



Gerald "Jerry" Arlow Jenison

October 23, 1926 - January 25, 2022

Gerald "Jerry" Arlow Jenison, previously of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, went to be with his Lord and Savior on January 25th, 2022. He passed peacefully at his home in Charleston, Arkansas, surrounded by his loving family. Born October 23rd, 1926, in Enid, Oklahoma, he was the son of Arlow and Ruby Jenison. Jerry grew up on a farm northwest of Enid where he helped with the family dairy farm, learned to grow and harvest all types of crops, swam in the creeks and ponds, rode horses, and had many adventures with his brother and cousins. He was a 1944 graduate of Enid High School, where he excelled in both sports and academics.

Following graduation, he enlisted in the Navy. After his discharge, he came home and attended Phillips University in Enid, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. It was in college where he met the love of his life, Patricia "Pat" Anne Donica. Jerry and Pat were married on February 15th, 1953, at Pennsylvania Avenue Christian Church in Oklahoma City, where Pat was serving as the Religious Education Director. They resided in Tulsa for two years where Jerry worked as a statistician at Douglas Aircraft Company. Two of their four children, Mike and Rick, were born in Tulsa.

In 1955, Jerry and Pat bought a 120-acre farm outside of Siloam Springs. This would be the home they dreamed of and where they would raise their growing family, adding another son, Jerry Pat, and finally a daughter, Julianne. Jerry continued to commute to Tulsa, an hour and a half drive one-way, for the next 6 years, never missing a day of work. In 1961, he began working at Brand Rex in Siloam Springs as a Process Engineer.

Jerry and Pat were very active in their church, working with young people and serving in many areas. In 1962, Jerry and Pat became involved in Cookson Hills Christian School, taking young, troubled children into their home to provide a stable, Christian environment. The following year, they moved their family to the school to become educators and full-time house parents to 7 boys, moving back to their farm in 1966. Jerry was a charter member and elder of Twin Springs Christian Church; now Community Christian Fellowship. Throughout the years, Jerry and Pat ministered to hundreds of young people

through youth groups, sponsorships, Sunday school classes, and their work with Cookson Hills, leaving a legacy of what it means to answer God's call to serve others.

Jerry was known for his love of fishing, camping, skin diving, farming, and storytelling. He played a mean game of Wahoo and Carrom, could hit any target with a bow and arrow or rifle, had a wonderful sense of humor, could tell you the name of any bird that he saw, and could solve the most difficult of mathematical equations. He had a steadfast faith, loved unconditionally, had a kind and gentle spirit, a warm smile and an endearing "wink." He was loved, admired and respected by all who knew him, and all who knew him were blessed by knowing him.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Eugene, his loving wife of 56 years, Pat, two sons, Richard "Rick" Allen Jenison and Michael "Mike" Edward Jenison, a granddaughter, Jennica Holloway and a granddaughter-in-law, Becca Jenison.

He is survived by his son, Gerald Patrick "Jeep" Jenison (Julie) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a daughter, Julianne "Juli" Jenison Stec (Steve) of Charleston, Arkansas, a daughter-in-law, Luann Jenison of Siloam Springs, grandsons, Kelby Jenison, Corey Jenison (Jessica), Jay Jenison (Baylee), Amia Stec (Sarah) and Aaron Jenison (McKenzie), granddaughters, Jerra Thomas (Jeremy), KaLee Greenwood (Chad), Barbara "Jennon" Holloway, Jettie Shirley (Hunter) and Heather Wynn (Steve), seven great-grandchildren, a cousin, Don Morgan, several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends who have all been blessed by this amazing, one-of-a-kind man.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m., Sunday, January 30, 2022, at Community Christian Fellowship, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, with Jay Foley and Jonathan Seauve officiating. Graveside to follow at Oak Hill Cemetery and reception at CCF. Arrangements under the direction of Wasson Funeral Home.

A special thank you for the compassionate care provided by Mercy Hospice - Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

2122 W. University St.
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

Community Christian Fellowship
525 S. Lincoln
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Tribute Wall

CB

“ So many wonderful memories of my Mother's cousin, Gerald, and his wife and kids. When I think of special childhood Christmas memories, he and his family are front and center. He and my Mom continued to talk on the phone until her passing last Fall. What a blessing he and his family are to us. I'm so grateful to know they are together in the Lord's presence. Much love and appreciation to your family.
Chris Bushnell

Chris Bushnell - February 05 at 03:38 PM

MN

“ Precious, precious family! How could we remember life at First Christian Church, as we were growing up, without mentioning the Jenisens?

Oh, Lord, thank you for this wonderful family... just now memories are flooding into my mind. Jerry Pat, I used to carry you around at church before you even started walking! Aaron Jenisen, you stayed at our house in OKC for a while!

We pray for peace and comfort for each of you.

*With much affection,
Carolyn & Mike Nuthman*

Mike & Carolyn Nuthman - January 30 at 10:54 PM

BL

“ I graduated from high school with both Rick and Mike, and worked with Jerry at Brand Rex for several years. Jerry was a great mentor and always had a word of wisdom for a young man trying to figure out life. He will be missed, but his memory will live on for everyone touched by him.

Bill Lamphear

Bill Lamphear - January 30 at 05:03 PM

HR

“ Heather Rutherford lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry"
Arlow Jenison



Heather Rutherford - January 29 at 09:47 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Arlow Jenison.*



January 28 at 07:45 PM



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Arlow Jenison.*



January 28 at 02:44 PM

LL

“ *Lucas Lay sent a virtual gift in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Arlow Jenison*



lucas Lay - January 28 at 10:09 AM

LL

“ *Lucas Lay lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Arlow Jenison*



lucas Lay - January 28 at 10:08 AM

DH

“ *Dr.Syed Hamid purchased the Shades of Purple for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Arlow Jenison.*



Dr.Syed Hamid - January 27 at 11:55 PM

TR

“ I met Jerry when I would come visit his son Mike at his home. His wife Pat taught me in school. He was a very nice person that loved his family.

Tom Roberts - January 27 at 08:14 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Arlow Jenison.



January 27 at 05:55 PM

CP

“ Jerry was a great man and a fantastic supervisor at brand Rex he will be missed
C.T. Phelan

C.T. Phelan - January 27 at 05:11 PM

MN

“ Mercy Hospital Booneville Nurses purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Arlow Jenison.



Mercy Hospital Booneville Nurses - January 27 at 03:35 PM