

In Memoriam Geraldine Kane





AIST is saddened to announce the passing of our beloved friend and former co-worker, Geraldine “Gerry” Kane, on 21 December 2025.

Gerry was the loving wife of Paul, who passed away in January 2025. Gerry is survived by her daughter, Danielle.

Gerry worked for AIST and its predecessor, the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers (AISE), for 47 years. She was hired by AISE in 1969 as a receptionist, and less than a year later she moved into the sales department. During her tenure at AISE and AIST, Gerry worked for four different executive directors.

In 2017, Gerry was awarded an AIST Presidential Citation, which read: “For her fierce dedication to the Association and her extensive family of customers. Gerry’s passion for building relationships with people transcends the typical sales experience, and has made her an icon of customer service within the greater steel community. Her character and demeanor exemplify

all that is good about AIST, and we are fortunate to have had her on our team for nearly 50 years.”

She retired from AIST on 1 June 2017.

To say that Gerry left an impact on AIST would be a profound understatement. Her commitment to exceptional customer service, her infectious laugh, and her genuine good nature still echo through the halls of AIST headquarters. She will be remembered not only for her kindness, mentorship and tenacity, but also for her impeccable fashion sense.

Affectionately known as AIST’s “secret weapon,” Gerry brought passion and personality to everything she did. Her customers never stood a chance — her charm, quick wit and formidable sales pitch were simply irresistible. Above all, she built relationships rooted in trust and warmth, making AIST a truly special place to work and leaving a legacy that lives on in the hearts of colleagues and friends alike.

AIST offers its heartfelt condolences to Gerry’s family and many, many friends. She will be sorely missed. ♦