My connection with Jerry goes back to the time of my graduate studies at Caltech. I have fond memories of my interactions with him on various subjects in which he all had an interest and new ideas. I was thrilled—but also somewhat intimidated—to have him on my Ph.D. committee. I was especially nervous about the qualifying exam, to the extent that I showed up half hour late for the exam, thinking that I was in fact half hour early. As a result, when Jerry started asking me questions in differential geometry, I could not even draw the phase portrait of the (unperturbed) Duffing oscillator on the blackboard. Being the gracious and helpful person he always was, he remained very patient and finally got up and drew the phase portrait himself to help me. I still remember how polite and reassuring he was during the exam, and how much this helped me at the time. I think that beyond his enormous breadth of knowledge and technical skills, his incredible personality has played an equally important role in the many collaborations he had over the years. We will always miss our interactions with him.