



Jerry Pat Yandell

February 16, 1938 - April 18, 2020

Jerry P. Yandell passed away peacefully at Mother Francis Hospital on April 18, 2020, with family members at his side. He was born to Roy and Gladys Yandell on February 16, 1938, in Mineola, Texas. Jerry grew up in Greenville, Texas, where he met his childhood playmate and future bride, Janice Permenter, when they were just five years old. He graduated from Greenville High School in 1956 and from the University of Texas in 1960. He was an avid Texas Longhorn fan.

Jerry and Janice were married in 1957 and moved to Tyler in 1961, when he was hired by General Electric. They have lived in Tyler for 59 years and have been active members of Green Acres Baptist Church, where he served as chairman of the deacons and taught Sunday morning Bible study to numerous age groups ranging from third graders to newlyweds to adult men. Jerry also served in the community with the Tyler-Smith County Children's Service for many years. In 1979, he was hired by TCA Cable where he ultimately retired as Senior Vice President.

Since retirement, he has enjoyed traveling, golfing, and spending time with family and friends, who were blessed to share his loving and gentle spirit as well as his sense of humor and generous heart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Gladys Yandell and infant

son, Patrick Yandell. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Janice Yandell; sister, Linda Measel and husband John; son, Kevin Yandell and wife Ann; daughter, Kristi Layton and husband Frank; two granddaughters, Kate Layton and Rachel Weeks and husband Josh; two great-grandchildren, Jaxton and Presley; nieces, Kelli Marcatel and Kirsten Permenter; nephew, Dorn Permenter; and several great-nieces and nephews.

A private family graveside service will be held at Cathedral in the Pines under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Green Acres Baptist Church, 1067 Troup Hwy, Tyler, TX 75701, Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214, or a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Dear Janice,

I just saw this sad notice on Emily Nichols' Facebook page.

I was the HBO sales guy who made many trips to Tyler to meet with Fred. Although Jerry and I didn't have any direct business relationship, Jerry would always greet me with a smile and a genuine hello.

A really decent man. I'm sorry for your loss and may his memory be a blessing.

Jerry Flavin

Jerry Flavin - May 17, 2020 at 11:42 AM

SM

“ Janice, we are saddened to hear about the loss of Jerry. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Kelly & Sharon McAfee

Sharon McAfee - May 06, 2020 at 08:11 AM

RC

“ Dear Mrs. Yandell, Kevin, and Kristy

This is hard for me because as you know your Dad was like a second father to me. I spent half my time at your house growing up and spent many a weekend together doing any number of things together.

The one story Mr. Yandell always loved to tell on me was when we all rented a pontoon barge and the engine quit. My Dad asked me to get him a screwdriver out of the tool kit and I promptly tossed it to him. He missed it and it ended up in the bottom of the lake and no screwdriver. I can't say I have ever been anywhere where it was so quiet as it was at that moment. I was looking for someplace to hide and Mr. Yandell was looking for something to use as a screwdriver and trying to distract my Dad.

I love you both Mr. & Mrs. Yandell, He was a good man and a great role model. He will be greatly missed.

Rod Caddy

Rod Caddy - April 26, 2020 at 02:02 PM

LM

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Janice and family. Jerry was a memorable mentor and friend during my years at TCA Cable. His loss will be deeply felt by many friends and family. Rest in Peace.*

Linda McGuire - April 21, 2020 at 11:39 PM

DF

“ *Doug Moreland and Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Jerry Pat Yandell.*



Doug Moreland and Family - April 21, 2020 at 10:54 PM

BR

“ One of the funniest memories, and also so sweet, is from 1984 when Randy & I had moved to Big Spring, TX and this girl who loves her trees and flowers was having a hard time in the "desert"! Jerry came and sat with me at Randy's soft ball game trying to encourage me (the sweet part). But years later as he retold this story, he said he sat there with me with sand blowing in his teeth and eyes trying to say good things about Big Spring, but not liking it all at that moment! Oh that sand was everywhere - even in our house! But Jerry was a breath of fresh air every time he came to see us! Jerry and Janice were such precious friends over the years and my boys will forever adore Janice, the sweet lady that took them to Kilgore and spent so much time with them (giving me a break with our newborn). I sure love Jerry and Janice!

Brenda Rogers - April 21, 2020 at 06:18 PM

DH

“ Janice, I am so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing but rejoicing that he is the presence of Jesus. I will be praying for you and your family in the days to come. You are loved!
Diane Hightower

Diane Hightower - April 21, 2020 at 02:38 PM



“ Fabulous picture! Just like him & know he will be missed by "oceans of folks", including Janice. Dave & Carolyn Halbrooks Bain

Carolyn Bain - April 21, 2020 at 02:05 PM

CG

“ Janice and family, how we will miss Jerry! Always met me with a smile and a wink and an encouraging word with sweet Janice by his side! I was blessed to have him for my SS teacher when I was 9 and he and Janice attended UT and they both have lead by example their entire life! His legacy is rich and he will be greatly missed. Jim and I love the Yandells and you will all be in our prayers!

Much love,
Carye and Jim Gillen

Carye Gillen - April 21, 2020 at 09:56 AM

RG

“ Ridley and I met Jerry through TCA in the mid-ninties. Janice, you and Jerry were a special couple. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Ridley Gibson - April 21, 2020 at 09:27 AM

RE

“ Janice and family, we were sadden when we heard about Jerry's passing. Every time we would see him, he was always so cheerful and full of love and life. He was such a good godly man. We will be praying for God's Devine comfort for each of you. With sincere love,
Rick and Becky Ellis

Rick and Becky Ellis - April 21, 2020 at 09:15 AM

TM

“ We were deeply saddened when we learned about Jerry and know it leaves a big empty spot in your lives. He was truly one of those “few good men.” We are praying, asking God to bless you with many good memories to help you through this hard time.
Love and prayers,
Ernest and Tommie Mills

Tommie Mills - April 21, 2020 at 12:19 AM

JJ

Jerry is in my top 5 list of true friends . I was blessed to have been a part of his life I pray that God will give the comfort only He can give to his family

jeff jones - April 21, 2020 at 05:44 AM

CP

“ So sorry to see this. Mr. Yandell invested in me. He encouraged me when I was growing up and was such a good example. He is reaping today the rewards of what he sowed in me and in others. I'm praying for his wife and family during in this difficult time.

Carter Pirtle - April 20, 2020 at 10:33 PM

DH

“ Janice and family, I am devastated to hear this news. Jerry was an incredible human being and I know he will missed by many. I look forward to seeing him again in his new, most incredible home in heaven. Love to all, Diane (Hodge) Horton.

Diane Hodge Horton - April 20, 2020 at 10:23 PM

RM

“ *Our deepest condolences for the family. Robert and I worked with Jerry for many years. He will be truly missed.
With sympathy, Robert and Crystal McMichael*

Robert & Crystal McMichael - April 20, 2020 at 10:04 PM

JE

“ *Jerry was a Christian, a kind and loving man--a gentle giant in our world. I know his family will continue to live a cherished life in honor of his memory.*

Jane Measel Elrod

JANE ELROD - April 20, 2020 at 06:18 PM

AK

“ *My deepest condolences. I believe Jerry to have been the best man I ever worked for and with.*

Archie Kountz - April 20, 2020 at 03:46 PM