



Mr. Jerry Dean Gehle

April 30, 1942 - October 17, 2022

On Monday, October 17, 2022, Jerry Dean Gehle, loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather passed away at the age of 80.

Jerry was born on April 30, 1942, in Junction City, KS to Charles and Marvalene (Decker) Gehle. Charles being career military, Jerry was raised in multiple places in the United States as well as Internationally in Newfoundland and Japan. Eventually the family settled in Redlands, CA where upon graduating high school he joined the US Army. His first major assignment sent him to Berlin Germany during the construction of the Berlin Wall. He served two years active duty and another four years reserve duty. Upon finishing his term of service, he married and raised a son Jeff and a daughter Tammy. He was employed at TRW at Norton AFB, in San Bernadino, CA. He transferred to TRW/Reda Pump in Bartlesville, OK in 1976, relocating his family to Bartlesville. Jerry continued his employment and retired from Reda Pump only to then jump in an eighteen-wheeler where he drove coast to coast for several years as a truck driver. Some of his favorite memories and funniest stories came from his time team driving with his Uncle Tommy Decker. In March 1989, he met the love of his life, Deana. They married in 1991, making their home in Scappoose OR and making him a bonus dad to Deana's two kids Ben and Genevieve. Jerry relocated back to the Bartlesville area once more in 1997 to help in the care of his mother.

Jerry had a passion for playing cards, working in the yard, watching old western or war movies, and watching football (especially OU). He loved to listen to “real” country and western music. He was known for his quick wit, his infectious smile, and his kind compassionate spirit.

Jerry was preceded in death by his father and mother. He is survived by his wife Deana, Four children, Jeff Gehle and wife Tami of Coffeyville, KS, Tammy Hudgens and husband Mike of Dewey, OK, Ben Allen and wife Melissa of Hillsboro, OR, and Genevieve Arnett of Dewey, OK, seven grandchildren, Skylar Gehle and wife Kara, Shelyn (Gehle) Slavens and husband Andrew, Trevor Hudgens, Audrey Arnett, Kael Allen, Liam Allen, Lyric Allen, and three great grandchildren, Wyatt Gehle, Peyton Gehle, and Serena Gehle. Jerry is also survived by his brother Duane Gehle and wife Mary of Boynton, OK, and his sister Colleen Medlock of Cleveland, OK, as well as several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2022, at the Word of Truth Fellowship located at 16097 NE Bison Rd., Bartlesville, OK 74006 at 1pm.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **19**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Word of Truth Fellowship Church
16097 NE Bison Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006

On the corner of Durham and Bison

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Jerry Dean Gehle*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Mr. Jerry Dean Gehle*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Jerry Dean Gehle.*



November 16, 2022 at 06:46 PM

MC

“Where to begin, my friend. Our paths crossed somewhere in the late 80's. You've been my friend and 'big brother' for many years. I looked forward to our annual calls of birthday wishes and extended humor. You could make anyone laugh, even when they weren't prepared for your jesters.

You and Deana made the best Santa and Mrs. at our Christmas square dance parties. Your love and caring exuded and was so inclusive. You loved your family and was never shy of sharing how proud you were of ALL of them.

Always willing to extend a helping hand when someone moved or needed a little 'barn raising' party. Your protective spirit was so 'Jerry'. When Deana and I drove a U-Haul from OR to OK, we got there safely with your daily coaching. Oh wait, multiple times per day, coaching.

You kept your 'face up' for all of us even when the hand you were dealt had no cards to work with. Your health was a challenge and you met it head on. Such an example of strength and stamina.

You've been a beam of sunshine, a loving and caring spirit, a kind and generous man that shared warmth and friendship with anyone you met. You were an example of kindness and pulled us all in to experience your warmth and love. You left a legacy and have many admiring friends because of 'who you were'.

Rest well, my friend.

Love, Mary Carnes



Mary Carnes - November 13, 2022 at 05:10 PM

JH

“ Jerry was the most passionate & caring Man Of God he always had a smile! I've been friends for a very long time! I was like 10 or 11 maybe younger when I met Jerry & his family! My Mom & Jerry's Mom became best friends & I became best friend with his daughter Tammy & his Niece Debbie & they took me in as part of their family! Jerry was funny & he was always teasing me about something & I wouldn't have it any other way! He was a strong man & God brought him through so much & he never gave up & always gave God the glory! It was an Honour to call him my second Dad & Friend!



Julie Ann Hamby/ Hainline/Crisp - October 29, 2022 at 05:17 AM

CK

“ Connie Kight lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Dean Gehle



Connie Kight - October 26, 2022 at 02:16 PM

CK

“ Jerry was one of the nicest, sweetest person I have ever known. He always went out of his way to speak to people and made them feel welcome at our church. I remember after Floyd passed away he hugged me and reminded me that Floyd will always live in my heart. He will always live in Deana's heart. I'm so glad I got to attend his birthday party at WOTF and I'm forever grateful to have known him and call him my friend. 💕

Connie Kight - October 26, 2022 at 02:14 PM

DB

“ We're trying to take this in. Our Condolences to Deanna and all the family members. Jerry put up a fight for sure. And I was always praying. And I will continue my prayers, with peace and comfort.
Michael and Deniece Bush

Deniece Bush - October 18, 2022 at 01:03 AM