



Mr. Jerry Lynn "PopPop" Harris

May 30, 1948 - February 25, 2016

Celebration of Life for Jerry Lynn "PopPop" Harris, 67, of Gilmer will be held 2 P.M. Monday, February 29, 2016 with Bro. Randal Hodges officiating at the chapel of McWhorter Funeral Home. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Jerry was born on May 30, 1948 to C.A. and Ruby Elizabeth Green Harris in Gilmer. He passed away February 25, 2016 in Longview.

Mr. Harris was a graduate of Gilmer High School Class of 1966 he was a track and football star. Jerry also served his country in the U.S. Navy, and retired from Upshur Rural Electric.

He is survived by his wife Patti Harris, Daughter; Patti "Sissy" Wright, Juanita Langford, Erica Flatt and Britney Arnold. Sons; Aaron Harris, Zachary Harris, and Hiban Cornelio. Brother; Roy Harris, Sisters; Ann Stevens, Donna Dugger, and Barbara Wright. Grandchildren; Jordin Garrett, Jaden Wright, Ashton Wright, Savannah Langford, and Sydney Grace Langford. Great grandchildren; Kendall Salazar, Kinly Hawkins, Kaley Hawkins, Kenna Faith Hawkins, and every child or friend that lived, loved and became a part of our extended family.

Mr. Harris is preceded in death by his parents, brother; Doyle L. Harris, son; Jerry Lynn Harris Jr., and son in law Jimmy Dale Wright.

If so desired please send donations to the American Cancer Society 1301 S Broadway Tyler Texas 75701 ATTN: Relay for Life of Upshur County

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

FM 2088
Gilmer, TX 75644

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **29**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Service

FEB **29**. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Jerry Lynn "PopPop" Harris*



McWhorter Funeral Home - February 28, 2016 at 01:31 PM

DH

This is a beautiful tribute. Much love and prayers to his family. He will be greatly missed.

Denise Hart - February 29, 2016 at 09:45 AM

T(

I will always remember him for his beautiful smile. I love you Patti, I know how hard it is, I lost my husband in 2009. Jerry will be missed greatly

Terry Meagley (Jackson) - March 01, 2016 at 06:15 PM

CS

Such a special tribute filled with so many smiles and priceless memories. This special man will be missed greatly. Love and hugs to all the family.

Cindy Steger - March 02, 2016 at 12:16 AM

PH

49 years to the day I MET MY JERRY HE LEFT me to be with our LORD. There are no tears in heaven. Thank YOU MY LORD for those 49 years. And BY THE WAY... it was LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT. Thank you Tom Steppick and Janet Messer Steppick for introducing us. I love you guys. Remember we couldn't understand a word he said? EXCEPT.....It's like a Forrest. And then he asked me if I wanted to go on a picnic the next day.

Patti Arsi Harris - March 02, 2016 at 10:50 PM

PH

To Know him was to love him.

Patti Harris - April 19, 2016 at 12:42 AM

DW

I know for sure you and your brother, my daddy (Doyle Harris) differently had a reunion and danced in the sky.love you & Miss you Uncle Jerry

Darlene Harris Weatherby - March 02, 2017 at 06:39 PM

DS

“ Patti, and rest of family. I had known Jerry since I was a small boy. I kept up with sports, and especially Gilmer Buckeye sports. Jerry along with some of his friends and teammates were my idols as a kid. I would go watch them in the summer two-a -days and whenever I could , manage to hang around see if he or they would come talk to a little punk kid in Jr high. Jerry was bigger than life to me, because I loved track and football, and he was truly a star. Daddy and I would travel to wherever Gilmer was in a meet and I would be mesmerized watching Jerry in the sprints and the relay events.

It was no different in football. I saw him make many long touchdown runs once he managed to get past the line of scrimmage.

Jerry also worked once during the summer for daddy at the Vet clinic, I always felt like a celebrity was somehow in the family for a short time. :) I remember coach Rattan talking to daddy about Jerry and how naturally gifted he was. Once of the most gifted he ever coached.

I ended up working with Jerry here at Upshur-Rural . He was always respectful to me as a kid and then also as adults. I have so many good memories of Jerry.I wish I had stopped to talk to him more often after he retired so we could rehash some of our memories. I will truly miss him, and I am so regretful that he has left us so soon. God has Jerry now.

God bless
Dwayne Studdard

Dwayne Studdard - March 14, 2016 at 07:49 AM

LR

“ Patti and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I know he will be so missed You all are in my prayers.
Liz Richardson

Liz Richardson - March 03, 2016 at 11:04 AM

DL

“ Patti, God bless you and your family. You will forever be in my thoughts and prayers. Such a good and Godly man. Love you much and so sorry for your loss.

David & Lynette - March 01, 2016 at 02:02 PM

DH

“ So sorry to hear about Jerry, prayers for you & your family. He was quite a character when he worked at URECC, great smile. Deb Howell

Deb Howell - March 01, 2016 at 10:32 AM

LP

“ Patti, We were so sorry to hear about Jerry. Please Know our prayers are with you and all the family. Praying for comfort for you and family.

Lorece and June Phillips - February 29, 2016 at 07:07 PM

LL

“ Patti, we are so sorry for your loss. Bro. Jerry was such a great guy. I know you and your family will miss him a great deal. We want you to know thaqt we are praying for all of you that our Lord will give you the strength and comfort that only He can give. May God bless you all !!

Larry and Debbie Lansdale

Larry Lansdale - February 29, 2016 at 03:17 PM

AB

“ Remembering lots of good times with your family. Prayers and lots of love to you.
Amorette Ritter Burch



Amorette Ritter Burch - February 29, 2016 at 11:06 AM

LJ

“ I remember working with Jerry at URECC. We never knew what he was gonna do or say. He was a character! and a super guy. Never ran into him when he didn't have a smile and a happy thought. My condolences to his fantastic wife Patti and the family.
Lula Johnson

Lula Johnson - February 29, 2016 at 09:19 AM

 Teresa Richey

“ God needs all the good ones to prepare for our arrival. Wonderful man and greatly loved. Will be missed truly!



Teresa Richey - February 29, 2016 at 08:48 AM



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes



McWhorter Funeral Home - February 28, 2016 at 01:33 PM



“ *When our grief seems almost too much to bear, Jesus whispers, "Peace." May our great Comforter give you peace in the days that lie ahead.*

Larry W. Osborne - February 27, 2016 at 11:29 PM



“ *I needed a place to go when I was younger and this wonderful man and awesome wife took me in no questions asked.. Whoever u were he treated u like family... One great man*

Alicia Michelle Grimes - February 27, 2016 at 12:19 PM

KR

“ My dad, Coach Rattan, always respected Jerry as a football player, but when it came to track, I think he was simply amazed by him. My brother Don, who describes Jerry as his idol, shared this memory with me. It was the mile relay. Jerry had the final quarter mile. When he got the baton, Gilmer was so far behind that there was no way we could ever catch up. But Jerry DID, and he won the race by an inch at the tape! He was truly amazing and he never gave up. I can only imagine how much you will all miss him. May you find peace in your wonderful memories. Kateva Rattan Rossi

Kateva Rattan Rossi - February 27, 2016 at 11:44 AM



“ My grandpa was one of the best men in my life!
I love u with all my heart Poppop and already miss u trillions of times and its only been a day!
I'll be strong and carry on for the family, so you can rest.
Rip , so happy we have the same middle name, and I was named after you. You are so special . Love to all!

Jordin Garrett - February 26, 2016 at 11:23 PM

JS

Roy, so sorry to hear about the passing of your brother. Many prayers for your family dearing this difficult time. Sounds like he was a wonderful brother.
Joy and Paul Stanley

Joy Stanley - February 27, 2016 at 05:25 PM

NG

“ *Patti,
I know this is a very difficult time for you and your family. You have so many friends who care about you and want to help hold you up in prayer at this time. Jerry was a wonderful husband and dad. I know he will be greatly missed. God bless and comfort you.
Love, Rickie and Nelda*

Nelda Gipson - February 26, 2016 at 10:37 PM

MP

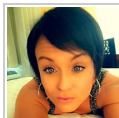
“ *I will always remember Jerry's smile, a smile that always made you think he was up to something. Always friendly and kind to all who knew him. Our friend and classmate will be missed. May God bless Jerry's family and give them peace at this time.*

Mary Player - February 26, 2016 at 09:07 PM

DS

I will always remember the good times we had playing baseball and football. He threw a baseball fast enough to break the sound barrier. He had a way of laughing that just carried over to everyone around and made them feel good. He was a speed demon on the field. You couldn't catch him. He was a person loved by all that knew him and will truly be missed. I know that he is with our heavenly father and I am sorry for our loss.

Don Mike Spencer - February 26, 2016 at 10:20 PM



So sweet !

Jordin Garrett - February 26, 2016 at 11:27 PM

BO

Patti,so very sorry to hear about Jerry. ...you are in our prayers. Don and Brenda Oakley

Brenda Oakley - February 27, 2016 at 05:32 AM

RJ

While taking PE class under Coach Rattan the class was required in last period to run down the old iron ore road south of the High School. As the class struggled to get up a steep hill we were alerted to an oncoming vehicle. It was Coach Rattan in his little ford car coming up the hill with Jerry jogging along beside and showing little effort. I believe that he thought Jerry could just jog on forever. I am still amazed.

I have lost another friend and you have lost a loved one. May God through Christ console each of you as only he can. Jerry was a kind man with a gentle soul. Time makes orphans of us all. Dick Jones

Richard Jones - February 28, 2016 at 12:30 PM

PH

Thank you for sharing your memories with all of us. Please keep remembering. You all have mean the world to be. It has been a week today since his stroke. For the first time I am actually alone. NOT IN THE HOUSE BUT IN OUR BEDROOM. I know now this is all real. Continue to pray for our very large very diverse family. We would have never had it any other way.

Patti Arsi Harris - March 02, 2016 at 11:22 PM