



## Gerald "Jerry" Leroy Tucker

July 24, 1939 - October 26, 2024

The memorial service for Gerald "Jerry" Leroy Tucker, 85, of Enid, will be 2:00PM, Friday November 1, 2024, at The First Presbyterian Church in Enid, Oklahoma. Cremation and arrangements are by Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home & Crematory.

Gerald was born July 24, 1939, in Stuart, Oklahoma to Abson and Stella (Foster) Tucker and passed away on October 26, 2024.

Jerry married Tamra Hooper on December 22, 1979, in Guymon, Oklahoma. Gerald attended Allen Schools and then graduated from Duncan High School in Duncan, Oklahoma. He then graduated from the University of Oklahoma with his B.A., M.A., and PhD in music.

Jerry served as a minister of music at several churches and taught all levels of education from elementary through college. He was also a staff arranger and producer at Benson Sound Studios where he produced over 1,200 sacred and religious gospel recordings. Starting in 4th grade, he organized his first quartet and began singing professionally with the quartets at the age of 15. This was one of Jerry's favorite things to do. His last two quartets were here in Enid which consisted of a male quartet, A Lil' Bit of Heaven, and a mixed quartet, Dab O' Glory.

While attending The University of Oklahoma, Gerald was awarded outstanding composer. He composed a children's musical entitled, "The Miracle Man". Gerald also served as a musical director and conductor of Lyric Theater and was an artist in residence with the Oklahoma Arts Council. Gerald served in the US Army as an instructor in the Army School of Music, US Army Band, Soldiers Chorus, and Singing Sergeants. Gerald played taps for over 5,000 veterans' funerals as he wanted every veteran to have a live bugler and ended up serving in the Buglers Across America and Taps Across America. Jerry was member of the First Presbyterian Church in Enid, Oklahoma.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents, Abson and Stella Tucker.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Tamra, two daughters, Melissa and husband Jwayne and Leslyn, brother-in-law, Rick Hooper and wife Diane. He is also survived by his grandchildren Marcy and Braden Chouteau, Haley and Ben Seiger, Phillip and Mary Hudson, Kendal and Lexy Conley, and Carson Conley. Great grandchildren Cooper Tate, Blakely Pearl, Keira Jean, Katelyn June, and Jackson Tucker. Gerald is also survived by several special nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, family, friends, and many students.

Memorials may be made through Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home & Crematory to Fund 43315 - The Dr. Gerald L Tucker Scholarship. Make the check out to "OU Foundation". Please note the fund number above on your check or if giving online, go to <https://home.oufoundation.org> and click the "Giving" tab. Select "Memorial and Honorary Gifts" then scroll down to "Make a gift online". Please add "In memory of Dr. Gerald Tucker" in the "Name of Honoree/Deceased" field.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
502 West Maine  
Enid, OK 73701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Gerald Tucker Scholarship*



Anderson-Burris Funeral Home - October 31, 2024 at 04:29 PM

JB

*Incredible musical talent, God's masterpiece, humble, chief encourager, kindred quartet spirit, he was "A Little Bit O' Heaven" So thankful our paths met. Sing with you again someday my friend. Say hello to Jake and Hovie!*

Jon Buller - November 01, 2024 at 10:33 AM

PC

“ *Gerald was the first born grandchild of Linzy and Minnie Foster. We all came later in history. We always looked up to Gerald being the oldest. He had already gained his doctorate in music and came to California with his choir, and music production. We were all excited to go and see him. Loved him even when we hardly knew him. Then later in life we reconnected at his mom and dad's house. He introduced my children to Sonics, and the cherry limeade drink. We are still loving Sonics here in California, even though we have to drive a half hour. Then he visited our son, during a hard time in his life, and we were so thankful for that. We then communicated through cards, texting and many prayers. We were able to have a small reunion one time. We loved him and his family so much, always have and always will . He will always be remembered as "Favorite Cousin". Waiting for that great day, when we are all together again with Jesus.*

Patti Curtis - November 01, 2024 at 02:26 PM

MH

*Thank you so much. What a reunion in heaven had with his Mom and dad, grandparents, aunts and uncles. I miss him so much. Love you all, Missy*

**Melissa Tucker Hudson** - November 14, 2024 at 10:30 AM

WF

*“ With love, Leslyn’s work family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Leroy Tucker.*



**With love, Leslyn’s work family** - November 01, 2024 at 10:13 AM

CH

*“ Such a talented & supportive man. He will be missed. Prayers for Tamara & the family & friends who mourn his loss.*

**Connie Hood** - October 29, 2024 at 04:02 PM

FH

*“ Tamra and family so sorry to hear of your loss. Even though we never met Jerry he was a very talented man. Our prayers are with you and your family. Susan and Frank Hensley*

**Frank and Susan Hensley** - October 28, 2024 at 11:26 AM

JP

*“ Hi friend, Jerry. I know you are experiencing that little bit of heaven and all are singing and playing to receive such a kind, talented man. You have always been an inspiration. Rest high, I will miss you.*

**Jim Pearce** - October 27, 2024 at 10:53 PM