



## Marlon 'Kerry' Brinegar

April 4, 1952 - February 13, 2025

Born on April 4, 1952, Kerry had a love for music, flying airplanes, and his family, each of which brought him immense joy and connection. Kerry had a great love for music, songwriting, and singing, which were central to his life. He spent many years playing with his close friends, Kenny Whitmire and Johnny Mack Lindgren, a musical collaboration that began in 1984. His love for music extended beyond performance; it was a way for him to connect with others and share joy.

Kerry also cherished the time he spent fishing with his wife, Vanessa, a pastime that brought them closer together. His love for aviation was another defining aspect of his life, as he took great pride in flying his planes, sharing the freedom and thrill of aviation with his flying buddies.

Kerry Brinegar, beloved husband, father, and friend, passed away on February 13, 2025, at the age of 72. He was preceded in death by his parents, Winfred and Odessa Brinegar; his son, Casey Brinegar; and his daughter, Shannon Wiggins.

Kerry is survived by his devoted wife and best friend, Vanessa Brinegar; his two sons, Timothy Brinegar and Barry Brinegar; and his grandchildren, Tim Brinegar, Hunter Brinegar, Alicia Brinegar, and Phoenix Roby; grandsons, Ezra and Wren Wilson; and great-grandson, Harold Brinegar.

He is also survived by his sister, Susan Pennock and husband Geoff; his brother, Tony Brinegar and wife Linda; his brother-in-law, Wilson Foreman and wife Karen; his sister-in-law, Terri Hendrix; his brother-in-law, Watie Foreman

and wife Nancy; his sister-in-law, Paula and husband Jimmy McKnight; his aunt, Nelda Brinegar; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends whom he considered family.

He has often been talked about as “the best man they ever knew,” and those who loved him will forever hold his memory in their hearts.

A service to honor Kerry’s life will be held Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 1:00 p.m., at Gentry Seventh Day Adventist Church, 21090 Dawn Hill East Rd, Gentry, AR 72734, with Abiel Salgado officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, 13455 N Mt Pleasant Rd, Gravette, AR 72736. To sign the online guestbook, please visit: [www.wassonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wassonfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Pleasant Cemetery

15651 W. Hwy 72  
Gravette, AR 72736

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

FEB 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

Gentry Seventh-day Adventist Church  
21090 Dawn Hill East  
Gentry, AR 72734

## Burial

FEB 18 (CT)

Mount Pleasant Cemetery  
15651 W. Hwy 72  
Gravette, AR 72736

# Tribute Wall



“ We just heard today of Kerry’s passing. He was a good loyal friend for many years. He was one of the great men that I was lucky enough to call a friend. My prayers with Vanessa and family.  
*James Melton*

James Melton - February 26, 2025 at 07:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marlon 'Kerry' Brinegar.

February 19, 2025 at 08:20 PM



“ Kerry was a dear friend & flight buddy of my dad, who always spoke very highly of him. My deepest sympathies to Vanessa & family! May God’s comfort abound you! *Carrie (Asher) Stock.*

Carrie Stock - February 18, 2025 at 04:25 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Marlon 'Kerry' Brinegar.



February 17, 2025 at 05:47 PM

NT

“ Nancy and Joe Tarantino purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Marlon 'Kerry' Brinegar.



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**Nancy and Joe Tarantino** - February 17, 2025 at 03:34 PM

NT

“ Nancy and Joe Tarantino planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlon 'Kerry' Brinegar.

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**Nancy and Joe Tarantino** - February 17, 2025 at 03:34 PM

TM

“ Teresa Martin lit a candle in memory of Marlon Brinegar



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**Teresa Martin** - February 17, 2025 at 01:25 PM

JM

“ Jimmy & Paula McKnight planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlon 'Kerry' Brinegar.

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**Jimmy & Paula McKnight** - February 17, 2025 at 12:00 PM

JM

“ Jimmy & Paula McKnight purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Marlon 'Kerry' Brinegar.



Jimmy & Paula McKnight - February 17, 2025 at 12:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marlon 'Kerry' Brinegar.

February 17, 2025 at 11:48 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Marlon 'Kerry' Brinegar.



February 17, 2025 at 11:48 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Marlon 'Kerry' Brinegar.

February 17, 2025 at 11:16 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Marlon 'Kerry' Brinegar.



February 17, 2025 at 11:16 AM

KT

“ Kerry’s Paint and Body Team purchased the Yellow & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Marlon ‘Kerry’ Brinegar.



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**Kerry’s Paint and Body Team** - February 17, 2025 at 08:46 AM

LC

“ Larry and I are honored to have known Kerry, our own personal Elvis! We loved his voice and songs. He sang from his heart and soul, just like he loved people, deeply from his heart and soul. We will miss him! Our prayer is, that through his amazing family and friends, his legacy of life, love and family will continue for many generations to come.



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**Larry and Darla Canup** - February 17, 2025 at 08:44 AM

CP

*We’re so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband, father, and best friend. May God’s arms of comfort surround you all at this time!!*

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**Carlos and Nancy Pardeiro** - February 23, 2025 at 09:52 AM

BP

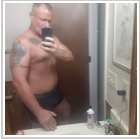
“ Kerry is absolutely the best man I ever had the privilege to work for and one of the very few people that I know I could truly call a friend! Kerry always made time for the ones he loved and always gave the best advice! Kerry was not only my friend but a confidante, mentor and someone I looked up to with the upmost respect!

*The impact he had on my life truly made me a better person!*

*Love you my friend*

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**Bobby Phillips** - February 16, 2025 at 05:51 PM



“ The strongest man I ever knew. Better than me at everything. They don't make those boots anymore. He left a example I can never be. I love you.

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**Tim Brinegar** - February 16, 2025 at 04:00 PM

DD

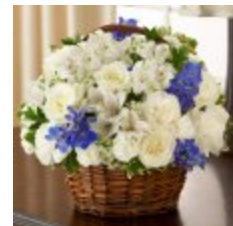
“ Don ( Bubba) and Gail Donell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlon 'Kerry' Brinegar.

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**Don ( Bubba) and Gail Donell** - February 16, 2025 at 12:47 PM

DD

“ Don ( Bubba) and Gail Donell purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Marlon 'Kerry' Brinegar.



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**Don ( Bubba) and Gail Donell** - February 16, 2025 at 12:47 PM

GF

“ Good family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlon 'Kerry' Brinegar.

Good family - February 16, 2025 at 09:22 AM

GF

“ Good family purchased the White Sympathy Baskets for the family of Marlon 'Kerry' Brinegar.



Good family - February 16, 2025 at 09:22 AM

SP

“ Sharon Putman lit a candle in memory of Marlon Brinegar



Sharon Putman - February 15, 2025 at 10:08 PM

LD

“ LINDA WILKINS DUNLAP lit a candle in memory of Marlon 'Kerry' Brinegar



LINDA WILKINS DUNLAP - February 15, 2025 at 09:01 PM

JS

“ Jerry & Cheryl Snell lit a candle in memory of Marlon 'Kerry' Brinegar



Jerry & Cheryl Snell - February 15, 2025 at 08:47 PM

DL

“ The paint jobs he did for me and my Dad were outstanding, he could paint flames better than anyone could. He was always a joy to visit with. Prayers for the entire family. 🙏🙏 Doug Londagin

Doug Londagin - February 15, 2025 at 06:44 PM

KD

“ Karen Davis lit a candle in memory of Marlon 'Kerry' Brinegar



Karen Davis - February 15, 2025 at 05:49 PM

JC

“ Lex and I send our love and prayers.



Janie Cannon - February 15, 2025 at 04:51 PM