

Gerry Randall Dunlap

November 25, 1946 - June 4, 2024

Services for Gerry Randall Dunlap, 77, of Tyler will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Fred Smith officiating. A private family burial will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery prior to the service with officiants Rev. Lee Poe and Rev. Ron Wells. Visitation will follow the service at the funeral home.

Gerry passed away suddenly Tuesday, June 4, 2024, in Tyler. He was born November 25, 1946, in Marshall to Malvin and Nina Poss Dunlap. Most of his years, however, were spent in Tyler.

Gerry was preceded in death by his parents, his son Josh Dunlap, and infant step-grandson Landon Moore. He is survived by his loving family including his wife, Martha McKinzie Dunlap; his daughter Ginger Dunlap and her son Jude Valencia; his stepsons Brandon Moore, David Moore (Lucy), and Matthew Moore; his step-grandchildren Tristan, Hayden, Ally (Cody), Madison and Maci; plus 3 great-grandchildren Aspen, Cade, and Ayven; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Kay and Jim Joiner, sister-in-law Gail Clark; special family friend, Jody Anders, and several nieces and nephews.

Gerry was a member of Green Acres Baptist Church. He (and Martha) attended Gary Elementary, James S. Hogg Jr. High, and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1965. The following years he attended Tyler Jr. College and graduated from Baylor University in 1969. He then served in the

United States Army. One of his favorite endeavors in later years was conducting recorded interviews with East Texas war veterans in conjunction with the Library of Congress. Having recently traveled to Normandy, France (April 2024), those war stories were vividly refreshed and even more deeply appreciated.

For 35 years, Gerry was in the outdoor advertising business, owning his own agency before retiring. After Martha retired from teaching in 2004, he and Martha began working together conducting Divide & Conquer Estate Sales. They enjoyed making new friends through their business, their church, their travels, and everyday life.

Gerry was a gentle giant who was full of life, faithful, dependable, and always anxious to make someone laugh. Those who called him Sweet Darling, Dad, G-Pop, Papa Gerry, BG, G-Man, or just Gerry knew what a fun, upstanding, reliable person he was. Being with family and friends was always a pleasure.

The pallbearers will be Sam Dawson, Dr. Mike Rowan, Joe Jones, Dr. Jay Morrison, Marc Morrison, Tommy Tomlin, Dennis Thompson, Margarito Contreras, John Jones, and Joe Sutton. Honorary pallbearers will be the Divide & Conquer Estate Sales team members . . . guys and gals . . . plus George Tefteller, Richard Davis, Casey Norris, and Bubba Norris.

If desired, memorials may be made to The Breckenridge Village, 15062 CR 1145, Tyler, TX 75704; The Children's Park of Tyler, 110 East Dobbs, Tyler, TX 75701; StarBright Therapeutic Equestrian Center, 15015 FM 848, Whitehouse, TX, 75791; or a charity of your choice.

“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die; . . . a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; . . . a time to love . . . and a time

of peace.” From Ecclesiastes 3

Cemetery Details

Private Family Interment - Rose Hill Cemetery

Previous Events

Service

JUN 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation Following Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerry Randall Dunlap



Stewart Family Funeral Home - June 10, 2024 at 10:08 PM

KZ

“ My one and only Uncle Ger, how very special you were to me. I'm full of memories of you taking Josh and me to the park and rolling us around in the wheelbarrow. I loved listening to your deep voice telling funny stories and your big bear hugs. What a gentle giant you were with the sweetest, most honest soul. You will always be one of the best parts of my childhood. Rest in Peace, big bear!
Love, Kelly Ziegler-Hauser

kelly Ziegler-Hauser - June 12, 2024 at 02:14 PM

LF

“ LindaCarol and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gerry Randall Dunlap.



LindaCarol and Family - June 12, 2024 at 12:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerry Randall Dunlap.*



June 11, 2024 at 06:21 PM



“ *Kathy H. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gerry Randall Dunlap.*



Kathy H. - June 11, 2024 at 05:12 PM



“ *Kathy H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerry Randall Dunlap.*

Kathy H. - June 11, 2024 at 05:12 PM



“ *Although enduring hardships he neither asked for nor deserved - Ger still maintained the most beautiful outlook on life. My uncle could always make me laugh & I'm forever grateful. Love you & miss you my sweet souled friend.*

tidd ziegler - June 11, 2024 at 03:38 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gerry Randall Dunlap.*



June 11, 2024 at 02:43 PM

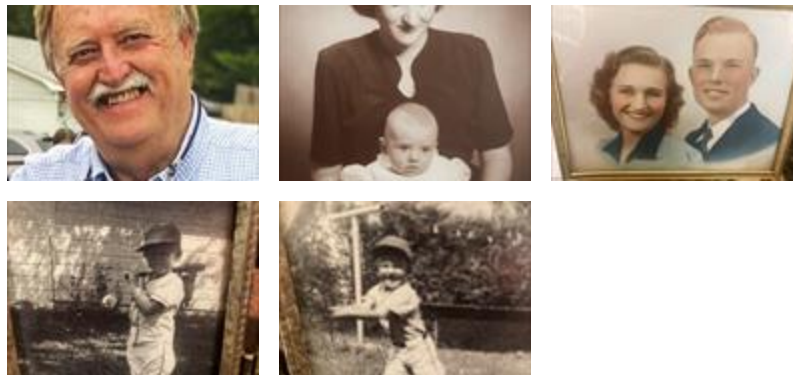


“ *Joe & Debbie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerry Randall Dunlap.*

Joe & Debbie - June 11, 2024 at 02:43 PM



“ *192 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - June 11, 2024 at 02:16 PM



“ *Love, Chip, Gail, Mary Lynn, and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerry Randall Dunlap.*

Love, Chip, Gail, Mary Lynn, and family - June 11, 2024 at 12:50 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerry Randall Dunlap.*



June 11, 2024 at 12:50 PM



“ *From the OT/PT girls! BNSAJKLCM purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Gerry Randall Dunlap.*



From the OT/PT girls! BNSAJKLCM - June 10, 2024 at 08:34 PM



“ *From the OT/PT girls! BNSAJKLCM planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerry Randall Dunlap.*

From the OT/PT girls! BNSAJKLCM - June 10, 2024 at 08:34 PM



“ *Bill & Sharon Sultzbaugh purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Gerry Randall Dunlap.*



Bill & Sharon Sultzbaugh - June 10, 2024 at 01:03 PM

PP

“ Paula H. Powell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerry Randall Dunlap.

Paula H. Powell - June 10, 2024 at 11:53 AM

PP

“ Paula H. Powell purchased the *Fairest of All* for the family of Gerry Randall Dunlap.



Paula H. Powell - June 10, 2024 at 11:53 AM

MR

“ Margaret & Mike Rowan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerry Randall Dunlap.

Margaret & Mike Rowan - June 09, 2024 at 04:31 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gerry Randall Dunlap.



June 09, 2024 at 04:31 PM

CD

“ Craig and Barbara Daugherty planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerry Randall Dunlap.

Craig and Barbara Daugherty - June 08, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Gerry Randall Dunlap.



June 08, 2024 at 11:25 AM

GA

“ Our family was deeply saddened to hear about Gerry's passing. For as long as I can remember, Gerry had a remarkable ability to bring laughter to everyone he encountered. We will forever cherish the memories of his kindness, his wisdom, and humor. Prayers 🙏

Genesis Acevedo - June 08, 2024 at 12:04 AM

GA

“ Genesis A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerry Randall Dunlap.

Genesis A. - June 08, 2024 at 12:01 AM

JC

“ I’m honored to have concided with such of personality in my time. I’m an immigrant and to me life was different but you welcome Me and my family with friendship and joy. God is great thank you for everything from the bottom of my heart 🙏

jose contreras - June 07, 2024 at 10:53 PM

PW

“ So sad to see this!! Gerry was such a kind and friendly guy. Always enjoyed seeing him at their sales. Praying for Martha and their family during this difficult time. 🙏



pam Wells - June 07, 2024 at 10:09 PM

SA

Martha, I am so sorry that your loving Gerry is no longer with you. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. May your memories ease your pain and grief.

Sherry Ajlani - June 09, 2024 at 01:23 PM

JT

“ Tyler just lost a treasure of a man. Gerry Dunlap man was just an all-around superb fellow, a prince of a guy. I worked with him back in 2003 at TJC West for the The Veterans History Project which the Library of Congress collects to preserve and make accessible the firsthand recollections of U.S. military veterans who served in various wars and peace-keeping missions. This was done on video and we had a room set up as a studio there some 20 years ago. I was the camera guy and Gerry did the interviews with these veterans, probably 30 or 40 interviews in total. As one might imagine, some of these men served in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, up to Iraq and Afghanistan and their stories were beyond gripping-- the horrors of war were laid bare as Gerry walked them through their time in basic training through the time they were discharged. Some of these old soldiers, "heroes" we can say, at first came into the room strong and self-assured but when Gerry got them to sit down at ease to do the interviews, that's when things got intense. And Gerry was a real pro who knew how to ask the right questions at the right time. Many of these men broke down in tears recalling their time serving our country. Some would start shaking so terribly we had to stop the camera and let them retake their composure. All the while Gerry just let them tell their story while he held their hands. These men trusted Gerry and some said the things they said on camera they'd never talked about in 50 years or more-- to anyone. It took a kind soul like Gerry to bring it out of them, a good listener who cared. I get the feeling he was like this with everyone he ever met.

Jed Turman - June 07, 2024 at 02:58 PM

JM

“ Martha and family, we are so sorry to learn of your loss. We know Gerry is in a better place and you will be reunited some day. We are praying for your peace and comfort from our Heavenly Father!

Jim and Donna McCallum - June 07, 2024 at 11:42 AM

TZ

“ Todd Ziegler, Kelly Ziegler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerry Randall Dunlap.

Todd Ziegler, Kelly Ziegler - June 06, 2024 at 11:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gerry Randall Dunlap.



June 06, 2024 at 11:38 PM

KU

“ Kelley Uzzell lit a candle in memory of Gerry Randall Dunlap



Kelley Uzzell - June 06, 2024 at 10:54 PM

CG

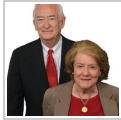
“ Gerry and I were good friends from Gary elementary thru Hogg jr high and Robert E. Lee high school. He truly was one of the nicest people who I had the pleasure of growing up with. He always had a smile and made everyone he met feel better and good about themselves. It was an honor to call him my friend. My prayers go out to Martha and the family. Gerry will always be remembered as a wonderful person.

Charles Golenternek - June 06, 2024 at 06:41 PM

AR

“ *Sammy and I are so sorry about Gerry's death. He will be remembered as a cheerful, friendly man with a big smile. Prayers for Martha and all his family.* ”

Alice Rhodes - June 06, 2024 at 01:11 PM



Gerry was always so supportive & helpful with Martha's business. Such a jewel of a gentleman. Dave & Carolyn Halbrooks Bain

Carolyn Bain - June 06, 2024 at 04:49 PM

DS

“ *So sorry to hear that Gerry has moved on the the next stage of being. He was a classmate and dear friend from high school, college and beyond and truly meant “ glad to see you” when greeting friends with that great smile. Prayers to Martha and family.* ”
Dennis Spence

Dr. Dennis Spence - June 06, 2024 at 10:54 AM

SS

“ *I am so very sad to hear of Gerry's passing. He was a special friend of Richard's since they were boys. And I have loved hearing the many stories. Gerry will be sorely missed. May our precious Lord comfort you, Martha and your family.* ”
♥ Sheri Sims



Sheri Sims - June 05, 2024 at 09:58 PM