Jerry, born February 19, 1929 in Red Wing, was destined to be involved with ski jumping from the start. His family, five generations in Red Wing, was quite involved with ski jumping before his birth! He competed in the neighborhood tourneys staged by his grandpa Harris Andersen, the citywide Pee Wee tournaments at the Athletic Field and the Coon Hill ski jump. He and brother Tom also jumped at Winona and Theodore Wirth Park in the Twin Cities. Jerry was the last active jumper in Red Wing's famed Aurora Ski Club, which disbanded in 1951.

He authored a book, “The Snus Box Kids”, about the early days at Wacouta, the history of ski jumping in Red Wing, MN, but mostly about his family.

His desire to enhance the history of ski jumping in Red Wing is evident by his founding of the American Ski Jumping Museum and Hall of Fame. With the help of substantial funding by the Red Wing Area Fund and the Jones Foundation and the free rent offered by the St James Hotel, the Museum and Hall of Fame opened its doors on the Mezzanine level on January 25, 2014, just one week prior to the Winter Olympics.

After a long career in advertising, marketing and customer relations in local businesses, he stays very active in community events and leadership positions, such as fund drives, Rotary Club, scouting, Elks, American Legion, Aurora Ski Club, Friends of American Ski Jumping, veteran events, and the Hall of Fame.

He is married and has four children and so far 8 grandchildren.