



Jerry Wright

February 3, 1959 - July 17, 2019

Jerry Wright, 60, of Woodlawn passed away at his home surrounded by loved ones on Wednesday July 17, 2019 at 12:30am after a long, hard fought battle with cancer. Jerry was born at Christian Welfare Hospital in East St. Louis February 3, 1959 to Ralph and Betty (Lowe) Wright. He spent 7 years of his youth in Texas but returned home to southern Illinois. He lived at his home in rural Woodlawn over 30 years. Most of that time he shared his home with the love of his life, Michelle Prior, and her children that he loved like his own. When the grandchildren came, he could not have been happier or loved anyone more. He was a father figure to many, brother and uncle to several and grandpa to a few. But most of all he was a friend, wise mentor and a loving man. Family was always his number one priority. He would do anything he could to help anyone out. He had a heart the size of Texas.

He did many things in his life including construction, handyman work and farming. In fact, there was not much he could not do or figure out how to fix. He was a very talented carpenter, a knowledgeable electrician and a skilled welder and mechanic. He spent his spare time in his barn full of tools working with his various wood working projects and rebuilding engines big and small. He especially enjoyed camping and spending time on the water when he was able to scuba dive with his brother and nephews.

He leaves behind; two daughters, Bobbie Prior (Dustin Peck) of Centralia and Melanie Buchanan (Pat Brinkley) of Norris City; three grandchildren, Zoey Prior, Jensen Buchanan and Baby Peck; two sisters, Linda Black of Salem and Trudy Banigan of Woodlawn; two sister in-laws, Kathy Wright of Woodlawn and Juanita Wright of Bellville; several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends that loved him beyond measure. Jerry was preceded in death by Michelle, both parents and three siblings; Alene Wright, Ralph Wright Jr. and Benny Wright. Jerry is being cremated per his wishes and there will be no memorial service at this time.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Linsa and Family,
May the Lord wrap his arms around each one of you as you heal and mourn the loss of Jerry. Our prayers are with you. Jerry was a good man to many.*

Leroy and Dawn Duquette - July 19, 2019 at 09:38 PM

CH

“ *Jerry Wright was a brother to me even though he was not blood related He was kind funny and so gentle in many ways
You're going to be missed so very much*

Carol Herschel - July 19, 2019 at 04:04 PM

AB

My most fond memories of Uncle Jerry was at the lake. We would all meet there the last two weeks of July. Even though we all lived spread out all around the country that was the time we would reunite and have fun with the all the could make it. I loved just sitting and talking to him about everything and nothing. He would tell me of the horses he loved. He loved all of us kids and had the biggest heart. Thank you for loving me for me. This is not goodbye it's until we meet again.

Amy Benetin - July 19, 2019 at 04:25 PM

SA

Jerry was my brother-in-law at one time. He was a sweet young man who showed love and respect all the time. He loved his nephews, Matt and Todd, with all his heart. God bless his family for all their care and love. Sylvia

Sylvia Applegate - July 19, 2019 at 04:31 PM

EM

So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. He was a good man and cared deeply about his family. Rest in peace.

Ed Michael - July 19, 2019 at 05:20 PM

RC

Jerry was a wonderful guy. He did a lot of work with my dad Jim Phelps. Jerry helped my dad build my back deck for my trailer and Jerry also built me a computer desk which I don't have anymore but we still have the deck. My dad thought a lot of him. Jerry will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers go out to all the family and friends.

Rhonda Phelps Crawford - July 19, 2019 at 07:34 PM