

Gerry and Janice are so much like Sunanda and me that it is impossible to think of one without thinking of the other. Like us they did everything together even through the vicissitudes of life.

My first recollection of Gerry and Janice is of the day in 1988 when they dropped in on us in Oxford, Mississippi, after reading about our interest in racism in the South and the need to work for peace. We spent an interesting afternoon exchanging opinions and suggestions. Gerry had lived in the American South long enough to know its problems with prejudice from the inside and he was a valuable resource for the study that I was embarking on.

We often discussed Gandhi and nonviolence and peace and so it was natural that we should turn to our friends when the idea of starting an Institute to research and teach nonviolence formulated in my mind. They were both so excited by the idea that Gerry made it his mission to get the Institute located on the campus of Christian Brother's University in Memphis. The President, Brother Theodore Drahmman, was very receptive to the idea and before long we found Gerry and Janice at our door in Oxford with a motley caravan of cars and trucks to help us move. It was a hot summer's day in June, 1991, and we all perspired freely while loading the various cars, a dilapidated van with an even more dilapidated trailer attached to it. Then we began the long drive to Memphis and unloading all the boxes into the home provided by the University.

Gerry's dedication to peace can best be described as legendry. He lived and breathed peace and, of course, being an outstanding professor wrote several books on peace and nonviolence.

For many years he served on the Board of the M. K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence and gave freely of his expertise and talent. Much of the success of the Institute can be directly attributed to Gerry's association, tireless work and unstinting advice.

In life Gerry lived and breathed peace, in death his legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of the thousands who came in touch with him. Sunanda and I will miss a dear and noble friend but we must take solace in the knowledge that he now enjoys the peace he lived for all his life.

– Arun Gandhi.