



Gerald "Jerry" Lee Stevens

September 1, 1933 - January 11, 2021

A memorial service for Gerald "Jerry" Lee Stevens, 87, of Tyler will be held on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. with visitation following the service in the Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel in Tyler, Texas. His son, Rev. Gerald Lee Stevens II, will be officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Because of Covid limitations on the number of attendees permitted at the funeral home, those who cannot attend in person may view the services online thru the Stewart Funeral Home website.

Mr. Stevens passed away Monday, January 11, 2021 in Tyler. He was born September 1, 1933 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi to John Williams Stevens Sr. and Myrtle Lee Stevens.

Jerry married the love of his life, Beverly Ann Marie d'Aquin on September 1, 1953. They were married for more than 67 years and Jerry was holding his wife's hand when he passed to be with his heavenly Father.

Jerry grew up poor during the depression and WWII in rural Mississippi. He started work at age 5 selling newspapers to the soldiers at Camp Shelby in Mississippi and continued to work hard his entire life in many careers. Jerry graduated from the University of Tulsa with a degree in aeronautical engineering. He served as an officer in the United States Air Force and during his military service life he traveled throughout the world for the Air Force. He

left military service and worked in private civilian engineering work with contractors for Red Stone Arsenal, NASA, and Spacecraft Inc. Jerry was a pioneer in the automation of the offshore oil field industry working with Baker Oil, BASIC and as CEO of Stevens and Associates. Jerry served as a gubernatorial appointee to the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board. Seeing the need of people for quality health care accessibility, Jerry served as the CEO and Chairman of the Board in the development of several hospitals in New Orleans and as a Senior Vice-President with National Medical Enterprises and TENET Healthcare in building hospitals and bringing quality health care resources to people around the world.

Jerry grew up with his country family worshipping in a small Southern Baptist Church and during his life he also worshiped with his wife and family in the Catholic Church. He loved the Lord and was always interested in a discussion about his Christian faith.

Jerry was a thoroughbred horseracing enthusiast. As a hobby, for years he owned racehorses that ran in racetracks around America. His first horse was named "For Pity's Sake", which Jerry admits well describes owning horses as a hobby.

Jerry had a brilliant mind and a big heart. He was always there to quietly help anyone who needed a hand up. He was known affectionately by his family as "Goo Daddy", a name given to him by his grandchildren.

Jerry is survived by his loving family including: his wife Beverly Stevens (Tyler), his children: Judge Cynthia Stevens Kent, retired (Tyler), Shelly Stevens (Houston), Rebecca Farinas, Ph.D. (New Orleans), and Gerald Lee Stevens, II, (Garland), five grandchildren, 11 grandchildren and a family of sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, granddaughter-in-law and great-grandchildren-in-law.

Honorary pallbearers will be Andrew Stevens Kent, Jarad Lee Kent, Wayne Anthony Kent, Andy Shreffler, John W. "Steve" Stevens, II, Aubrey Guezaraga, Phillip Do and Michael Schiro.

If desired, memorials may be made online to the Alzheimer's Alliance of Smith County, 211 Winchester, Tyler, Texas, 75701.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 16. 5:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Visitation Following Service

JAN 16 (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Lee Stevens*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 16, 2021 at 05:52 PM

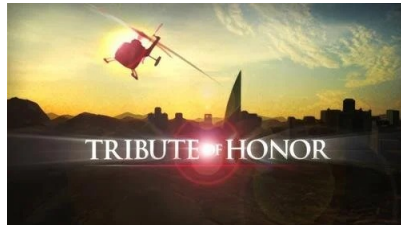
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I loved him & his wife dearly & may god rest his soul - JaidaB

jaida b - January 16, 2021 at 06:08 PM



“ *Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Lee Stevens*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 15, 2021 at 11:31 AM

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“ *Jerry was a client for years and a good friend. I am sorry to see him pass.*

Albert Derbes III - February 11, 2021 at 05:36 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Lee Stevens.*



January 15, 2021 at 11:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Lee Stevens.*



January 15, 2021 at 09:04 PM



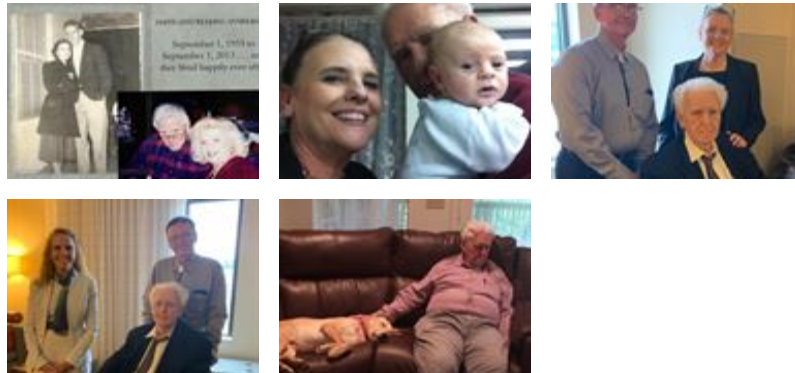
“ *Sharla and Billy Anderson purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Lee Stevens.*



Sharla and Billy Anderson - January 15, 2021 at 03:16 PM



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Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 15, 2021 at 11:28 AM

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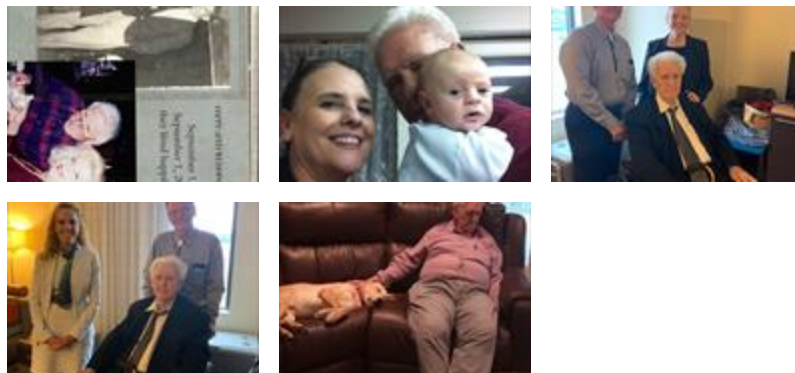
“ Diane Heindel purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Lee Stevens.



Diane Heindel - January 15, 2021 at 06:58 AM

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“ 127 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Cynthia Stevens Kent - January 14, 2021 at 10:02 PM



“ *Finest Farewell Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Lee Stevens.*



January 14, 2021 at 08:40 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Lee Stevens.*



January 14, 2021 at 07:56 PM



“ *Goo and his youngest great grandson!*



Julia Farinas - January 14, 2021 at 06:53 PM



“ *With our sincerest sympathy Bunny & Tony Malpica purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Lee Stevens.*



With our sincerest sympathy Bunny & Tony Malpica -
January 14, 2021 at 06:50 PM



“ *Rest In Peace Goo. You will be missed!*



Jarad Kent - January 14, 2021 at 06:38 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Lee Stevens.*



January 14, 2021 at 06:31 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Jay Stevens - January 14, 2021 at 06:18 PM



My Mom & Pops at my wedding. My Pops told me, " Son don't ever divorce that gal....It would break your Mothers heart to see you go because she said she is keeping Tuyet & Maikhanh"

Gerald Stevens - January 14, 2021 at 06:31 PM

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“ Dear Beverly, Cindy, Don and family,
Thinking of you with deepest sympathy at your time of loss.
He certainly led an amazing and fulfilling life.
May your memories bring you comfort and your faith in our loving
God bring you peace.
Mike and Denise Murray

Mike and Denise Murray - January 13, 2021 at 05:40 PM



“ Beverly & Cindy,
We know there is a huge piece of your hearts
that is missing today. His suffering is over and
a new eternity begins for Goo. That is your
peaceful consolation.

Sherry & Ray Kent

Sherry Kent - January 11, 2021 at 05:20 PM

