



Jerry C. Townsend

December 26, 1945 - March 6, 2025

Jerry Calvin Townsend, 79, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, passed away Thursday, March 6, 2025 with his loving family at his side. He was born December 26, 1945 in Muskogee to Alvin Ira and Dorothy Pearlene (Green) Townsend. He attended public schools, graduating from Fort Gibson High School. He furthered his education at Bacone College, and later at Texarkana Community College.

Jerry proudly served as a member of the Army National Guard, Unit 45, for 18 years.

He married Shirley Jean Kizzia on October 31, 1977 in Muskogee. They shared more than 47 years of life, marriage, and memories together.

He worked in steel manufacturing for Muskogee Iron Works, Union Metals, and Tex Ark Joist in Hope, Arkansas. He retired in 2014 from Valmont Steel in Tulsa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Dorothy; his twin brother, Joe; and his grandson, Cody Ramming.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife, Shirley, of the home; daughter, Hunie Townsend of Lewisville, TX; sons, Steven Townsend of Muskogee, Jerry W.

Townsend and wife Alice of Fort Gibson; brother, Bobby Townsend and wife Barbara of Fort Gibson; grandchildren, Sarah Townsend, and Jessica Mahee; nieces and nephews, Bobby, Belinda, Brett, Tracy, Brian, and Christina; sister-in-law, Maxine Townsend; along with other family members and friends.

A memorial service for Jerry will be at 2PM, Thursday, March 20, 2025 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel.

The family requests if anyone has any special remembrances of Jerry, you will be given the chance to speak at the memorial service or it can be read by Hunie Townsend.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial be made in Jerry's honor to the Parkinson Voice Project. Memorials can be made online at parkinsonvoiceproject.org. or at 646 N Coit Rd, Ste 2250, Richardson, Texas, 75080.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel
1830 N. York St.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall

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“ Renee Tinney lit a candle in memory of Jerry Townsend



Renee Tinney - March 20, 2025 at 10:13 AM

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“ Shelly Walkingstick Moore lit a candle in memory of Jerry Townsend



Shelly Walkingstick Moore - March 12, 2025 at 06:42 PM



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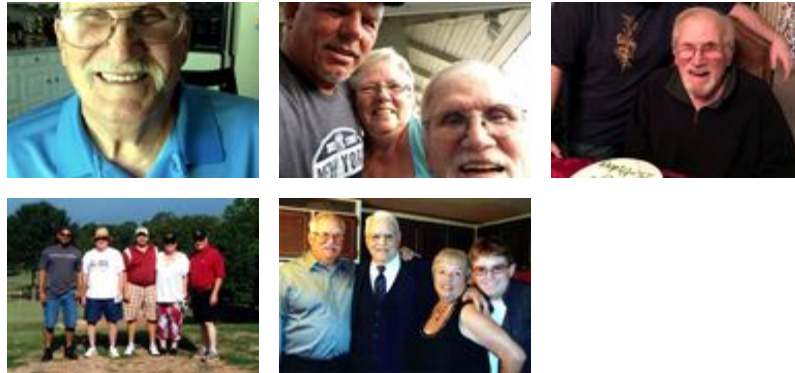
“ Dena Gant Hughes lit a candle in memory of Jerry Townsend



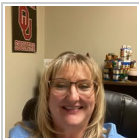
Dena Gant Hughes - March 10, 2025 at 07:26 PM



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“ *Monica Mabry lit a candle in memory of Jerry Townsend*



Monica Mabry - March 10, 2025 at 04:32 PM