

Jerry Kishun, Executive Member of the United States of America Cricket Umpires Association Inc.



Umpire *Jerry Kishun*

Yet again, we are forced to use this forum to announce the untimely death of an umpire; Jerry KISHUN, USACUA Inc. Executive member.

Eyewitness News , QUEENS (WABC) -- reports that police are looking for two drivers after in a deadly accident on the Grand Central Parkway in Queens.

The driver of a Mitsubishi Galant crashed his vehicle into the median after getting into an accident with another vehicle just after 5:00 this morning in [Queens](#). When the driver of the Galant got of the car to look at the damage, a passing vehicle struck him and kept going.

The other vehicle involved in the initial accident also fled the scene, police said. The 65-year-old victim was taken to Elmhurst Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The victim was later identified as Jerry Kishun. **Jerry Kishun was an Executive Member, and Chaplain of the United States of America Cricket Umpires Association (USACUA Inc) Information is still developing but it is understood as his** family told Eyewitness News reporter N.J. Burkett, that he was heading to his job as a clerk in Woodside when the accident happened.

Jerry Kishun, a Guyanese immigrant who came to the U.S. just over twenty years ago, is survived by a wife and four grown children.

Services will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church located at 102-06 129th Street in Richmond Hill. Friday and Saturday from 6pm to 9pm and on Sunday from 2pm to 6pm. The funeral will be on Monday beginning at 9am at the same location.

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Tribute to Umpire Jerry Kishun

Tragic Loss

Umpire Jerry Kishun Killed In Accident

By Sam Sooppersaud

Today, Thursday, September 15, 2011, I returned home about 3:40 p.m. after doing some chores around the village. As I was packing away my tools in the garage my wife looked out the window and called out to me, "Sam, come, come right away". The tone of her voice and the countenance on her face told me that something bad had happened. So I went under the window and looked up. "Jerry died, Jerry died", she repeated a few times. I asked which Jerry as I know a few friends named Jerry. My wife said, "Our neighbor from Betsy Ground, your friend the umpire."

For a few moments I was speechless, in total shock. I then asked if she is sure, and how she knows. She said our mutual friend, Bridge; called and said that Jerry was on his way home from work. Another vehicle hit him from behind. Jerry came out to check on his car. He was hit by another vehicle. Jerry died of his injuries.

I had known Jerry for over fifty years. We both came from the Berbice district of East Canje. I am from Canefield Settlement and Jerry from Betsy Ground. He lived next door to my wife Sevika. They both attended Transfiguration Lutheran School at Betsy Ground. I went to St Patrick's Anglican.

During the fifties (50's) when we were growing up there were inter school cricket competitions: high schools and primary schools. Jerry played for Transfiguration, while I played for St. Patrick's. Our mutual friend Bridgeboka played for Cumberland Methodist.

Jerry bowled medium pace. Like most medium pacers his line and length were immaculate. He was almost always on spot. Many batsmen took extra care when facing the guile of the young medium pacer.

Jerry and I along with my wife went to Berbice Educational Institute (Ramlochan High School), after we had graduated from elementary school. In high school Jerry continued to play the game he loved so much. He represented B.E.I. on numerous tournaments among the high schools in the Firestone Competition sponsored by then businessman Somal Rampersaud. Of course he bowled his medium pace stuff, with much success.

After high school we kept in touch, after all we were living not far away from each other. We then both took up our respective employment, Jerry went into sales as an Insurance Representative, and I joined the Guyana Police Force. Then came the family: wife and children and I guess both of us became immersed in the family life, but we still saw each other, but less frequently.

I immigrated to the USA in 1969 and did not meet up with Jerry again, maybe, until the mid eighties. I was playing in a league game. Guess who one of the umpires was! Jerry Kishun. It was quite a reunion between us. We had so many stories to tell each other. So much to catch up on.

According to Jerry, he just did not want to “hang it up” when his playing days were over. He still enjoyed the game. He went to several games as a spectator but did not feel that fulfillment. He decided that he will “get into umpiring”. He wanted to give back to that game that had given him so much.

Umpire Jerry Kishun was trained as an umpire back in Guyana and stood in numerous First Class matches, but he was always willing and ready to do the “village” games. He was much respected by his peers, players, and spectators alike. When he came to the USA, he continued his umpiring career in New York Metropolitan area. He umpired in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. He was also guest umpires on several out of state tournaments.

In New York, Jerry umpired in the Red Stripe Tournaments, the Caribbean Cup, several USACA Regional Tournaments, Inter-League Tournaments, and numerous other tournaments and competitions. At the time of his passing Jerry was a well liked and respected umpire attached to the United States of America Cricketers’ Association. (USACUA) standing in the Brooklyn Cricket League, Nassau Cricket League, and the Eastern American Cricket Association. With the advent of the Public Schools Athletic League Varsity cricket Program, Umpire Jerry was called to duty and he was one of the favorites of the young kids (players). He was always ready to offer a “little advice” to a youngster, bowler or a batsman.

One memory came to mind that put a smile to my face. It was when I first met Jerry over here in New York, when he umpired the league match in which I played. After the game we talked for a while. As I was about to leave to go home, Jerry said, “Snakey, when you going?” I told him I was going home. Jerry’s reply was, “nah not yet, come to me car”. Together we went to Jerry’s car. He opened his car trunk. Behold, in his trunk was a cartoon box. In the box was a variety of, how do I put it, let’s just say “beverages”. What a reunion we had! We were joined by several of the players. From what I learnt from them, Jerry was always one to accommodate his friends after a game.

Jer, (this is what I usually call him), Umpire Jerry we will all miss you, as a friend, an adviser, and a statue umpire.

Jerry, My Friend, Eternal Rest Grant You, And May Light Perpetual Shine On You

Subject: The Untimely Passing of Umpire Jerry Kishun

It saddened me to report the passing of our friend and colleague umpire Jerry Kishun known to most of us as Uncle Jerry.

The story emanating around his death is not clear but one fact remains crystal clear is that it was a hit and run. Jerry was on his way to work very early on Thursday morning when his vehicle rear ended another vehicle on the Grand Central Parkway and he stepped out to inspect the damage when another vehicle hit him and left the scene. He was taken to Elmhurst Hospital where he later succumbs to his injuries.

Jerry was an avid cricketer in his playing days and he has a passion for the game like most of us do. That passion led to his refusal to let go of the sport and so got involved in umpiring after his playing days. When he is not on umpiring assignment; you can be sure to find him somewhere looking at a cricket game.

He umpired in many Premier Tournament in New York including the NY Red Stripe Tournaments, The Caribbean Cup, several USACA Regional Tournaments and numerous Inter-League Tournaments. He was a member of the United States of America Cricket Umpires' Association. (USACUA) officiating in the Brooklyn Cricket League and Nassau Cricket League, but we believe his heart and loyalty was with the Eastern American Cricket Association. He has been an umpire in the EACA for many years. Many of us only know Uncle Jerry as an umpire in NY but he started umpiring long before he left Guyana.

Uncle Jerry was a very courteous, humble and well liked individual and he always greet you with a smile. He was well respected among the cricket fraternity in NY; especially in the Eastern American Cricket Association.

Our deepest condolence goes out to his entire family. May the good Lord grant you Eternal Rest on your new journey.

With deepest regrets.

Eastern American Cricket Association
President - Rudy Persaud.