



# The End Of The Line

Jerry Grasso



## **Who was Jerry Grasso?**

What follows below is a timeline of the proudest moments of his life.

Born September 6, 1952.

1966=1967

7th and 8th grade

Started News From The Grades, the school's first newspaper.

1967-1971

High School

Ran track 800m.

Ran cross-country, and was tri-captain.

Started writing [poems](#), essays, [short stories](#), and first book.

1971-1975

College

Ran cross-country.

Started the university's first track club.

Petitioned city Armory to allow the team to paint a line on their exercise floor for an indoor track to hold indoor tack meets with two other local colleges.

Had a fundraiser to raise money for track equipment.

Played acoustic guitar and wrote music.

Played in front of 70 people at a dorm lounge music evening.

Student taught 7th grade and sophomores.

## 1975

Started teaching 9th and 10th grade English for a local high school.

Assistant boys cross-country coach.

Assistant girl's track coach for field events.

## 1976

Got married.

Head cross-country ski coach for both the girls team and boys team. Our girls captain won the league championship on year.

Wrote a computer program to manage the stagger start times of a league race.

Was interviewed about this race on camera for a local TV station.

## 1981

Stayed home with first-born son for his first year.

## 1983

Transitioned from teaching to insurance computer help desk.

Became head of 15 trainees and three dispatch operators. Had to fire two people.

Gave a 10 minute tech talk for three breakout sessions for 150 people each at the Gemini User Convention in New Orleans.

Became a programmer, mostly self-taught. Designed and built first claim insurance company intranet.

Father to three wonderful children: two boys and a girl.  
Grandfather to six grandchildren: 3 boys and 3 girls.

Ran four marathons.

Competed in cross-country ski races locally and around New England.

Downhill skied.

[Community theater](#), 1988-2015, as an actor in 8 plays and stage crew for three other plays. Proudest of my role in Who's On First, and Love Letters.

Got serious with [photography](#) in 2004. Published numerous times.  
Got the cover of a photography magazine.

Traveled extensively around the country and the world with wife.

2013

Retired.

2015

[Got sick](#) with chronic severe asthma and bronchiectasis which steadily got worse and limited quality of life.

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