



Jerrell Emmette Terrell

February 21, 2019

Jerrell Emmette Terrell, 85, of Little Rock, passed away February 21, 2019 with his family at his side. Born in Groves, Texas to Betro Shay Terrell and Emma Nell Perkins Terrell, he was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War, a high school teacher and a home builder. He received his B.S. and Master Degrees from the University of Arkansas. Jerrell was a Deacon at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Betty Jean Avery Terrell; sons, Alan Terrell (Gwen) of Bella Vista, Arkansas, Wade Terrell (Tammy) of Beaumont, Texas, and Shay Terrell (Melissa) of Little Rock; brother, J. D. Terrell of Trinity, Texas; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and one sister.

Services will be held on Monday, February 25 at 11:00 a.m. at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church on West Colonel Glenn Road in Little Rock, officiated by Bro. Randy Hawkins.

Arrangements by Little Rock Funeral Home, 8801 Knoedl Ct., (501)224-2200. Jerrell's online guestbook may be signed at www.littlerockfuneralhome.com.

Comments



“ Mr Terrell was the kindest sweetest man i have ever met. i had the honor of moving into his rent house and he always had a smile and some lesson for my kids. my daughters truly loved him Brianna And Avery whl he felt was names aftrr his wife. Mrs Betty And family may you find the peace that passes undedstanding

Jennifer Lynch - February 25 at 09:21 PM



“ Jerrell was a great teacher and mentor, was in his shop class in Elkins class of 1959. Still use the skills that Mr.Terrell taught back then. So happy to have known him. Mayor Bruce Ledford Elkins Arkansas

Bruce Ledford - February 25 at 12:15 PM



“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Sending love from our family to yours. He always had a great big smile and never meet a stranger.

Carroll & Barbara & Barbara Carol Ball, Carroll Wayne and Amber Davis,
Doug & Carolyn & Courtney Wyse & Brittney (Wyse) Casady

Carolyn Wyse - February 25 at 10:43 AM



“ My thoughts are with your family during this time.
Glenn Warren Rochelle

Glenn Warren Rochelle - February 25 at 09:55 AM



“ Jerrell Terrell was a true friend and mentor to me when we were taking classes together at the U of A. He was a teacher at Fayetteville High School when I was hired to teach there in 1960. He set a good example in the classroom and in life. He could make anything in the wood shop. He was a good carpenter and a "Jack of All Trades." He even built their home in Elkins. He believed in vocational education in high school. He was instrumental in starting the area vocational high school called Sequoyah Tech in Fayetteville.

He and Betty have been our friends for 59 years - what a record!

Sincerely,

Jack and Mimi Mathis

mimi mathis - February 24 at 04:38 PM



“ This was a guy who liked, laughed and joked with everyone he met (although I witnessed him make a certain few lumber yard salesmen and cement truck drivers on what he thought were overpriced jobs very nervous.....rightfully so!). Whether it was showing a student how to use a hammer and nail, how to measure with an architect's scale, how to use a band saw or lathe....he took pride in his gifts with his hands on everything he did and certainly mentored many, including myself. Not only a strong believer in the promotion of vocational education, I know he also had deeper vocations to his family, friends, church, and co-workers. I still quote his favorite phrase when he wrapped up a classroom lesson....."now.....in a nutshell." Not many students are lucky enough to have the same great teacher in three grades.....8th, 9th, and 11th.
Peace be unto you and Woo Pig Sooie, Mr. Terrell. And please forgive me for being a big UT fan!
Louie DeVillier
PNG Class of '78

Louie DeVillier - February 24 at 01:08 PM



“ We had a great time in drafting class at Thomas Jefferson, and a great teacher. God rest your soul Mr.Terrell. Remember the fall of 1970 when you offered a steak dinner to anyone in the class who could guess the score of the Texas vs Arkansas Shootout II, just a week before the big game? Everyone was expecting a close game just as the year before, and I guessed sometime like 42 to 6 as a joke on my favorite Hog fan. I missed winning the challenge by one point. I think the final was Texas 42 and Arkansas 7. God has a place in heaven waiting for you for being such a patient man and wonderful teacher. Go Hogs-Soooh-wee Pigs!

Joe Arisco
TJ Class of "73

Joe Arisco - February 23 at 08:42 PM



“ Lisa and Family sending our love and prayers to the family - especially to our Precious Aunt Betty! We are with you all in heart.

So much to say about our precious Uncle Jerrell because he was and is so MUCH to so many! He did so much for others! His life was a true testament of a loving, kind, wise, humorous, giving, teaching Christian man. My sisters and I were blessed

enough to be close to him, Aunt Betty, Shay, Wade and Alan - growing up in Texas! What a wonderful family! So many shared and cherished memories and conversations. Uncle Jerrell even taught me how to tie my shoes at the age of four! I loved listening to his stories and funny jokes. I have tremendous respect for this larger than life man! He was one of my heroes from a very early age.

He was helpful in helping our Mother during a very trying time and forgave my Daddy of his indiscretions - he was like this - he had a huge heart - he was a man of great character - a true Christian man in every sense of the word! Thank you from the bottom of my heart Uncle Jerrell for loving my parents and for loving us! Thank you for your continued phone calls checking in on us after the loss of our precious Mother! Meant the world to me/us!!!

In reference to his "funny" side... in the late 90's I was managing a large department store and he and Aunt Betty came by to see me along with my Mom. I was in the office when I heard a loud Sooeey Pig call and heard a booming voice holler out to me that Arkansas had come to see me! I came out of the office and he had a huge smile on his face! Everyone in the store was laughing and smiling! Uncle Jerrell had a way of doing that -Making everyone feel welcomed and loved. I know the Angels are smiling and listening to his stories now!

Thank you God for sharing our Uncle Jerrell with us and the world for as long as you did! I think I just heard a bell ring! We love you and will miss you so very much!
Your Niece, Lisa Sellers Roberts (Peggy Avery's middle daughter) and Family.

Lisa Sellers Roberts - February 23 at 03:27 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerrell Emmette Terrell.



February 23 at 09:19 AM



“ Mr Terrell was an awesome drafting teacher at PNG. He was such an inspiration.





“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Jerrell Emmette Terrell.



February 22 at 10:51 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Jerrell Emmette Terrell.



February 22 at 10:32 PM



“ Bro. Jerrell...a giant of a man with a big smile and an even bigger heart...who loved his Lord, family, church and friends. His shoes will be hard to fill....he is missed. 'till we meet again, Randy and Suzanne Hawkins

Suzanne Dean Hawkins - February 22 at 09:21 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Nicole - February 22 at 05:42 PM



“ Love!!!

Lisa Sellers Roberts - February 23 at 03:30 PM



“ Dear Betty,

I am deeply saddened to read of Jarrell's passing. He always added to our EH meetings. He liked to tease me because I didn't know pi. I know it now. He always had a new joke for us. You have a lovely family. I'm sure they will help you through this difficult time.

With love, Frances

Frances Johnson - February 26 at 07:57 PM