



Jerome Edward Branton

August 31, 1946 - January 12, 2023

A memorial service for Jerome Edward Branton, 76, of Tyler will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Pastor Andy Fauss officiating.

Mr. Branton passed away Thursday, January 12, 2023, in Tyler, TX. He was born August 31, 1946, in South Carolina to Dalton Edward Branton and Betty Russell Branton. He spent his younger days as a military brat and lived in many different places, the last one being Ft. Richardson, Alaska, before returning to his father's hometown of Minden, La. He completed his high school education and graduated from Minden High School in 1964. Upon completing high school, he went on to attend and graduate from Louisiana Tech University. When he graduated from Tech, he began his career as a Petroleum Engineer for, Exxon, TXO, Marathon Oil, Petro-Chem and various other companies.

Jerome was a member of The Vineyard Church in Tyler, TX, for 28 Years. He held the position of Head Deacon and perpetual winner of the Servant of the Month. His unwavering devotion and dedication to the Lord and his Church was an inspiration and a blessing to many that were in his life.

When his children were young, they loved traveling and especially taking ski trips to Colorado. Later in life, he was a professional mall walker and enjoyed

playing ping pong. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Jerome was preceded in death by his father, Dalton Edward Branton and his mother, Betty Russell Branton Adkins. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Eileen Mercer Branton; son, Christopher Branton; daughter, Amie (Ray) Newman; daughter, Ashley (Joey) Thigpen of Tyler; four grandsons, Julian, Sebastian, Branton, and Tristan; his younger sister, Janice Cooley of Eureka Springs, Arkansas; and younger brother, Jeff Atkins of Shreveport, Louisiana.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerome Edward Branton



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 18, 2023 at 11:05 AM

GE

Not only was it an honor to call Jerome a boss, a teacher, and a friend, but most of all a brother in Christ. I will truly miss him and our phone conversations we had every couple of weeks. My condolences to his wife and children.

Gary English - January 23, 2023 at 04:08 PM

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Gary English - January 23, 2023 at 04:14 PM

KR

“ I worked with Jerome in the late 1990s at Marathon Oil. He was kind, creative and FUN! He always gave me a different perspective on how to approach a project. I'm sorry to have just learned of his passing, and would like to have attended Saturday's memorial service. I would want to be one more of the many people telling his family that I appreciated him.

*Kathleen Rollins
Bullard, Texas*

Kathleen Rollins - January 23, 2023 at 11:45 AM

CF

“ Mr. Branton was the “Gold Standard” of role models, a patriarch beyond reproach. As many others, our family is blessed to have known him. We will remember him always.

*Our hearts are in Texas with you all
-Raul & Kim Covarrubias*

Covarrubias Family - January 20, 2023 at 02:25 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jerome Edward Branton.



January 20, 2023 at 02:10 PM

“ Every once in a blue moon over the past 60 years or so, I’d think about my old friend, Jerome. Usually, he came to mind when I was bragging to my son or others about the mischief in which Jerome and I got engaged when we were kids! He and I were best friends in Fort Richardson, Alaska. He was a little younger than me but so much smarter! I loved the guy and we did everything together. We were about 13 and 14 years old.

I searched for and found Jerome about 20 years ago and we talked on the phone for about an hour. I was impressed, but not surprised, that he was a very happy, successful, and stable family man in a very rewarding profession.

(BTW. I used my step-father’s name (McCanse) until I started college--Texas A&M. Thus, he only knew me at the time as Rickey McCanse.)

Last Tuesday, I had back surgery and after a couple of days feeling sorry for myself, I started getting restless. On Thursday, January 12, I started writing down things I needed to do but had been putting off for years, e.g., digitizing old photos and videotapes, working on my family genealogy, and reconnecting with old friends, and specifically with Jerome.

I got around to googling Jerome and the first thing up was an announcement that Jerome had passed last Thursday—the day I had thought of him as the one person at the top of my list with whom I wanted to reconnect! I was stunned! Maybe it was a coincidence that he passed on the same day that I was thinking about him...but I’m guessing there was some divine intervention since there was no blue moon that evening...!

Please extend my deepest condolences to all who loved and cared about my friend Jerome. He brought joy to my life some 60+ years ago, of course, a mere sliver of joy compared to what he brought to your family and the people around him since then. May God bless

Jerome and your family and his friends at this most difficult time.

Warm Regards,

*Richard P. Grimes
Charleston, SC*

Rick Grimes - January 19, 2023 at 06:55 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jerome Edward Branton.*



January 19, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerome Edward Branton.*



January 19, 2023 at 11:32 AM

CC

“ As a college intern, I had the privilege of working for Jerome during the summer of 1985, which is a time I will never forget. He was a kind and thoughtful man, and remained a mentor for me during my next 5 years at TXO. What a tremendous loss for his family and friends, and for the world. His kindness and his wit will be missed. I send my deep condolences to the family, and will keep you in my thoughts during this difficult time.

*Christopher Carson
Bussum, The Netherlands*

Christopher Carson - January 19, 2023 at 10:41 AM

VH

“ Virginia and Keith Horton purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jerome Edward Branton.



Virginia and Keith Horton - January 18, 2023 at 09:59 PM

RH

“ Eileen I was shocked when Brady told me about Jerome passing away. I could barely believe it since he was always in really great physical condition. I recall with great fondness our days at Louisiana Tech and how great and simple life was then within our group of friends. No one had much money but we always seemed to find a way to have great fun and I have cherished those days since our graduation. My sincere condolences to you and you family.

*Rick Haygood
Birmingham, Alabama*

Rick Hayg9ood - January 18, 2023 at 06:43 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jerome Edward Branton.*



January 18, 2023 at 05:08 PM



“ *Mike & Retta Shorter purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jerome Edward Branton.*



Mike & Retta Shorter - January 18, 2023 at 04:25 PM



“ *I was saddened by the news of Jerome's passing. We were first cousins but were never in the same area growing up or as adults so we didn't really get to know each other well. He and Eileen were so kind to my mom when she was in a nursing home in Jacksonville and I got to visit with them occasionally when we were there at the same time. I wish we could have known each other better. From all I hear and from what I observed, he was a kind man and I know he will be missed. My prayers and love to his family.*

Retta Shorter

Retta Shorter - January 18, 2023 at 04:20 PM



“ 92 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 18, 2023 at 11:03 AM

AB

“ Jerome was the smile you look forward to seeing when going to the Vineyard Church. His love for helping people surpassed anyone I have ever met in my life. He will be truly missed from this world but Heaven is lucky because he had angel wings long before heaven.

April Barnhart - January 18, 2023 at 08:33 AM

JA

“ I worked with Jerome for a few years and always enjoyed his company. He was a good christian man and never said a bad word about anyone. He'll be missed. My condolences to the family. Andy Anderson

Jimmie Anderson - January 17, 2023 at 06:48 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Jerome Edward Branton.



January 17, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Carol Whitehead* purchased the *Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum* for the family of Jerome Edward Branton.



Carol Whitehead - January 17, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Kurt Hunt* lit a candle in memory of Jerome Edward Branton



Kurt Hunt - January 16, 2023 at 09:09 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Jerome Edward Branton.



January 16, 2023 at 04:42 PM

PM

“ PAFFORD EMS STAFF AND CREW MEMBERS purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Jerome Edward Branton.



PAFFORD EMS STAFF AND CREW MEMBERS - January 16, 2023 at 01:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jerome Edward Branton.



January 16, 2023 at 12:46 PM

GW

“ *Randy and I were so sad to hear of Jerome passing. We had such fun times together in our small group at West Memorial. Jerome was funny and deeply caring in his quiet way. I hate we never got to visit together once we moved away. May the Lord hold each of the family members close. Lots of love to Eileen and prayers for all of you.*

Georgia White

Georgia White - January 15, 2023 at 03:54 PM

ML

“ *Jerome was a dedicated and loyal friend. He now joins my husband, Bob, who is waiting for him. My love goes out to Eileen, my long suffering college roommate, and Amie, Ashley and Christopher.*

Mary Lynn - January 15, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Jerome Edward Branton.*



January 15, 2023 at 10:13 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerome Edward Branton.*



January 14, 2023 at 12:21 AM