



Jerry Ray Kittle

July 3, 1942 - June 8, 2024

Jerry Ray Kittle, age 81, entered his home on June 8, 2024. Born in DeKalb County, Jerry found his lifelong home in Albertville, AL, where his presence became a cherished part of the community. A proud graduate of Albertville High School, Jerry showcased his talents in the prestigious marching band, where he played both the French horn and drums. His sense of duty led him to serve his country by enlisting in the National Guard after graduation.

In 1970, Jerry met the love of his life, Barbara, and their beautiful marriage blossomed for 53 wonderful years. Jerry's devotion to his family and his community was evident as he embarked on a successful career in car sales. He spent many years traveling the US working different auto auctions as both an auctioneer and ring-man. When not working, he spent countless hours at the ball fields. Jerry coached hundreds of men over decades in softball. Jerry rededicated his life to Christ many years ago and strived to live his faith, sharing Jesus with many. Throughout the years he served in many different capacities at churches. He was also known for organizing many fundraisers and raising thousands of dollars to help various ministries.

Jerry's greatest joy came from spending time with his beloved family, enjoying cars, Christmas lights, and cheering for Alabama and UAB football. Known for his remarkable ability to connect with people, Jerry never met a stranger. He had a gift for making friends wherever he went, often betting his family that he

would encounter someone he knew on their travels—a bet he always won.

Jerry was very proud of his children and would often introduce them as 'his favorite daughter and favorite son.' Shani, (Drew), Wes, and his treasured grandchildren Trey, Kaiden, and Kaitlyn were his pride and joy. Jerry's love for his family was boundless, and he expressed it often with hugs, phone calls, and affectionate nicknames. His children, son-in-law and grandchildren brought him immense strength, laughter, and joy, and he took great pleasure in hosting events, from festive Christmas light displays to vibrant July 4th celebrations. Jerry had a unique ability to gather people, and his warm, welcoming spirit made everyone feel like family.

Jerry is survived by his devoted wife, Barbara Kittle, his daughter, Shani, and her husband, Drew Whitmore; his son, Jerry Wesley Kittle; his grandchildren, Trey Whitmore, Kaiden Kittle, Kaitlyn Rose Franklin; and his beloved furbabies, Aggie and Eli. His parents and all of his siblings preceded him in death, and he is now joyfully reunited with them at Heaven's door.

A memorial service will be held at 12:00 pm on Saturday, June 15, 2024 at Lifepoint Church in Albertville. The family will receive friends before the service beginning at 10:00 am at the church.

Jerry Ray Kittle will be remembered as a loving husband, father, Pop-Pop, and friend. His legacy of love, laughter, and community spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN **15**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

LifePoint Church
700 Motley St.
Albertville, AL 35950

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

SD

“ Jerry was a man after God's heart. Jerry was a husband that loved his wife as Christ loved the church, Ephesians 5:25-29. Jerry was a father who brought up his children in the Lord, Ephesians 6:4. Jerry was a friend who loves at all times, Proverbs 17:17. Jerry loved the Lord, Matthew 22:37. Jerry believed in the Lord Jesus and he was saved, Acts 16:31. God promised Jerry no one who believes in Christ will be turned away, John 6:37. Jerry is with his wonderful Savior. The Lord took Jerry's sins and gave Jerry His righteousness. What a wonderful Savior, To God be the glory. With love to the family, and love and gratefulness to our Lord Jesus Christ.
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sherri dermo - June 24, 2024 at 11:51 PM

SW

Thank you so much for the kind words Sherry! It is a beautiful tribute to our Daddy! He was one of a kind. We miss him terribly but know that we will see him again. Much love to you and your family! 💜

Shani Whitmore - July 19, 2024 at 08:13 AM

CF

“ Chris Elliott family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Ray Kittle.

Chris Elliott family - June 14, 2024 at 12:42 PM

CF

“ Chris Elliott family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jerry Ray Kittle.



Chris Elliott family - June 14, 2024 at 12:42 PM

YI

“ Yanni's Auto Sales Inc.-Boaz,AL purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jerry Ray Kittle.



Yanni's Auto Sales Inc.-Boaz,AL - June 13, 2024 at 05:50 PM

LS

“ We were sad to hear that Jerry passed. We love Jerry very much and are thankful for the time that we had with him over the years. We offer our condolences to Barbara and all the family. We take solace in the fact that we will see Jerry again in Heaven.

Leamond and Tina Simons

Lee Simons - June 12, 2024 at 11:41 AM

JH

“ Jimmy & Hunter Henry purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Jerry Ray Kittle.



Jimmy & Hunter Henry - June 11, 2024 at 06:10 PM

KM

“ Kevin & Debbie McGlothlen purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jerry Ray Kittle.



Kevin & Debbie McGlothlen - June 11, 2024 at 02:35 PM

SA

“ Shoals North Alabama Auto Auction planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Ray Kittle.

Shoals North Alabama Auto Auction - June 11, 2024 at 12:07 PM

SA

“ Shoals North Alabama Auto Auction purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Jerry Ray Kittle.



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LC

“ Love Ed & Debi Crawford purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Jerry Ray Kittle.



Love Ed & Debi Crawford - June 11, 2024 at 11:34 AM

BD

“ Jerry was a great Christian man.I had the opportunity of working with for several years during his auction days.I know his family and friends will miss him dearly.RIP my friend.

Buddy D - June 11, 2024 at 08:01 AM

BD

“ Buddy D lit a candle in memory of Jerry Ray Kittle



Buddy D - June 11, 2024 at 07:58 AM

JF

“ Barbara lam so sorry. I don't know what to say,love you

Judy Orr Faust - June 10, 2024 at 09:14 PM