



Mr. Jerry Carl Lee

August 12, 1947 - September 28, 2020

It is with great sadness that the family of Jerry Carl Lee announces his unexpected passing after a brief battle with cancer. At the age 73, Jerry left this earth for his Heavenly home on September 28th, 2020 at St. Francis Hospital in Greenville.

Jerry will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Donna Lee, and his son, Mike Wilson. He will also be fondly remembered by his brother Sam Lee (Janie); his daughter-in-law, Jeanette Wilson; and his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Jerry was predeceased by his wife, Patricia Wilson Lee, and his son, Tony Wilson, along with his parents, Carl and Laura Lee.

Jerry also served in the National Guard. Sergeant Major (Retired) Jerry C. Lee joined the South Carolina Army National Guard on June 3, 1966 and retired on August 11, 2007, after more than 41 years of distinguished honorable service.

During his military career, Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Lee served in many demanding positions. While serving as a citizen Soldier, he was also employed as a Federal Technician from April 15, 1968 until March 27, 1998 with the South Carolina Army National Guard. His areas of specialty were

Human Resources and Air Defense Artillery. He received many awards, decorations, and accolades for his service and achievements. He was also a graduate of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, the highest professional military education for enlisted Soldiers.

Sergeant Major (Retired) Jerry C. Lee was an invaluable leader in the South Carolina Army National Guard who received an honorary appointment to Command Sergeant Major upon his retirement. His plethora of knowledge, skills, and expertise has left a lasting impact on the organization and the Soldiers, Airmen, and civilians with whom he served.

A strong community leader, Jerry had an extensive career in education and served 30 years on the Oconee County school board. He was named chairman in 2018 and served in this position until his passing. Jerry was very instrumental in the construction of the new Walhalla High School and the Hamilton Career and Technology Center. He was also a member of College Street Baptist for almost fifty years.

Jerry was an avid Ford Mustang and car show enthusiast. He enjoyed participating in car shows and won many awards for his vintage Mustangs.

A funeral service in memory of Jerry will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2020, at 4:00 PM, at College Street Baptist Church. Graveside services will be private. Visitation will be held from 6:00-8:00 PM, Friday, October 2, 2020, at Davenport Funeral Home. Mask are required to attend the services.

In lieu of flowers, those who so desire may make memorial donations to College Street Baptist Church, P.O. Box 340, Walhalla, SC 29691.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **2**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home
311 S Highway 11
West Union, SC 29696
(864) 638-3611
davenportfhome@gmail.com
<https://www.davenportfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

OCT **3**. 4:00 PM (ET)

College Street Baptist Church
407 South College Street
Walhalla, SC 29691
<http://www.collegestreetbaptist.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Jerry Carl Lee*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Donna, Clarence and I were deeply saddened by the news of Jerry's death Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Carolyn L. Blankenship - October 08, 2020 at 08:32 PM



“ *Dennis & Norma Baumgarner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee*



Dennis & Norma Baumgarner - October 05, 2020 at 12:23 AM



“ *I just heard of this sad news. It was a pleasure taking care of him. Hugs and prayers to a sweet family. May God bless you in this time of sadness and give you peace that he is no longer hurting and comfort that one day we will unite with him and the Lord
Renea Hewett, st Francis*

Renea - October 03, 2020 at 10:23 AM

LA

“ Jerry was a inspiration for me as a child!
Him and Pat made me a part of their family!
Mike and Tony were my brothers from youngest years!
Jerry had a heart of Gold! I truly love him and the memories I will
hold dear!

Sissy Rholetter (Lynn Rholetter Arterburn)

Lynn Artrburn - October 02, 2020 at 07:02 PM

KH

“ Karen Harmon lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Jerry Carl Lee



Karen Harmon - October 02, 2020 at 02:12 PM



“ Wayne F Barton sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mr. Jerry Carl Lee



Wayne F Barton - October 02, 2020 at 02:10 PM



“ Wayne F Barton sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mr. Jerry Carl Lee



Wayne F Barton - October 02, 2020 at 02:09 PM

KA

“ *Kay and I shall never forget the special favor Jerry did for us. He will always be special.* Kay&Pat Hall

Kay&PatHall - October 02, 2020 at 12:41 PM

AO

“ *Anne Opperman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee*



Anne Opperman - October 02, 2020 at 12:33 PM

KA

“ *Kay&PatHall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee*



Kay&PatHall - October 02, 2020 at 12:14 PM

RA

“ *Rod & Katherine Albertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee*



Rod & Katherine Albertson - October 02, 2020 at 10:44 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee.*



October 02, 2020 at 09:54 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee.*



October 02, 2020 at 08:58 AM



“ *Bleuse & Rita Harper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee*



Bleuse & Rita Harper - October 02, 2020 at 07:57 AM

PT

“ Donna, We pray that God will bless you and family in a special way. Jerry was very humble in all he did. He went about serving his community in a quiet and unassuming manner. A good man with a heart for serving God and country. It was our pleasure to know him. Donna we pray that the Lord will give you strength, comfort, and peace to meet your every need. With much love,

Paul and Mary Tichenor

Paul Tichenor - October 01, 2020 at 09:50 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee.



October 01, 2020 at 01:58 PM

BH

“ Bill Hanvey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee



Bill Hanvey - October 01, 2020 at 01:13 PM

NB

“ A wonderful man, cousin and friend. I will always treasure my memories of Jerry. One of the best cousins we have.

Neal and Susie Brown - October 01, 2020 at 12:53 PM

NB

“ Neal And Susie Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee



Neal and Susie Brown - October 01, 2020 at 12:51 PM

BS

“ I have worked with Jerry in the national guard from the early times if our military careers. He was a true friend, excellent leader, and a true dedicated soldier. In his capacity as a school board member and as the chairman, he demonstrated leadership, compassion and a desire to provide the best education possible for the young people of oconee county. I will miss him greatly. Bill sandifer

bill sandifer - October 01, 2020 at 12:30 PM

GG

“ Ginney Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee



Ginney Green - October 01, 2020 at 10:37 AM

WS

“ Jerry was a dear friend for over 45 years. We shall miss him. May God grant comfort and peace to the family. Wayne & Peggy Sibbett

wayne sibbett - October 01, 2020 at 10:22 AM

JR

“ *John Reid lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee*



John Reid - October 01, 2020 at 09:56 AM

NA

“ *So sorry to learn of Jerry's death. He and I were classmates at Walhalla High School. He and I also joined the SC Army National Guard at the same time in June 1966. He went on to have a stellar military career as well as a passion for education. He will be missed.*

Neal Alexander - October 01, 2020 at 09:55 AM

GJ

“ *Gordon and Marilyn Johnson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee.*



Gordon and Marilyn Johnson - October 01, 2020 at 09:35 AM

DB

“ *We have only known Jerry through College Street Baptist for six years, but have always enjoy our conversations especially about our military connections. Donna, you and the family are in our prayers at this difficult time.*

*Don and Pat Bickers
Retired Pastor
Chaplain, Lt Col, USAF (Retired)*

Don Bickers - October 01, 2020 at 09:23 AM

BD

“ *Bobbie Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee*



Bobbie Duncan - October 01, 2020 at 09:21 AM

AD

“ *Jerry was a classmate of mine..Really nice person..thoughts and prayers go out to his family*



Anna Sue Duncan(DYER) - October 01, 2020 at 04:33 AM

LL

“ *To the family. I am so sorry about the passing of jerry He was a cousin of mine and I always enjoyed talking to him at the car shows and every where we met. His mom and dad were wonderful people and he is now reunited with them. 41 years in service to his country is amazing. I spent 23 years in service and cant imagine anyone staying 41. My prayers are for the family.*

Leonard loudermilk - September 30, 2020 at 10:01 PM

AA

“ *Ann W. Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee*



Ann W. Anderson - September 30, 2020 at 09:40 PM

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Ann W. Anderson - September 30, 2020 at 09:40 PM

CM

“ *Jerry and I lived at McCrady Training Center when He and I worked in Columbia. He was a great friend and Soldier. He and I did many things together while we were there. He will be missed by all of his friends and love ones. We Pray that God will give each one of his family and friends peace that passes all understanding now and forever. We will be Praying for all of you. May God bless each of you and we know that Jerry is pain free now and has seen all of his love ones.*

CW5(R) Tony & Jane McAlister - September 30, 2020 at 09:15 PM

JK

“ *To Donna, Sam, Jeanette, and all other family members... My cousin Jerry was and is such a great guy! He always strived to stay in touch with aunts and uncles as they got older, much like a Lee Patriarch. He and Donna were so very kind to my mother, Ruth, visiting her while she was still in SC, and checking on her often after we brought her to Slidell. That kindness was probably very much displayed to anyone in need that he and Donna knew.*

Sending love to all of Jerry's family. Such a great loss for us, but such a wonderful addition to his Heavenly family!

Joan Kelker - September 30, 2020 at 08:56 PM

DS

“ *Dave & Donna Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee*



Dave & Donna Stephens - September 30, 2020 at 08:19 PM

BB

“ *We will miss you our friend Jerry. Our love and prayers for Donna and family. My God grant you peace and comfort.*
Bill and Reba Butts



Bill/Reba Butts - September 30, 2020 at 08:13 PM

JM

“ *Jim @ Becky Manley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee*



Jim @ Becky Manley - September 30, 2020 at 07:57 PM

BL

“ *Donna, Sam and family, Jerry was one of the finest men I know. He will be missed by so many. My prayers are with you during this difficult time.*
Bobbie Ledford, Rick & Tony Ertzberger

Bobbie Ledford - September 30, 2020 at 07:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee.



September 30, 2020 at 06:55 PM



“ He was a great friend and i will miss him dearly untill we meet again

Jeff bearden - September 30, 2020 at 06:26 PM



“ Burgess (Bird) Laye lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee



Burgess (Bird) Laye - September 30, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ We are greatly saddened by the news of Jerry's passing. We fondly remember him as a great husband, relative and friend. We send our prayers to Donna, his wife, and the rest of his family. Love, Jack and Lorraine Wysor

Lorraine C. Wysor - September 30, 2020 at 05:58 PM

DA

“ Don And Darlene Albertson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee



Don and Darlene Albertson - September 30, 2020 at 05:55 PM

KK

“ We are so very sorry Donna and family. What a kind man he was and will be missed by many.

Kathy Kuhman - September 30, 2020 at 05:52 PM

PC

“ Donna, Sam and Family our thoughts and prayers are with you at the loss of Jerry. May God comfort and keep you in the lonely days ahead.
Pat Culbertson & Family



Pat Culbertson - September 30, 2020 at 04:44 PM

SK

“ Suzanne & Myron Messich and Joan & Paul Kelker purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee.



Suzanne & Myron Messich and Joan & Paul Kelker -
September 30, 2020 at 04:12 PM



“ *John Kim Herndon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee*



John Kim Herndon - September 30, 2020 at 03:29 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers for Jerry's family. Jerry was a friend for many years, and he will be missed.*



Juanita Burrell Johns - September 30, 2020 at 03:26 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Jerry May you all find comfort in knowing that he is no longer suffering. Jerry was a special kind of person always a smile & speaker's ng to everyone . I know that he will surely be missed . God bless you all . Love Betty*

Betty Long - September 30, 2020 at 03:26 PM



“ *Leland And Richadene Talley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee*



Leland and Richadene Talley - September 30, 2020 at 03:15 PM

GD

“ Gary S Dixon purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee.



Gary S Dixon - September 30, 2020 at 02:36 PM

SM

“ Sherry Rogers Moore ~ James M. Brown Elementary School



Sherry Moore - September 30, 2020 at 02:34 PM

NR

“ Nancy Browning Ratliff lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee



Nancy Browning Ratliff - September 30, 2020 at 02:33 PM

BP

“ Barbara Pearson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee



Barbara Pearson - September 30, 2020 at 02:31 PM

SA

“ *Sherry Abbott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee*



Sherry Abbott - September 30, 2020 at 02:25 PM

NF

“ *Neil & Geraldine Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee*



Neil & Geraldine Ford - September 30, 2020 at 02:04 PM

WL

“ *Wanda Long sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee*



Wanda Long - September 30, 2020 at 02:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee.*



September 30, 2020 at 01:57 PM

KM

“ We will always appreciate Jerry's tireless service to education in Oconee County. I will also always remember how I enjoyed seeing and talking to him when he was visiting his dad at Morningside, where my mom lives. It seemed to me he had such a wonderful relationship with his dad! Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. - Kay Owens Moxley

Kay Moxley - September 30, 2020 at 01:53 PM

MS

“ My husband and I used to enjoy running into Jerry and his wife, along with another couple, at Brasstown BBQ a few years back. He would always come by our table to talk and ask how school was going for me. Anytime we saw him out anywhere, he was always so friendly and would take the time to have a conversation with us. He is going to be sorely missed by so many of us in the community. Prayers for the family now and in the days to come.



Melody Shealy - September 30, 2020 at 01:49 PM

DB

“ Don Barrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee



Don Barrett - September 30, 2020 at 01:35 PM

ML

“ I served in the SC Army National Guard with Jerry and he always had a smile for anyone. I always enjoyed meeting and talking with him over the years. His service to his community will be greatly missed. Rest in heavenly peace Jerry.



Marshall Loudermilk - September 30, 2020 at 01:35 PM

BN

“ Billy And Ralph Nix lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee



Billy and Ralph Nix - September 30, 2020 at 01:16 PM

ID

“ Dink & Iris Duncan lit a candle for Mr. Jerry Carl Lee



iris duncan - September 30, 2020 at 12:55 PM

JB

“ Jimmy And Jeannie Barker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Carl Lee



Jimmy and Jeannie Barker - September 30, 2020 at 12:35 PM

JP

“ *Janice Price lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Jerry Carl Lee*



Janice Price - September 30, 2020 at 12:19 PM