



Jerry Duncan Kassaw

February 20, 1941 - October 9, 2024

A Celebration of Life for Jerry D. Kassaw, age 83, will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 19, 2024, at the Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Ken Warren officiating. Graveside services will be held at the Cathedral in the Pines following the celebration.

Jerry was born February 20, 1941, in Hot Springs, Arkansas to the late Ollen Lee Kassaw and Murriel Stewart Kassaw. He went to be with Jesus on October 9, 2024, after battling a short illness.

Jerry Kassaw grew up in Burnet, Texas, and attended Burnet High School with his sweetheart, Erma Faris. A member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of '62, Jerry graduated from Texas A&M University in 1964, with B.S. degrees in Civil Engineering and Architectural Construction. He married his sweetheart, Erma Faris Kassaw, on May 27, 1961, and they spent most of their days in College Station living in Married Student Housing. It was there that they made many lifelong friends. Upon graduation, Jerry worked as a civil and design engineer, including a time working with Charles F. Terry, Inc. in Dallas, Texas, where he was involved in the design of the DFW International Airport. In 1976, Jerry opened his private practice, Jerry D. Kassaw Consulting Engineers, in Tyler, Texas. He retired from Kassaw & Dietz, Inc. in 2005.

Jerry served the community in many ways over the years. He was involved

with Kiwanis International locally as a Chapter President, and as a delegate to International Conventions. He served as Director of his Sunday School class, at Green Acres Baptist Church, where he and Erma have been members for many years.

PopPop, as he was known to his grandkids and great-grandkids, loved spending time with them and following whatever sport or activity they may be involved in. PopPop was an avid golfer, and played as much as he could. In fact, he shot his age three times in the last year or so, and had at least three holes-in-one in his lifetime.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Erma Faris Kassaw, son and daughter-in-law, Todd and Kimberlie Kassaw, daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Greg Teemer, son and daughter-in-law, David and Kimmie Kassaw; grandchildren, Katie Kassaw and her fiancé, Brian Williams, Tanner Kassaw and his wife, Madison, Zoe Teemer, Avery Teemer, Dalton Kassaw, Madison Chapin and husband Brody, Kelley Bullard and husband Billy Jack DeFore, and Justin Bullard; and great-grandchildren, Emaley DeFore, Kye DeFore, Weston Kassaw and Waylon Chapin, and a niece and nephew, Kristin Johnson and husband Ben, and Jon Kassaw and wife Debra.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother Jan Kassaw.

Pallbearers will be Tanner Kassaw, Dalton Kassaw, Brody Chapin, Billy Jack DeFore, Justin Bullard, Ron Ethridge, Dennis Barker, Pit Gravel, Roger House, and Ken Hollis.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jerry's Aggie Buddies Class of '62.

The family will welcome friends and loved ones from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 18, 2024, at the Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **18**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

OCT **19**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Jerry Duncan Kassaw



Stewart Family Funeral Home - October 19, 2024 at 01:51 PM

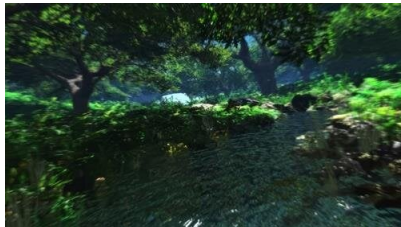
KN

Thank you so much for broadcasting the service. Made me feel or I was there with our Aggie family. Love you all.

Kristin H. Norton - October 19, 2024 at 11:41 AM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerry Duncan Kassaw



Stewart Family Funeral Home - October 15, 2024 at 02:45 PM

KN

What a guy. I have so much love and respect for Jerry and your family. Thinking of you all today.

Kristin H. Norton - October 19, 2024 at 11:02 AM

DB

Emma:

I was shocked and taken by surprise by Jerry's passing. I have always admired Jerry, from high school days until now. I always looked for him at "old" Aggie meetings and was sorry to not have seen him the last couple of years. I have thought of him over the years and have tried to adopt some of his quiet leadership still. I will miss him and - as I said in my card - Jerry was a class act

Darrel P Baker - October 20, 2024 at 08:51 PM

CM

This was such a lovely video! Was in tears most of the time, but smiling too, looking at some of the best neighbors and friends for 25+ years. Erma and Jerry were loving people, really an inspiration to so many of us with their positive upbeat approach to life. Much love to you, Erma, and our prayers and condolences to you and your family. Carol and Tom McFarland

Carol McFarland - November 01, 2024 at 11:33 PM

RS

“*Erma, Todd, Julie and David, I'm so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. Shelia & I bought the house next to Jerry & Erma on Baylor in '92. They were the fantastic neighbors, and we became good friends. Prayers for peace and comfort during this time*

Richard Spencer - November 03, 2024 at 07:30 PM

GM

“*Erma and family. What wonderful memories I have of Jan and Jerry as children going out to Mama and Papa Kassaw's farm and visiting with them. We had so much fun. I was so happy when they came back to Arkansas for visits. Sending prayers for you during this sad time...He will be missed so much i know. Love to all. Cuz Gloria Chunn Moody Kenneth Randy and Kellye.*

Gloria Chunn Moody - October 19, 2024 at 12:25 PM

DC

“ District Judges' staff and Drug Courts purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Jerry Duncan Kassaw.



District Judges' staff and Drug Courts - October 18, 2024 at 01:59 PM

M'

“ MG (Ret) Darrel Baker class '58 purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jerry Duncan Kassaw.



MG (Ret) Darrel Baker class '58 - October 18, 2024 at 01:57 PM

M'

“ MG (Ret) Darrel Baker class '58 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Duncan Kassaw.

MG (Ret) Darrel Baker class '58 - October 18, 2024 at 01:57 PM

JL

“ I fondly remember my years in Kiwanis as a Lt. Governor while Jerry served as President of his club in Tyler. He was a true professional at anything that touched. He will be missed. Johnny Lollar

Johnny Lollar - October 17, 2024 at 03:35 PM

GB

“ Gloria Gilpin (& Bobby) purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Jerry Duncan Kassaw.



Gloria Gilpin (& Bobby) - October 17, 2024 at 03:29 PM

JA

“ Jaime and Liz Alaniz purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jerry Duncan Kassaw.



Jaime and Liz Alaniz - October 15, 2024 at 10:44 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Jerry Duncan Kassaw.



October 15, 2024 at 09:03 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry Duncan Kassaw.



October 14, 2024 at 11:14 PM

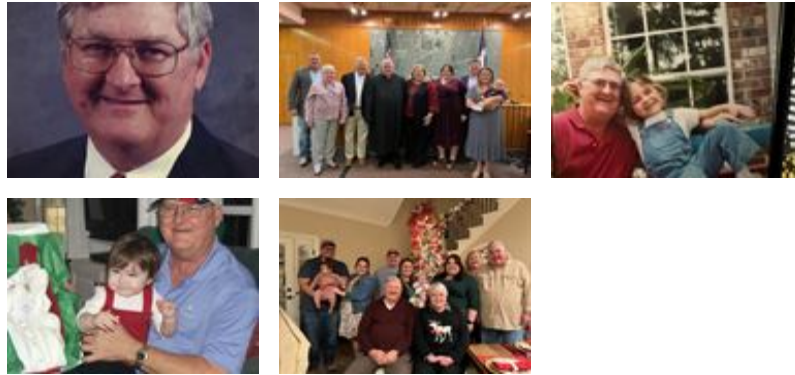
KC

“ Kristin, Ben, Claire, and Chloe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Duncan Kassaw.

Kristin, Ben, Claire, and Chloe - October 14, 2024 at 11:14 PM



“ 75 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - October 14, 2024 at 05:37 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Jerry Duncan Kassaw.



October 14, 2024 at 12:02 PM

GR

“ Gayle Rickard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Duncan Kassaw.

Gayle Rickard - October 14, 2024 at 12:02 PM

GC

“ Jerry is a first cousin of mine. We have 2 sets of twins in the Kassaw family. Jerry and Jan and me and my twin brother Don. As young kids, we always looked forward to visits from Jerry and his family in Hot Springs, Arkansas. We both got college degrees in engineering. Jerry was a family man who was highly thought of by my family. Condolences to Erma and the family.

Gary Chunn
Orlando, Florida

Gary Chunn - October 13, 2024 at 11:58 PM

DK

“ Dennis, Ron, Roger, Pit and Ken purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Jerry Duncan Kassaw.



Dennis, Ron, Roger, Pit and Ken - October 12, 2024 at 12:09 PM

SR

“ My condolences to the Kassaw family. Jerry was a good friend through many years, both at church and in Scouting. Prayers for God's comfort and peace in the coming days. Sally Reed

Sally Reed - October 11, 2024 at 07:36 PM

PF

Sending condolences to Erma and the Family. Jerry was a wonderful friend and golfing buddy. I used him as my Structural Engineer for over 30 years. He was just a GREAT MAN. He will be missed so much.
Burt and Paula Ford

Paula Ford - October 13, 2024 at 12:26 PM