



Jerry Norman Duncan

February 21, 1950 - June 14, 2024

Jerry Norman Duncan of Shawsville, Virginia, died June 14, 2024, at age 74. He was born in Radford, Virginia, to the late Myrtle Garland Duncan (Carroll) and Arnold Austin Duncan on February 21, 1950. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Jeffrey Garland Duncan.

Jerry is survived by Stanley William Guthrie, his soul mate and spouse of 48 years; brother, John B. Duncan and wife, Sharon; sister-in law, Robin Duncan; nephews, Bartley Duncan and Zach Duncan; great nephew, Grady Duncan; great niece, Madison Duncan; uncles, Don and Arthur Garland; a number of beloved cousins; and dogs, Lollie and Leala.

Jerry had a great love and talent for music. A student leader of the BHS Warrior Band, he earned First Chair Symphonic and Concert in-State two consecutive years. Jerry received a partial scholarship to Florida State University and established himself as a proud member of the FSU marching Seminole Band. He completed his degree specializing in Music Therapy.

Jerry devoted many years to serving America's Veterans with vision impairment and those in need of hospice care, and our nations wounded warriors. He was a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Christiansburg, Virginia, and was active in "Our House", which is a homeless program affiliated with St. Thomas.

Jerry had no doubts he was coming “home” after retirement. His return was filled with holidays, cooking and enjoying the love of his family...particularly watching his nephews grow up. Nothing was more important to Jerry than family.

Jerry never met a stranger. He was friendly—a listener who made people feel good about themselves. His sense of humor was abundant and free flowing with anyone who needed a laugh. Jerry was a healer, incorporating that life value into his everyday life and was always ready to reach out.

A celebration of Jerry’s life for family and friends is Saturday, June 22, 2024, at 5 PM at McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg, Virginia.

If you choose to honor Jerry by a donation, please consider PETA, Arbor Day Foundation or charity of your favor.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **22**. 5:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel
150 Country Club Dr S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Mendy McCoy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Norman Duncan.*

Mendy McCoy - June 21, 2024 at 03:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry Norman Duncan.*



June 21, 2024 at 03:34 PM

LD

“ *Love Tammy & Dave purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Jerry Norman Duncan.*



Love Tammy & Dave - June 20, 2024 at 06:34 PM

SS

“ *Mike and I extend our heartfelt condolences to Stan and family. We have so many fond memories of Jerry at St. Bede's. He was always full of energy and smiles, especially when cooking for a crowd. Jerry was a true gift to us all.*
Sue and Mike Sartor

Sue Sartor - June 20, 2024 at 06:16 PM

WM

“ *The first time I met Jerry was in ca. He made me feel like family ,Jerry was a very good person. He will be missed by many .*



Walter Mason - June 19, 2024 at 12:02 AM



“ *John and Sharon, I am saddened to hear of your brother passing away. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. I so often think of Myrt, and her smiling face. John, I miss seeing your face at church, and hope you all are doing well. Would love to see you back at CBC one day, if just to visit and say hello, Many changes have taken place and we have a great new pastor. Hugs and love during this sad time in all of your lives... April Stanley Clark*

April Clark - June 18, 2024 at 11:48 PM

LD

“ *Linda Droke (cousin)
Laughter. Being with Jerry meant happiness and laughter. The same week of the bull dog terror 😬
my brother and I argued over who got to sleep with Jerry, so we all three slept together. We told stories and giggled way into the night. Daddy had warned us numerous times to go to sleep but we couldn't stop laughing. Suddenly, the door flew open and we ducked under the covers. Daddy started swinging a belt at the unidentified lumps, letting us know he meant business, and we took him at his word. You could hear a pin drop after that scenario and we fell asleep. We laughed about it the next day and began a new episode of our week with Jerry. To know Jerry was to love Jerry.*

Linda Droke - June 18, 2024 at 06:36 PM

PC

I loved Jerry. Our families grew up together. Every weekend either we were at their house or they were at ours. Jerry was always fun and made us laugh. He loved his music and I have a picture of my boys when they were young dancing on my Mom's coffee table and Jerry was singing and playing the guitar. They loved it. One day he decided we needed to see our Uncle and cheer him up in the VA Hospital. He gave me and Linda instruments to play and we went and sang hymns and other songs and all of the patients around there enjoyed it. He was kind and loving and oh so funny. I will miss him. I know he is in a better place. I send my love to you in heaven. ❤️

Patty Cox - June 18, 2024 at 07:54 PM

MC

“ When we were about 12 years old Jerry spent a week with my sisters and me on summer vacation. We took a walk around the neighborhood and a ugly, ferocious, slobbering, Red eyed bulldog ran us down and stuck his nose on Jerry's leg, (we were wearing shorts) Jerry lifted his hands and eyes towards the sky and said 'dear God please don't let this dog bite me' I was as scared as he was but couldn't help but bust out laughing. I reckon it worked because the old dog sniffed us all real good then went home.

Michael E Garland (cousin) - June 18, 2024 at 05:33 PM

MC

Jerry took a very active role in worship, fellowship and service in his few years at St. Thomas, Christiansburg. His lively wit, belief and knowledge of the faith, sharing his love of beauty thru poetry and music, and his willingness to take on a job and finish it were wonderful. He will be greatly missed! Mary Stuart Cosby

Mary Stuart Cosby - June 19, 2024 at 02:58 PM