are forever grateful for Jerry’s unwavering loyalty and love for Eddie and our family.

RIP Jerry

We love you,

The Money Family



Laurie Money - September 19, 2021 at 11:54 AM

AG

“ Jerry, this is Alan. Love you and miss you. But you have my word that we will execute your vision and finish what we started.

The world is a sadder place.

Alan Grunblatt - September 19, 2021 at 11:36 AM

AP

“ My mentor, my friend, my family. So many of the greatest moments in my life involved Jerry, & I will forever miss our talks, our texts, our dinners at Bellato’s, his bullet coffee’s, our fights that always resulted in making up through text memes. I will miss our strategy sessions & him simply letting me vent about others’ inability to see our way, then he’d tell me to man up, be happy I made money, and smile and move on to the next thing. I loved that no matter how people wronged him, how he could put on a smile & take care of business personally & professionally, because he could see the finish line past those in his way and those in all of ours’ that he loved or wanted to help. It changed my life & my approach to all things. I feel like Jerry was the tree, & we were the branches grown from him. His wealth of knowledge is unmatched, yet he freely gave of it whenever asked, and sometimes when not asked haha, but still wonderful. Now we become the trees, & we love and mentor those coming next in the way Jerry loved all of us. May God forever bless you, Jerry, for how you poured into my life and my family’s life. I pray you are smiling & happy like I will always remember you. See you on the other side my brother!

Aaron Pearce - September 19, 2021 at 10:42 AM

IS

“ Really puts a knot in My Heart. My Biggest Cheerleader Jerrold H. Blair has Left the Building at 60, Covid19 on the Highest Holy Holiday of the Year. In Kabbalah I've learned you choose the day of your departure and you're a Righteous Soul if you depart on a Day as Holy as today. If you knew Jerry you'd remember when he was escorted out of the building, my punn "left the building. " Blair was The Man!! Right hand to Tommy Mottola, Head of Mariah Carey's Record Label, Launched Ricky Martin's Career, an endless list. Blair had Narcolepsy, In mid conversation he was out cold. In 1998 Blair came backstage at my Feathered Hat show at Metropolis in Queens. He liked it so much he called The Head of Krock FM Radio, Steve Kingston and had my Naked Body painted Hat Troupe open for Greenday at DFP 2, Jones Beach, although we wound up on stage with Scott Weiland & STP, and back on stage for DFP 3, 4 & 5. Blair brought me to Dinner with the Black Crows, bought my hats for \$1,500 for his bands, Got me into the Best Parties in the Music Industry. What a Gem of a man, such a True Friend. Blair picked up my call instantly he knew something insaine was going off when I called. The love was real. GOD Please Bless Jerry Blair's Continued Journey. I will miss you my friend. Thank You for your love and friendship and gracious heart. RIP xo #JerryBlair #Columbia #Arista

Ivy Supersonic - September 18, 2021 at 05:04 PM

AB

The Lord may rest his soul!!!

Asimina Begetis - September 18, 2021 at 09:18 PM

LL

“ So many Memories and so Many Great Times.. You showed me that you were Truly a Friend that superseded our business relationship in the 90's..35 years..Forever Grateful..RIP JB...💕🙏💕

Louis Levin - September 18, 2021 at 03:12 PM

DG

“ Jerry Blair enriched my life. I feel lucky to have known and worked with him. I met Jerry many years ago in Boston when he was graduating Brandeis. As a college rep he worked with the legends Lenny Collins and Sal Ingieme. Jerry’s smile and zest for life were contagious. Bringing him to our Chrysalis team was one of the best decisions I ever made. Besides being one of the greatest music and promotion executives of all time he was a nice, kind and generous person. There was never a dull moment when you were with Jerry Blair at a show, a radio station or convention. He lit up every room he was in.

Our friendship has transcended the years and we had recently been working on a film that Jerry graciously brought me into. His long standing relationships with Chrysalis colleagues such as Greg Thompson are heartwarming. Recently every conversation I had with Jerry included his love and admiration for Suzette, Karen and Josh.

The last few days especially during the High Holy Days have brought back fun memories of times we spent at KISS in Boston and LA, WBCN, Bobby Poe and our pool in CT where only Jerry would bring his huge white German Shepard for a swim. I will miss him.

Daniel Glass - September 18, 2021 at 05:41 AM

SC

“ I had the pleasure of working with Jerry when I was the music director for WRVE, a radio station in Albany, NY. When he stopped by he was always fun and a breath of fresh air. I still have a Hawaiian shirt he brought the Program Director and me for some promotion, he was wearing a matching one. It's been more than 20 years since I saw him last, and still, it made me so sad to hear of his passing. I am so sorry for your loss. May his memory be a blessing. Steve Chick

Steve Chick - September 17, 2021 at 04:00 PM

EC

“ My deepest condolences to Karen, Suzette, Joshua, Michelle, John, the Blair and Krones families. Although, I never had the pleasure of meeting Jerry. It is obvious from the FB posts that he was happily married and adored his family. Sending prayers to all of you.

Eileen Cavanagh - September 16, 2021 at 04:30 PM

OE

“ We had fun in Boston. It was a long time ago, in another era when radio was the internet, and music drove the culture. We were all passionate about music. Jerry so much so. I grieve.
Oedipus

Oedipus - September 14, 2021 at 03:57 PM

BW

“ Back in Providence, Jerry was my Chrysalis rep, then my Columbia local. He was a wild man- his energy contagious. He was also a friend- a welcome guest in my home to visit Connie and me and our new born son, Paul. Yes, he was also the guy talking intently to you at a function, would be also looking over your shoulder sizing up everyone in the room... he was very kind and considerate- he had his buddy Michael Bolton call my wife out of the blue on the house phone to say hello. Rest in peace, my friend.

Bill Weston

Bill Weston - September 14, 2021 at 09:29 AM

SA

“ Deepest sympathy to Karen, Suzette, Joshua and extended family. May his gentle soul rest in peace.
Comhbhrón ó chroí ort as bás do chéile ionúin agus is trua liom . Tá tú inár gcuid smaointe agus paidreacha. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal.
The Concannon family, Galway, Ireland.

Sarah Jane Concannon Atonio - September 14, 2021 at 03:30 AM

LH

“ *I only met Jerry once briefly but remember him as a kind generous man who adored his wife and daughter my friend Karen and Suzette. Rest In Peace Jerry and prayers and sympathies to your entire family*

Lynda (Fucci) Hogan - September 13, 2021 at 07:12 PM

SB

“ *I'm heartbroken. Jerry was one of the most unique, innovative and rare music executives I've known. I loved his wild ideas and how his witty brain worked, I loved bouncing my ideas off of him and getting his feedback. He was a friend and I loved him, but most of all loved how just being around him made me feel like something great was about to go down! I will always remember what a character and unbelievable tremendous talent he was. RIP JERRY!*
PRAYERS AND COMFORT FOR HIS WIFE, FAMILY AND CHILDREN .
My deepest condolences,
Sera Buras

Sera Buras - September 13, 2021 at 02:14 PM

TB

“ Jerry was one of the good guys in record promotion who helped me become a better programmer. His energy, positive attitude, knowledge and passion for his artists were unsurpassed. We had great phone conversations, dinners and meetings that were always full of laughter and good times. My condolences to Karen, his son, and daughter. May he rest in peace and his memory be eternal.

Tony Bristol

Tony Bristol - September 13, 2021 at 01:30 PM

DT

“ You’ve been one of my best friends for over two decades. I’ll miss all your witty banter, your ability to come up with a brilliant idea in a heartbeat, your calls at all hours just because, but most of all, your support when things got rough. I’m thankful that there’s an unbreakable bond, and love is eternal. Rest well, my dear friend

Donna Rosch Telyczka - September 13, 2021 at 01:29 PM

HD

“ Hamakom y'nachem etchem b'toch sh'ar availai tziyon ee yerushalayim.

Henry Dicker - September 13, 2021 at 01:21 PM

DU

One of the best record reps and music executives of all time. I'll always remember hanging out at the Poe, Billboard, R&R, and Gavin conventions back in the day. RIP my friend

Dave Universal - September 14, 2021 at 08:25 AM

GF

“ Jerry I will forever remember our conversations, heart-felt ones regarding family, life, and of business. I'm going to miss our verbal sparring sessions, but I hear you in my ear telling me to "button it up" and I'll carry your words of wisdom with me and pass them onto my own loved ones. See you on the other side JB, love you Greer

Greer Fredericks - September 13, 2021 at 01:16 PM