



Jerry Ray Harman

March 16, 1931 - January 12, 2024

Funeral services for Jerry R. Harman, age 92 of Ringwood, Oklahoma, will be held at Grace Mennonite Church in Enid, Oklahoma, at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 20, 2024, with Pastor's Lyle Buller and Mike Sommerfeld officiating. A private burial for his family will be held prior to the funeral service at Karoma Cemetery in Goltry under the direction of Anderson-Burriss Funeral Home.

Jerry was born on March 16, 1931 in Meno, Oklahoma. He went to be with his Lord and Savior on January 12, 2024 at 10:25 a.m.

He graduated from Ringwood schools in 1949. After high school, Jerry went to play for the Pueblo Dodgers baseball team. He later worked in the oil fields. Jerry married Elsie Koons on August 28, 1951.

While employed at Central National Bank in Enid, Jerry was called up to serve in the United States Army in 1952. He served in Germany during the Korean Conflict. Jerry was Honorably Discharged in August of 1954.

Jerry and his wife, Elsie, were blessed with two girls. After Jerry's service in the armed forces, he worked for Gold Spot Dairy from 1955 to 1993, after which he retired. He continued to work as a handyman during retirement.

After his return from Germany, Jerry and Elsie rededicated their lives to God

after their daughters were born. They attended Goltry Community Bible Church. Jerry was both an elder and taught Sunday School at Enid Christian Union Church.

Elsie Harman died March 27, 2008.

Jerry and Dona Jantzen were school friends and they later married on May 8, 2011. They resided together in Ringwood, Oklahoma.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Dona Harman; two daughters, Cynthia Brown, Teena Newton and her husband, Robert; 6 grandchildren: Jeremy and Stephannie Brown, Joshua and Julia Brown, Kara and George Regier, and four great grandchildren: Ellianne, Chance, Ethan and Evan; Dona's 5 children; Jean Ann Jantzen French and Sparky Taft, John Martens, Mary and Kevin Balzer; 12 grandchildren: Karla and Eric French, Katie and Philip Fletcher, Hank and Kimberly Martens, Levi and Carolyn Martens, Rachel and Jeremy Rogers, Peter and Kara Balzer; 14 great grandchildren: Maggie, Lucy, Evie, Addie, Max, Earl, Ryan, Luke, Mason, Norah, Sophie, Lane, Luke and Kaley.

Jerry was preceded in death by his wife Elsie Koons Harman, his parents Austin and Martha Becker Harman, his sister Betty Sparks, son-in-law David Brown, and Dona's daughters, Rita Jantzen and Linda Martens.

Memorials may be made through the funeral home to Elara Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Karoma Cemetery

Goltry, OK

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

Grace Mennonite Church
4006 N. Oakwood
Enid, OK 73703

Tribute Wall

EK

“ Uncle Jerry always remembered by birthday as he got his discharge orders on that day and he would remind me from time to time. Kate and I were about the same age as Cynthia and Teena and would sometimes stay over with Uncle Jerry and Aunt Elsie. I remember how kind and what a good cook she was. Jerry was a hunter, which always intrigued me as that became a passion for me starting at an early age. I always enjoyed and looked up to my uncle. We all went to Colorado one summer on vacation and had a great time. Sheila and I moved away for a number of years and one of the highlights when I got back was spending a day with him in his blind, just visiting. Sheila and I got to visit with he and Dona this past October and had a great time and were looking forward to our next visit. Knowing Jerry was a man of faith give me assurance that we will be united in glory. I loved my uncle very much. Elgin Koons

Elgin Leon Koons - January 19, 2024 at 07:35 PM

SK

“ We are sorry that we can't join the family on Saturday. One memory I have is attending a music jam with Leon, Catherine, Jerry, Elsie, and Elgin. We went to an Elks Lodge or VFW in Enid. We listened to music then sat and talked for hours. Another memory is attending Jerry and Dona's wedding. It was a beautiful day. There are many more memories of the family. Jerry will be missed. Praying for the family. Sheila Koons

Sheila Koons - January 19, 2024 at 05:04 PM

“ Jerry Harman was my next door neighbor and he became a mentor to me in life; after my dad had passed away at such a young age of 42, I was 15 years old and lost. I basically felt I had to take over the duties of my dad, but for experience I did lack. I remember working taking on the repairs of my families home, and trying to keep the vehicles running the best I could. One day I knock on Jerry's door and asked for help on a car I believe was the first time I ever asked for help. He was more than willing to help me when I wasn't able to figure out things on my own, working on cars, the house, and spiritual matters as well. I know Jerry loved baseball and many times he was watching a game he loved so much. Instead of just telling me what I needed to do he stopped what he was doing and came an help and teach me how to repair items I wasn't able to figure out my own. I always loved working with my hands that's why I became a tradesman.

I told Jerry one time I was sorry for all the time I took away from him teaching me about repairs and life at times. He told me Ron do you know why I didn't mind helping you or showing you how to fix anything? Because when I came to ask Jerry for help I wasn't wanting him to do the repairs for me. I was truly wanting to know what to do and he helped me hand and hand, side fixing anything. We did a lot of things together being his next door neighbor twice in life. The second time I live by Jerry I was working in plumbing heating and air conditioning by this time. Jerry came and asked me for help, I was more than happy to be to help Jerry get his old A/C unit running for about three more years before he had to replace his A/C unit, I learned a trick how to fix a broken terminal on compressor to be able to get his cooling again. Made me feel good I was able to help him for a change.

Another memory I will always cherish is when He took my brother and me Quail hunting, rabbit huntinganither time, and creek fishing. I really cherished those moments more than anyone ever knew. Jerry was a very loving, kind, and caring person, but very serious when he had to be that's why I love Jerry Harman my brother in Christ.

Ronald Newton - January 18, 2024 at 10:11 PM

BR

“ I had the opportunity to work with Jerry at Gold Spot Dairy starting in 1975 . Under Jerrys supervision he taught me the upmost respect for management, he was strick but kind in the way he handled adversary. I remember Jerry meeting me out on the route in the back of a restaurant once , while serving the account I introduced him as “ my Boss” to the employees there , when we got outside to fill the order Jerry stopped me & said “Billy , don’t introduce me as your boss , I’m one of the guys , yes sir I replied “ . My goal at that point if I was to ever get into management this is the man I wanted to be like . I made that goal with the help & leaderships I received from Jerry , I managed my employees as “ one of the guys “ , his leadership took me to higher management in the company where asking for his advise lead me to higher standards . Jerry , I admire you for the Man you were & teaching me to be that manager you were . RIP my friend & mentor .

Billy Rehder - January 17, 2024 at 09:51 AM

KK

“ I wish that I could be with you all on this day to pay tribute to Jerry. Please know that my heart is with you at this time. I have many fond memories of Uncle Jerry. His home was my second home growing up. I remember that Jerry was fond of Pontiac cars, hunting, and his dog Major. Also visits to Martha’s farm and her dog, Smiley. It took some time for Jerry and Martha to connivence me that the dog was happy to see me and was "smiling" and not baring its teeth at me. Also, the times I spent with the family at church. Ya’ll are very much a part of the fabric that is my life. Much love from your niece and cousin, Kate (Kathy).

Kate Koons - January 16, 2024 at 08:43 PM

KK

“ Kate K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Ray Harman.

Kate K. - January 16, 2024 at 08:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerry Ray Harman.



January 15, 2024 at 10:11 PM

MT

“ MPLX G&P FEED Team purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Jerry Ray Harman.



MPLX G&P FEED Team - January 15, 2024 at 12:36 PM