



Mr. Jerry "Tank" Ray Wirtz

March 19, 1962 - July 27, 2024

Jerry "Tank" Ray Wirtz, 62, husband of Beth Smith Wirtz, of Westminster, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 27, 2024, and is now in the hands of Our Heavenly Father and his loving parents.

Born in Baltimore, MD, Jerry was the son of the late Lewis and Mary "Lib" Jackson Wirtz. He retired as an Assistant Operations Manager from Pioneer Water District. He was a devoted member of Westminster Wesleyan Church, and a former member of Souls Harbor Baptist Church. Jerry loved the Lord and lived his Christian life as an example of a caring and loving man. He enjoyed hunting, fast cars, drag strips, and fixing things. His most treasured past times were sitting on the front porch drinking coffee and spending time with his family.

Jerry will be lovingly remembered by his wife Beth, and his children: Jeremy Wirtz (Jenny), Gus James (Kaycee), Gary "Pedie" Wirtz, Scott James (Teresa), Priscilla Sanford, and Kelly Gilliam (Austin); brothers: Michael Wirtz (Michelle) and Steve Wirtz (Donna); twenty-two grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Jerry was preceded in death by his son: Timothy Wirtz; late wife: Cindy Certain Wirtz; and brothers: Jimmy Wirtz, Ronnie Wirtz, and Ricky Wirtz.

Jerry's memory will remain in the hearts of his family, friends, and all who had the honor of knowing him.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at Souls Harbor Baptist Church, with burial to follow at Heritage Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at Davenport Funeral Home.

Flowers are accepted.

The family will be at their respective homes.

Cemetery Details

Heritage Memorial Gardens

4500 South Highway 11
Westminster, SC 29693

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 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

JUL 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Souls Harbor Baptist Church
9468 Long Creek Hwy
Westminster, SC 29693

Tribute Wall



“ Davenport Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Jerry "Tank" Ray Wirtz



Davenport Funeral Home - July 30, 2024 at 01:13 PM

TB

“ Trisha Brady lit a candle in memory of Jerry "Tank" Wirtz



Trisha Brady - July 31, 2024 at 02:07 PM

AG

“ Amy G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Jerry "Tank" Ray Wirtz.

Amy G. - July 31, 2024 at 04:49 AM

KS

“ I always loved hearing Jerry pray. Was proud to be his Mama K💕💕

Karen Sharpe - July 30, 2024 at 11:48 PM

MB

“ Mike and Lesia Blair lit a candle in memory of Jerry "Tank" Wirtz



Mike and Lesia Blair - July 30, 2024 at 09:07 PM

PA

“ Patty Alger lit a candle in memory of Jerry "Tank" Wirtz



Patty Alger - July 30, 2024 at 09:01 PM

JO

“ Jerry and Helen Owens purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mr. Jerry "Tank" Ray Wirtz.



Jerry and Helen Owens - July 30, 2024 at 01:18 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Jerry "Tank" Ray Wirtz.



July 30, 2024 at 09:30 AM

RS

“ *Rebecca Smith-McAlister lit a candle in memory of Jerry "Tank" Wirtz*



Rebecca Smith-McAlister - July 30, 2024 at 09:29 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Jerry "Tank" Ray Wirtz.*



July 30, 2024 at 09:15 AM

JW

“ *Janice Jones Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerry "Tank" Wirtz*



Janice Jones Williams - July 30, 2024 at 08:29 AM

LC

“ 🙏💔🙏 *Linda Chapman*



Linda Chapman - July 29, 2024 at 10:25 PM

CS

“ Chris and Mary Stallings purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mr. Jerry "Tank" Ray Wirtz.



Chris and Mary Stallings - July 29, 2024 at 07:42 PM

CB

“ Tank was a good one. So sad to hear of his loss. Always loved being around Tank. He always had a smile for you.

Carrie Burnside - July 29, 2024 at 07:10 PM

HL

“ Beth & family so sorry to hear about this, you are all in our thoughts & prayers for the upcoming day's & if there is anything else we can do please know that we will ! Much love & hugs .



Haskell & Betty Long - July 29, 2024 at 05:33 PM

SA

“ Great Memories of our families and the friendships!

Sheba Allen - July 29, 2024 at 04:55 PM

PA

“ We all have fond memories of Tank and his brothers. As kids all of us cousins played together in Mom and Pop Pops yard. Those were the care free days. Gone too soon

Patsy Mays Adams - July 29, 2024 at 04:01 PM

BH

“ *Brad Hendrix lit a candle in memory of Jerry "Tank" Wirtz*



Brad Hendrix - July 29, 2024 at 03:54 PM

WR

“ *So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. He was a good friend of our brother Gene Owens. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God Comfort you in the weeks ahead.*

Wanda and Phil Rech

Dennis and Virginia Owens

Wanda Rech - July 29, 2024 at 03:29 PM

JH

“ *Praying for the family for peace and comfort only God can give.*



Judy Higgins - July 29, 2024 at 02:30 PM

WB

“ *Knew Tank for many years, went to Church with him, his first wife Cindy , Jeremy, and many other family members. He was a great person to take to and we are certainly going to miss him . Now he is at rest from sufferings of this live. Our Prayers and Deepest sympathy for entire family and those who knew him . The Barton family.*

Wayne F. Barton - July 29, 2024 at 02:10 PM

SB

“ Summer & Guile and boys! purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mr. Jerry "Tank" Ray Wirtz.



Summer & Guile and boys! - July 29, 2024 at 02:09 PM

DS

“ My most treasured memory is how good of grandfather he was to my grandchildren You will truly be missed Tank, heartfelt prayers to Beth and all the family and friends



Dena Smith - July 29, 2024 at 02:03 PM

WB

“ Wayne F. Barton lit a candle in memory of Jerry "Tank" Wirtz



Wayne F. Barton - July 29, 2024 at 02:01 PM

LL

“ Leonard Loudermilk sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerry "Tank" Wirtz



Leonard Loudermilk - July 29, 2024 at 02:01 PM



“ *I’m so sorry to hear of Tank’s passing, but he’s in a much better place. I always thought a lot of him. He was a friend to me and my late husband, Eddie, for many years. He was a good, kind person.* ”

Gail Cobb - July 29, 2024 at 01:52 PM