



Mr. Gerald Edward Maples

March 12, 1949 - September 5, 2025

Gerald Edward Maples, 76, passed away on September 5, 2025, in Mobile, Alabama. A native of Mobile, he was born on March 12, 1949, and remained deeply connected to his hometown throughout his life.

Gerald (Jerry) pursued higher education at Auburn University, where he distinguished himself both academically and athletically. As a member of the university's tennis team (1968-1971),

Jerry served as captain in 1971 where he demonstrated leadership and dedication that would carry through into his professional life. After graduating from Auburn, Jerry built a successful career as a chemical engineer, applying his skills with precision and dedication. Known for his innovative spirit, he developed multiple patents during his career, leaving a lasting mark on the field and earning the respect of his colleagues.

He is survived by his wife, Melanie (Thompson) Maples; his daughter, Julie Bryan (Charles); his son, Greg Maples (Summer); Grandchildren: Peyton Maples (Morgan), Jackie Bryan, Morgan

Maples, and Thompson Bryan. Jerry is also survived by his siblings, Marilyn Maples, Linda Hellender, and Steve Maples as well as his loving cousins and extended family. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Tom Henry and Myrtle Louise Maples and his sister, Marsha Greenway.

When Jerry wasn't with his family or at work, he could often be found on the golf course, a place that brought him joy, challenge, and lasting friendships. His school days at McGill High and his time at Auburn University shaped him in many ways, but most importantly, they gave him lifelong friends. The bond he shared with his college roommates became a second family to him—one that stood steadfast through all of life's seasons.

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to Dr. Amare and his entire care team for their kindness, compassion, and dedication.

Jerry's legacy lives on in those who knew him and shared in the many chapters of his life. May his memory bring comfort to all who mourn his passing.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be sent to American Kidney Fund

Tribute Wall

JH

“ *Butch and I have such fond memories of Jerry as our sons played baseball together for many years. Those were the good ole days. Many prayers and much love to Melanie, Greg, and Julie. Judy and Butch Haynes*

judy haynes - September 10, 2025 at 11:06 PM

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“ *Bob and I want to extend our heartfelt condolences to the Maples family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May Jerry's soul rest in peace. Bob and Deborah Johnson*

Deborah Johnson - September 10, 2025 at 09:20 AM