



Jerri Louise Nemiro

April 27, 1954 - June 7, 2025

Jerri Louise Nemiro, age 71, of Blacksburg died Saturday, June 7, 2025. She was born in Los Angeles, CA on April 27, 1954, to the late Kenneth Melvin and Virginia Jane Levy Nemiro. Jerri was a nationally decorated college instructor for 36 years in digital arts.

She is survived by her husband, Bruce Canning; twin sister, Jill Nemiro and partner, David Foster; nieces, Rachel and Sara Nemiro, Chloe Brunner.

Per her wishes, there will be no services.

Tribute Wall

WC

“ To the Family of Jerri Nemiro. It's 12:15 am on Thursday, December 4, 2025 and as I was getting into bed I thought about Jerri Nemiro with a smile on my face. I decided to Google her, only to discover that she had passed several months ago.



Bruce, Jill and family ~~ Please accept my late condolences to you all. My name is Wini Chambliss and I worked with Jerri as Dan Ipson's Executive Assistant in the early 2000s. It was my pleasure to work with Jerri: she was a woman full of life and enthusiasm. Her infectious smile and laughter brought joy to me and everyone in her presence.

At the reception for my departure from Hartnell, Jerri walked up behind me, placed a box in my hand and whispered in my ear that I shouldn't open it in front of the guests in attendance. I was very curious about the contents of that box but waited until I got home to open it, only to find that she had given me a beautiful genuine pearl necklace. It is an understatement to say that I was taken aback. But we had a great relationship and shared many conversations about you, Bruce, and you also, Jill. She loved you both very dearly and I believe she loved me too. I think of her often and am glad that our lives intersected. Jerri was a woman of distinction whose legacy lives continues in the lives of everyone she met.

I pray God's richest blessings on you all...

Wini Chambliss - December 04, 2025 at 03:47 AM

Jl

Wini - Thank you for that beautiful post that you shared. I miss Jerri every day.

Jill - February 07 at 01:55 AM

BC

Wini, everything you said about Jerri is so true. Her last 6 years Jerri was a house ridden patient. What hurts me is all the people in the area didn't get to meet her. I love her today and forever. It truly hurts not having her. Your kind words are heartfelt. Her sister Jill and I deeply miss her everyday. Love and peace to you and your family. From Bruce Canning Jerris proud Husband.

bruce canning - February 07 at 03:00 AM

Jl

So true Bruce. The pain is so deep. Jerri lives on forever in our hearts.



jill - February 20 at 06:01 PM

MZ

“ I woke up thinking of Jerri today and decided to look her up online. I was saddened to learn she is no longer here. I had the fortune of having Jerri as my mentor. I took most of her classes and even had the privilege of working as her student assistant for around three years. She helped me get a scholarship, which allowed me to travel to Japan. I admired her deeply, and I think of her whenever I paint or take photos. She was on my mind when I got my first job fresh out of university. I remembered her talking about her sister Jill and how talented she was. She was so proud to be her sister. I also remember Jerri smiling whenever Bruce would visit her, bring her a banana and spend time together during her break. I owe so much to Jerri, and I hope she knew how much she was loved. She truly made a lasting impact on my life. How lucky am I to have know such a loving and amazing person.

Mandy Zavala - September 19, 2025 at 02:11 PM

Jl

Mandy - thank you so much for your beautiful sharing about my truly special identical twin sister, Jerri. You are here legacy.

Jill - September 30, 2025 at 05:37 PM

BC

Mandy, Jerri was poetry in motion you and so many others through her are now adding to your poems all from her love and care of a beautiful selfless person and extraordinary teacher. I Bruce Canning thank you Mandy and so does Jerris twin sister Jill. We miss her everyday. Love always from both of us.

bruce canning - February 07 at 03:11 AM

JR

“ I was deeply saddened to learn today of Jerri’s passing. At the same time, her memory brings back so many moments of joy and inspiration.

This year, I was humbled to learn that I am receiving the Distinguished Alumnus in the Arts award at Hartnell’s Gala for the Arts. When asked who had most influenced me on my path, without hesitation, I said Jerri.

In the 90s, I was just a kid fresh out of high school, unsure of where life would take me, but curious about graphic design. I enrolled in her courses, and my world changed. More than the coursework itself, it was Jerri as a person who shaped me. She was patient, passionate, and kind. I can still hear her distinctive laugh in my head.

Her way of teaching made me believe I could accomplish anything. She motivated us to try, even when we didn’t have all the answers, and she instilled a confidence in me that pushed beyond what I thought was possible for a kid from Castroville. Jerri guided me in building a portfolio, literally helping lay the foundation for what would become a 20+ year career on a global stage. I even went on to earn a master’s degree and become a professor myself, in part because I wanted to have the kind of impact she had on me for other students.

She will be remembered with love.

Jesús Ruvalcaba

Jesus Ruvalcaba - August 25, 2025 at 05:29 PM

Jl

Jesus - thank you for your beautiful tribute and words about Jerri, my beautiful identical twin.

Jill - September 03, 2025 at 02:33 AM

BC

Jesus I was very proud of Jerri as a teacher. I thank you for your kind words. Congratulations on all your achievements. Jerris laugh was unique I miss it very much myself. Your words mean everything to me and her twin sister Jill Nemiro. Many blessings upon you.

Bruce Canning - September 03, 2025 at 04:39 AM

TS

“*Dear Bruce, Jerri's family & friends - please accept my deepest condolences. I am so sad to hear the news of Jerri's passing. Sending positive healing energy and big hug your way. I know the happy memories of this beautiful, sweet human will live in your hearts forever.*

Jerri was an inspiration to me as a student at Hartnell. She served on the Boronda International Study Committee when I was awarded the scholarship to study the Art & Culture of Islamic Spain. She single-handedly established a vibrant digital arts program in our Visual Arts Dept. and encouraged me to become an expert in the Adobe Creative Suite.j

As a new professor at Hartnell, Jerri warmly welcomed me into the art department as a peer and graciously mentored me into the role of an instructor. She was an amazingly happy and joyful spirit and spread that positive energy to colleagues and students alike.

She was well-loved by all and the art department immediately felt empty without her energy after she retired. Nice to know the Hartnell Art Building already is named for you: Building "J"

A big thank you, Jerri, for honoring my life with your presence - it was a pleasure to make your acquaintance during your time here on earth.

Professor Trish- Hartnell College Arts Department

Trish Triumpho Sullivan - June 22, 2025 at 12:30 PM

Jl

Dear Trish,

Your words are so beautiful and bring me to tears. Thank you for your memories. I miss my twin so deeply.

jill - June 22, 2025 at 02:55 PM

TS

Dear Jill,

I cannot imagine the loss you are feeling. Your beautiful sister was a treasure to many. Jerri is definitely an angel watching over you and yours now. When I think of her, I just feel good - she [still] has that kind of vibe :~)

Big virtual hugs and love, Trish Triumpho

Trish Triumpho Sullivan - June 23, 2025 at 12:57 AM

BC

Trish thank you for all your beautiful words. One of the reasons I married Jerri was for the passion she had being a teacher who simply wanted to help improve people's lives. Wish you could have experienced Jerri and Jill Nemiro together they were fun to be around. They would get excited eventhough few words were spoken. As her husband I was so very proud of her for the thousands of people Jerri had a positive effect on their lives. Continue being a shining light on those around you. Many blessings upon you.

Bruce Canning - September 03, 2025 at 04:55 AM

MN

“ I was lucky to have Jerri as my art professor. She was always warm, energetic, and genuinely curious about my work. She made time to check in, offered thoughtful feedback, and shared in the excitement of every project. I didn't have a space to work outside of class, and she always made sure the lab was open so I and many of my classmates could keep creating. Her kindness and passion made that classroom feel so welcoming, inspiring, and full of possibility, and I will always carry that with me. Thank you, Jerri, for everything. My deepest condolences to her family and loved ones.

*Mezairah Niduaza
Hartnell College*

Mezairah Niduaza - June 18, 2025 at 03:33 PM

Jl

Thank you for sharing your beautiful words about Jerri ❤️

Jill - Jerri's identical twin.

jill - June 18, 2025 at 07:23 PM

BC

Mezairah thank you for your truthful kind words. Jerri improved your life as a teacher. Jerri improved my life as my wife. Her laughter was always fun to hear. Hoping you continue having great success in your journey. Jill Jerris twin sister is also an amazing teacher as well. Your words mean a great deal to her. Many blessings upon you.

Bruce Canning - September 03, 2025 at 05:03 AM

RW

“ *Jerri's enthusiasm for teaching and learning was infectious. She inspired fellow faculty and students alike.*

I first met Jerri in the late 1990s. She introduced many Salinas Valley students to digital arts. Her knowledge about the digital medium brought cutting-edge technology and techniques to an isolated community.

When I first met Jerri, she was one of the two most popular and in demand professors on campus. (If I had a dollar for every student I heard exclaim, "I want to take Ms. Nemiro's class. She's great!":)

For some students, Jerri's class served as kind of a mini film school. She is an example of wonderful talent amplified by her sharing, definitely a teaching role model.

Family, thanks for sharing your Jerri with Hartnell College.

*Ron Waddy
Hartnell College, English*

Ron Waddy - June 17, 2025 at 08:42 PM

Jl

Thank you so much Ron for those beautiful words ❤️ Hartnell was where she was meant to be. I was living with Jerri while she was searching for a teaching position. She had at least one job offer before Hartnell that wasn't right. She knew it. When Hartnell came along, she jumped on it. Thank you again for sharing.

Jill , Jerri's identical twin

jill - June 17, 2025 at 11:21 PM

SC

“ I truly never witnessed a professor and educator who was more dedicated their students' art journey than Jerri. She was a one of a kind, and I am so lucky to have had her as a professor. I truly hope to one day live up to the example that you set for us, Jerri. Thank you.

Stephen Carrillo - June 17, 2025 at 07:53 PM

Jl

Thank you Stephen for those beautiful words. Jerri was one of a kind. Thank you for continuing her legacy.

Jill - Jerri's identical twin

jill - June 17, 2025 at 11:24 PM

Jl

“ Jerri truly was my other half, my sweet twin sister. This was Jerri's favorite photo of us; she wrote just last month, "I remembered a picture of you and me Jill. We had jammies with footsies and happy smiles and we hugged each other. I love you a lot Jill." Jerri, I love you a lot forever.



Jill - June 10, 2025 at 08:05 PM

AB

Such a nice picture, Jill. I'm a neighbor of Jerri and Bruce. We got to know them thru Jerri's illness. She was such a sweet person. I'm sorry for your loss.

Alan Burns - June 10, 2025 at 11:20 PM

BC

Jill a very sweetheart picture. Two little girls being bestie. Obviously the blonde hair changed in your futures. I also know at that time you two had your own language that only the two of you knew. Love to you Jill. From my heart to yours. Bruce Jerris lucky husband

Bruce Canning - June 11, 2025 at 01:05 AM

TB

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Terri Burns - June 10, 2025 at 11:57 AM

TB

U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-2016: Jerri Nemiro junior year in Coral Gables High School, Coral Gables, Florida in 1971.

Terri Burns - June 10, 2025 at 03:59 PM

TB

“ *Bruce and Nemiro family ~ please accept our deepest sympathy for the loss of Jerri. We are shocked and saddened at losing a dear neighbor and friend. She will be well remembered throughout the many students that she had at Hartnell College over her 36 years.*

Terri and Alan Burns and family

Terri Burns - June 10, 2025 at 11:52 AM