



Mr. Jerry Lewis Arthur

January 9, 1950 - February 7, 2025

Jerry Lewis Arthur 1/9/1950~2/7/2025

Jerry Arthur was born in Neshoba County to M.L. and Annie Maude Arthur, and reared by his Aunt Macie and Uncle Clinton Arthur in Neville following the untimely death of his mother nine days after his birth. He had a close bond with his sister Betty and those within his extended Arthur and People's family.

He finished high school at Sebastopol in 1967 and went to Pascagoula to work at the shipyard where he learned to weld. He lived with his sister Betty until 1969, moving back to higher ground after Camille. He often shared stories of hearing B.B. King in person and hanging out with Jimmy Buffet and crew before they were even known. He also played the guitar and enjoyed country music especially Merle Haggard and Waylon & Willie. He thought Kris Kristofferson was the greatest song writer ever.

He married and had two daughters Jennifer and Kara, was stepfather to Melanie and later to Teresa, Diane's daughter. He was also survived by Jennifer's children; Macey, Kennedy, Kane, Ann Reagan Henderson of San Antonio, Tx; Kara and David's children; John David and Will Nugent of Decatur, Teresa's son; Zachary Savoie of Brandon; Niece, Sherri Chislom, and nephew, Tom Chislom.

He worked with Peoples Construction for 30 years building metal buildings all over Mississippi. He supervised many jobs and was very skilled running heavy equipment of all kinds.

He was an avid deer hunter, gardener, enjoyed wood working and sitting on the back porch to relax and keep an eye on his cows and farm. He was proud of the house that he built with his own hands, marrying Diane inside it in 1997.

After he retired in 2006 due to cancer, he helped many neighbors, family, and friends with welding and many other repair projects, expecting nothing in return. He would drive around and patrol the Good Hope community, stopping if he noticed anything unusual, and once prevented a chicken house from burning down. He also checked on neighbors and welcomed newcomers to the area making lifelong friends.

Later in life, he enjoyed growing his tomatoes, berries, plums, and muscadines, making wine as a hobby which he gifted to many. He also enjoyed being Papaw to his grandchildren, watching college sports especially the Ole Miss Rebels, and loved his little dog Bentley. He spent many hours on the back porch with friends and family sharing his life stories.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital a cause he supported most of his life; or to any cancer charity, as he often donated his long silver ponytails to make wigs for cancer patients.

Memorial service to be held on February 13, 2025 at Good Hope Baptist Church in Lena, MS
Visitation: 10:00 am
Service: 11:00 am

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Good Hope Baptist Church
Hwy 13
Lena, MS

Funeral Service

FEB 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Good Hope Baptist Church
Hwy 13
Lena, MS

Tribute Wall



“ *Andy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Lewis Arthur*



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