



Jerry Petty

February 24, 1941 - June 19, 2019

Jerry Petty passed away June 19, 2019 at his home in Dallas surrounded by his family. He was born on February 24, 1941 to the late Buster and Virginia Petty in Brady, Texas. He was raised in San Angelo, Texas and married Wilma Henten Davis and together they had four children.

Jerry had many different jobs throughout life. From driving trucks, working on freight docks and working in a machine shop. Later, he decided to return to school to pursue a career in the medical field. Jerry graduated from El Centro College in 1977 with an associate degree in nursing. In 1978 he started a career of psychiatric nursing at Terrell State Hospital. That is where he met his loving wife, Betsy. They married on February 29, 1980. Jerry cherished what he accomplished while being a nurse. He held himself and others working with him, and for him, with the highest standards and regards. Jerry would go on to serve as a nursing research coordinator at the state hospital when program was first developed. He also worked with pharmaceutical companies. Doing blind studies on patients for newly developed medications to treat schizophrenia. In 1987 Jerry moved to Missouri where he opened a Stress Unit in the town of Clinton. He served as Stress Coordinator until returning to Texas.

Jerry was a man of many talents. He was an exceptional craftsman in wood working. Jerry also made jewelry. He very much enjoyed working with his hands. He also had such a beautiful way with words. He wrote lovely poems and even won some awards. He also wrote and published a book, "When

Darkness Came Out to Dance” in 2010. There is no doubt about how proud his family was about all his accomplishment. Jerry loved life and found joy in every aspect of it. He loved his Texas and Louisiana family and friends with his whole heart. He will be very missed by everyone who knew him.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents, James and Virginia Petty, his brother Michael Scott Petty, his father in law Joseph “J.W.” LaCour; his sisters and brother in law, Mary Petty, Dixie Withrow LaCour and Justin Davis LaCour; as well as his nephew Gordon “Cody” Gunter. He leaves to cherish his memories his wife; Betsy LaCour Petty; his daughters, Lynda Gayle Odom (John) and Ruth Darlene Jones (Tim); sons, Steven Wayne Petty (Patty Michelle) and Jerry Earl Petty Jr.(Cindy) ; his grandchildren: Johnna Lynn Odom (Matt Jarrell), Onnie Pfalzgraf (Brandon) , Charity Bunch (Greg) , April McFrate (Charles) , Eddie Hammond (Danielle), Steven Petty (Cheyenne), Sheyna Petty (Dustin Duhon), Jerry (Jay Jay) Petty, Tracy Petty, John Petty (Raynee), Carissa Petty; his great grandchildren: Evan McDonough, Andromada Brazzell, Victoria Pfalzgraf, Bradley Bunch, Kelsey Bunch, Serena Hammond, Chloe Hammond, Aspen Duhon, Jolie Duhon, Waylon Petty, Emberlynn Reign Petty, Briana Petty; his brother, Jim Petty and sister, Sharon Sharrod; his Mother in law, Stella La Cour; and his sisters in law: Helma LaCour Rabal (Clifford) and Linnea LaCour Templin. As well as a host of extended family and friends.

Funeral service will be 11:00am, Friday, June 28, 2019 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel with interment to follow at Oakland Memorial Park. The family will receive friends 5:00pm to 7:00pm, Thursday, June 27, at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Oakland Memorial Park

1000 W. Moore Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Funeral Service

JUN 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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642 N. Rockwall Ave.
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Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry Petty*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *I offer my sincere condolences to Jerry's family and loved ones. He was a good and decent man. He was a hard working man. I worked with Jerry at Terrell State Hospital for a number of years. He was a very capable clinician and manager. Jerry possessed an uncanny ability to communicate across a wide range of people no matter their personality, circumstance, or level of education. Jerry was a great advocate for people with mental illness. He was also a tireless advocate for the people on his team. When Jerry spoke he did so with the confidence that comes from being very well-studied and informed. He also held the strength of an open mind and the intellect to clearly and quickly process all of the information at hand. I admired Jerry. I enjoyed working with him. May Jerry's memory bring peace to his family.*

Fred Hale

Fred Hale - July 10, 2019 at 11:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry Petty.*



June 27, 2019 at 06:40 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of Jerry Petty.



June 26, 2019 at 10:35 PM



“ *Doug and Lisa Winfield* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Jerry Petty.



Doug and Lisa Winfield - June 26, 2019 at 10:53 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Jerry Petty.



June 25, 2019 at 05:36 PM



“ 172 files added to the album LifeTributes



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - June 25, 2019 at 03:46 PM



“ *"The Old Rugged Cross 30" Rose Gold Sonnet C hime was purchased for the family of Jerry Petty.*



June 23, 2019 at 03:04 PM



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



June 23, 2019 at 02:35 PM



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



June 22, 2019 at 05:25 PM



“ *Richard & Tricia Selman lit a candle in memory of Jerry Petty*



Richard & Tricia Selman - June 22, 2019 at 11:20 AM



“ *Michele Buchanan sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerry Petty*



michele buchanan - June 22, 2019 at 01:10 AM

JH

“ Jerry was my next door neighbor when I was a young child in San Angelo, TX. I was happy to know of his many accomplishments in life as I read about them in his obituary. My prayers and thoughts for all of his family. Jim Petty and Sharon Sharrod, I treasure the memories of both of you and Jerry. I know Jerry is having a joyful reunion in Heaven with your parents and brother. May the many memories of your brother help you through this difficult time. May God bless and comfort all of Jerry's family.



Jerry Hillq - June 21, 2019 at 10:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry Petty.



June 21, 2019 at 09:21 PM

DM

“ Debbie Milliken-Martin sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerry Petty



Debbie Milliken-Martin - June 21, 2019 at 07:11 PM

DM

Betsy I'm so sorry for your loss. The few times I met Jerry he was a friend. You and your family will forever be in my heart, in my thoughts and in my prayers.

Debbie Milliken-Martin - June 21, 2019 at 07:15 PM

Jl

“ Jimmie purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Jerry Petty.



Jimmie - June 21, 2019 at 05:39 PM