



Jerry Rester

December 17, 1943 - March 7, 2020

Charles Jerry Rester was born on December 17, 1943 in Franklinton, Louisiana and passed away on March 7, 2020 at the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Home in Reserve, Louisiana. Jerry was a hardworking husband and father, retiring after 31 years as a boiler operator at the Gaylord paper mill in Bogalusa. He loved children, and they loved him back! Nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and kids at church all benefitted from his fun-loving, playful side as he taught them much about life. Jerry loved our country and proudly served as a U.S. Marine. He loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and served Him proudly through the years at Bogue Chitto Heights Baptist Church and Mt. Zion United Pentecostal Church. Jerry spent the last two years of his life at the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Home in Reserve; he was well-loved there by all who knew him.

Left to continue his legacy of love:

Wife of 54 years: Betty Rester

Son: Deloy Rester of Metairie

Son and Daughter-in-law Danny and Valinda Rester of Shreveport

Grandchildren and Spouses: Jeralyn Rester Wilhite and Scott Wilhite, Jaryd

Rester, Jaylie Rester, Karah Darensbourg, James Druhet and Tye Anders, Kohl Rester, Joy Rester, and Karleigh Darensbourg-Rester

Great-grandchildren: Lexi, Jackson, and Taylor

Also numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Delos Rester, mother Minnie Rester, step-father Will Rester and sister Kathy Rester Jones.

Visitation will be held on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 1:00 PM at Crain Funeral Home in Franklinton, with the funeral to follow at 3:00 PM officiated by Rev. Scott Breland and Rev. Pete Williams. Internment, with full military honors, will immediately follow at Spencer Cemetery.

Honored to serve as pallbearers are Chris Connell, Matthew Diaz, James Druhet, Ricky Mitchell, Scott Mitchell, Jaryd Rester, Kohl Rester, and Scott Wilhite.

The family would like to express our deepest gratitude to the staff of the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Home and the staff at Ochsner Medical Center in Kenner who cared for him through the last week of his life.

Obituaries can be viewed online at www.crainfh.com

Tribute Wall

MD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. You all have been in my thoughts and prayers. I remember Mr. Jerry always running when he was younger. He would run and run. He was kind and funny. I remember as a youngster that he always had jokes and made us laugh. I pray that you all are comforted and have peace. Sending love and hugs to you all.

Melissa Dagro - March 20, 2020 at 10:38 AM

LG

“ So sorry, Betty and family for your loss. May God give you peace throughout this time.

Linda Galloway - March 11, 2020 at 10:08 AM

LS

“ So sorry for your loss. Danny y'all are in my thoughts an prayers

Lynda Swafford - March 09, 2020 at 01:56 PM

LS

“ Jerry was very humble and caring person.. So very proud of his service to our country ,, He loved his family dearly and they loved him. He and Betty were inseparable with their love for one another. He's at rest with our Lord and Savior, To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord!!



Louise Rester Stewart - March 09, 2020 at 08:26 AM

RB

So sad to hear this, even though, for Jerry he is in peace with the Lord. Prayers for you Betty. Pearl

Rosetta Ballard - March 09, 2020 at 09:49 AM

EG

“ I have so many fond memories of Charles, but my two favorite are he was the only person who had enough patience to teach me to drive and he was the only person in the whole world to call me Leola.



Emily Gonzalez - March 08, 2020 at 08:11 PM

LE

“ Leola purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jerry Rester.



Leola - March 08, 2020 at 08:04 PM

RC

“ Jerry was a good friend, a good team mate, and loved his country. and he was the strongest man I ever met. I am proud to have called him a "friend".

ray craddock - March 08, 2020 at 07:37 PM

CF

“ Craddock Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Jerry Rester.



Craddock Family - March 08, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Jerry Rester.*



March 08, 2020 at 05:45 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Rester.*



March 08, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ *Sue Mcilvoy purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jerry Rester.*



Sue Mcilvoy - March 08, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ *Jerry was the best. Such a caring person and he was the best cousin anyone could have. I love him. So sorry to hear he is gone from us. He is in Heaven for sure and feeling so good. He will be missed by everyone that knew him.*

Sue Mcilvoy - March 08, 2020 at 03:52 PM

JS

“ *Jerry was the best cousin a girl could have had! He set the bar high for what was expected from another. I know Jerry is in Heaven at this time! Prayers for all who loved him and will miss him!* ”



Jean Sandifer Stewart - March 08, 2020 at 03:35 PM