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## A Mentor and Friend – In Memory of Jerry Provost



We were heartbroken to receive the recent news of the passing of Poll Worker Trainer and mentor to many, Jerry Provost.

In 2001, we had the pleasure of welcoming Jerry to our elections family. As an Election Advisor and Trainer, Jerry brought a distinct leadership ability and made our team better.

Please join my staff and me in remembering this wonderful man. He was highly regarded by

everyone who had the opportunity to work with him and will be missed by us all. Our thoughts are with his family.



## Memories of Jerry

“ Jerry Provost was more than a co-worker to me. Over the span of many years, he became a friend to my family. His cheerful and unusual greetings preceded the many telephone conversations we had. His work ethics were always superior in every task and he knew his job well. It was a pleasure to work with him. On a personal note, Jerry encouraged me through chemo and later the death of my husband, making sure my working schedule was not overbearing. Even during his personal health issues he remained concerned for my health. I will miss the chats, work experiences, laughter and homemade cookies with Jerry. ”

- Lois Crittenden

“ Jerry was not just my mentor and colleague for many years, I considered him my friend. His encouragement and direction motivated me to excel in the “World of Elections.” I will treasure and miss his humor, our talks and his chocolate chip cookies. His absence has left a very apparent void. ”

- Lora Kyle-Woodall

“ Some people just know how to get things done. Jerry was “some person”.

Some people are gifted in guidance so you can do your job in the best possible way. Jerry was “some person”.

Some people are precise, thorough and careful. Jerry was “some person”.

Some people create pleasure in difficult situations. Jerry was “some person”.

Some people give their all...to their job, to their coworkers, to their partner. Jerry was “some person”.

Some people are wonderful and beloved friends. Jerry was “some person”.

Some people leave an indelible impression on others. Jerry was “some person”.

We shall honor him by continuing in his footsteps. Jerry....You were Some Person!

- Charlotte Hughes

## **We Remember Jerry**

With strength of character, he led the way.  
His wisdom and humor was never astray.  
Dutifully forging a clear thruway,  
Jerry looked to brighten up our day.

The Green Team, with Jerry at the helm,  
Aspired to excel but never overwhelm.  
His humor, obsessions and mentorship became  
Something we trusted and gave us our fame.

He kept us in touch,  
with others we needed so much.  
He led us through changes, some big and some small.  
With laughter and smiles, he carried the ball.

Though Jerry was ill, he stayed with the team.  
Plans to return remained his fond dream.  
Our loss of this kind man cannot be measured.  
His courage and friendship will always be treasured.

So Jerry's spirit is still amid  
All those considered as "Jerry's kid".  
We all know in our heart and soul  
No other leader could ever fill his role.  
Jerry is dearly loved and sorely missed.



### **Poem by the South County Training Team (current/alumni):**

**Charlotte Hughes, Dennis Hughes, Lois Crittenden, Nancy Bandy, Beth Frierson, Ann McLocklin, Scot Cary,  
Mike Monahan, Dionne Kersh, Darren Tedrow, Carol Gruszka, Pam Kartlick, Jim Engel, Paula Engel,  
Lora Kyle-Woodall, Tom Davenport, Jerry Smith, Bob Horn, Garry Tenney, Mary Turner, Shirley (Bell) Dehritz**