



Jerry Don Stinson

August 25, 1947 - November 29, 2023

Jerry Don Stinson, 76, went to be with his Lord and Savior on November 29, 2023. Left to treasure his memory are his wife of 57 years Jo Carol of Tyler, his son Andy (Christine) of Tyler, and his daughter Leigh Anne Mahone (Matt) of Southlake; his beloved grandchildren, McCade Stinson, Dylan Stinson, Levi Stinson, Maylee Mahone, Ella Mahone, Hadley Mahone, and Wiley Mahone; brother Larry Stinson (Linda) and sisters Pam (Patrick) Silverwise and Joan (Monty) Wright; and many nieces and nephews.

Jerry was preceded in death by his father Talmadge Edward Stinson and his mother Oneta Elizabeth Wingfield Stinson.

Jerry was born in Durant, Oklahoma, on August 25, 1947. Several years later he and his family moved to Denison, Texas. Jerry had many adventures and tales (some tall) of his adolescent days with his brother Larry.....sometimes not letting the truth ruin a good story.

He graduated from Denison High in 1965. In 1966 he married his high school sweetheart and love of his life Jo Carol Collins. Jerry earned a football scholarship to Southeastern Oklahoma State University where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees. Jerry coached for many years before he became a high school principal and then superintendent. He had a gift for working with young people, seeing their full potential, and holding them to high

expectations while being their biggest fan along the way always cheering them on. He believed in education and dedicated his life's work to the cause.

Jerry was devoted to every church of which he was a member, serving as a deacon and wherever there was a need.

Jerry had the special talent of making the ordinary extraordinary, whether it be a swim in the lake, a ride on a four wheeler, cooking a good steak, or drinking a cold coke. He also was an avid hunter who was always scouting for deer on King Mountain or wherever he was.

Jerry's steadfast faith, love for his family, adventurous spirit, and gift of seeing the best in others will forever be remembered by all whose lives he touched. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy will live on in all who knew and loved him.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Green Acres Baptist Church in Flint with Rev. Wayne Norwell officiating.

If desired, memorials may be made to the Parkinson Voice Project (www.parkinsonvoiceproject.org) at 646 N. Coit Rd. #2250, Richardson, TX 75080 or Alzheimer's Alliance of Smith County (www.alzalliance.org) at 3531 S. Broadway, Tyler, TX 75701.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Green Acres Baptist Church Flint Campus
1010 County Road 137
Flint, TX 75762

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerry Don Stinson



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 02, 2024 at 02:09 PM

PE

I was blessed to know Jerry. He was a great man.

Paul Evans - January 12, 2024 at 09:28 AM

CB

“ Jo Carol, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your memories and your family will help you on the days you think "I can't go on": I wanted to come to the memorial for Jerry but because of weather, age, and the distance I decided not try. You and your family will be in my prayers.

Carolyn Gordon Baxter - January 05, 2024 at 09:52 PM

BK

“ Becky and Karlene purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jerry Don Stinson.



Becky and Karlene - January 05, 2024 at 03:12 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Don Stinson.*



January 05, 2024 at 01:45 PM

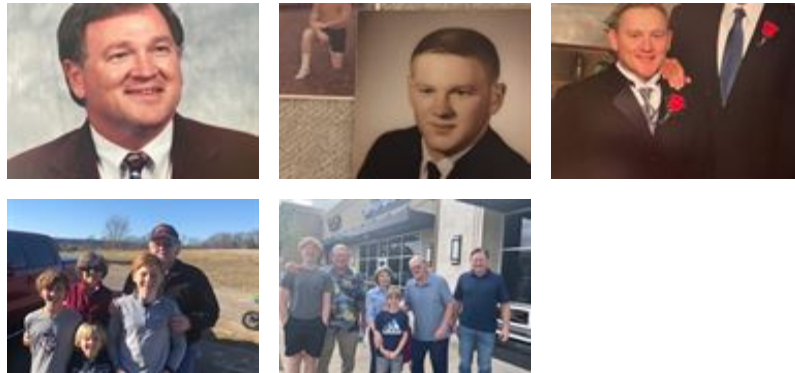


“ *"Brothers are like stars - you may not see them always, but they are always there." Jerry, your memory I treasure, I miss you very much. Loving you always. Your sister Pam*

Pamela Silverwise - January 02, 2024 at 06:24 PM



“ *186 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - January 02, 2024 at 02:08 PM

JF

“ *Jo Carol, I am so sorry for your loss.*



Janet Schnitker Finnegan - December 30, 2023 at 04:30 PM

GM

“ *I remember Coach Stin from 1973/1974 Royse City Bulldog football. Jo, your husband /dad/pawpaw will always be remembered.. Will see him again someday Gary Morris*



gary morris - December 29, 2023 at 05:50 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry Don Stinson.*



December 29, 2023 at 01:14 PM

AG

“ *All the Kikers and Gervais planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Don Stinson.*

All the Kikers and Gervais - December 29, 2023 at 01:14 PM

BN

“ I have so many memories with you Mr. Stinson - your enthusiasm coaching baseball, your care for all you encountered, and your deep devotion to FBC Crane as a reflection of your Love of Jesus. Mr. Stinson, you may have passed this world , but the canvas of your life was painted with broad strokes and undoubtedly changed the lives of many.
I pray your family knows just how deeply your impact has been in service and obedience to your Lord.

Bryan Nelms - December 29, 2023 at 02:52 AM

JS

“ My deepest condolences to Jo Carol, Andy, Leigh Ann and, all the family of Jerry. I have fond memories of his coaching days at Muenster early in my teaching career where we were staff members. He was well respected by all at MHS. Praying for your comfort and peace during this time. Joni Sturm

Joni Sturm - December 29, 2023 at 12:49 AM

PA

“ Phyllis A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Don Stinson.

Phyllis A. - December 28, 2023 at 09:55 PM

SL

“ We are praying for your family. We have fond memories of the Stinson family in Crane. Love, John Paul and Susan Loyless

susan loyless - December 09, 2023 at 06:13 PM

RA

“ My prayers are with Jo Carol and their family. Mr. Stinson was a great boss & friend to me and my family. I will always remember him in the highest regard.
Rest in peace Mr. Stinson.

Ruthie Andrews - December 08, 2023 at 05:19 PM

LH

“ Mr. Stinson was “All In” as a colleague, leader, and friend. My time with him in McCamey was filled with great times on the golf course, deer hunting, a meal or sharing educational philosophies. May God bless Jo Carol and family. RIP Jerry!

Larry Hahn - December 06, 2023 at 05:38 PM

ST

“ Sylvania, Jason, Darlene and Tommy Taylor purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jerry Don Stinson.



Sylvia, Jason, Darlene and Tommy Taylor - December 05, 2023 at 09:40 AM

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Sylvia, Jason, Darlene and Tommy Taylor - December 05, 2023 at 09:40 AM

RI

“ Sitting here pondering the various handshakes that I have experienced over the span of my life. Some firm. Some flaccid. Some perfectly pressured...

But I still have yet to encounter a handshake as bone-crushingly assertive as that of my high school principal, Jerry Stinson. His shake-hand was a vice lock and he always bundled the experience with a good-natured pat on the opposing shoulder with a broad grin, a wink and a "Mr. Gebauer". It was great...made me want to stand a little taller.

That handshake was the entirety of West Texas in a single greeting.

If John Wayne had been a High School Principal...

RickGebauer - December 04, 2023 at 05:54 PM

JM

“ Mr. Stinson was a great influence on my life, and strongly encouraged me to go into administration after my coaching days were over. I looked at Mr. Stinson as not only a boss, but a true friend as well. I truly appreciate all that he meant to me and the thousands of kids he influenced at McCamey ISD. Prayers for Jo Carol and the kids!

Jay McWilliams

Jay McWilliams - December 04, 2023 at 02:40 PM

WB

-Laqueta and I along with our 2 sons would like to bestow our prayers and condolences to Jerry's family!!! Our families became friends when Jerry and I worked together in Crane... He came to be the principal at McCamey High School when it desperately needed someone with the strong Christian values, caring attitude and intelligence Jerry possessed... His leadership as the superintendent of MSD raised the bar for students and teachers alike!!!

Willy Bond - December 04, 2023 at 07:27 PM

RS

“*Sending my condolences to the family. Mr. Stinson believed in us students and was a great Principal and leader. Godspeed Mr. Stinson.*”

Royce Sharp - December 04, 2023 at 01:32 PM