



James Myrl Kerry

September 12, 1924 - April 25, 2016

James Myrl Kerry went home, April 25, 2016. He passed away in in the hospital, surrounded by his family.

In 1924 Myrl was born in rural Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana to Silva Kerry and Jane Bynog. He grew up in now-day Kistachie Forest with his 6 brothers: Esmay, Narcise, Oliver, Isaiah, Joseph, and Ivy. He loved to hunt and play cards with his brothers.

In 1954 he met and married the love of his life, Goldie. Together they made a home with their 5 children. They were longtime residents of Lancaster, TX, but they spent a great deal of time traveling. Myrl worked for Railroad Maintenance and constructed track all-over the south.

Myrl loved to drive! Goldie was his constant traveling companion, but he also loved to take others. His children and their spouses visited everywhere with him. He was known to take his grandchildren or nephews on spontaneous road trips- sometimes without their parent's knowledge. Long before the internet, he could give travelers step by step directions to destinations and reviews on where to eat along the way.

After his wife passed in 1992, Myrl lived in Derry, LA, but for the last several

years has resided with his son and daughter-in-law, Larry & Peggy Davis in Dallas.

Myrl leaves a legacy of family. He is “Uncle Myrl” to most of Derry and “Papaw” to 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great grandchildren. He is known as “Dad” by his one living son, Larry Davis; two daughters-in-law, Peggy Davis and Lois Davis; and son-in-law, Roy Maxey.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Goldie Mae Redd Kerry; his children Tommy Davis, Brenda Maxey, Gary Davis, and Chereal Stewart; a granddaughter, Rene Maxey; a son-in-law, John Stewart; all his brothers; and both parents.

A short visitation will be held, Wednesday at Byrum Funeral Home in Lancaster, TX from 5 to 8 p.m. On Thursday, Myrl will make his final road trip to Louisiana. There will be a wake at the Emmanuel Church hall that night, and the funeral service will be Friday at 11 am at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Chopin, LA. His remains will then be laid to rest besides those of his wife in Emanuel Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1612843302370350/> or search facebook for "family of Myrl Kerry "group we have started a Facebook group so we can keep in touch and meet our Kerry family. please join us in sharing all the wonderful stories, pictures and memories. Grandpa had a hand in so many of our lives. Let keep his spirit a live together.

Jessica Courville - May 01, 2016 at 11:56 PM



“ Clair LaCrystal lit a candle in memory of James Myrl Kerry



Clair LaCrystal - April 27, 2016 at 04:10 PM

VS

“ Meryl was always kind & had a great laugh. I enjoyed hearing his stories about the railroad & watching him be entertained by his grandchildren. He will be missed by all of us. Love, Virginia & Steve

Virginia Smith - April 27, 2016 at 01:01 PM



I loved his laugh too! I will so miss hearing it!

Sabrina Davis - April 28, 2016 at 11:22 AM

BL

“ *Belinda Lavergne lit a candle in memory of James Myrl Kerry*



Belinda Lavergne - April 27, 2016 at 08:53 AM



“ *Tammy Lively purchased the Violets And Butterflies for the family of James Myrl Kerry.*



Tammy Lively - April 27, 2016 at 01:05 AM



“ *Sabrina Davis purchased the A Devoted Heart Casket Insert for the family of James Myrl Kerry.*



Sabrina Davis - April 27, 2016 at 12:23 AM



“ *Strength and Wisdom Casket Spray was purchased for the family of James Myrl Kerry.*



April 27, 2016 at 12:20 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Myrl Kerry.*



April 26, 2016 at 11:46 PM



“ *Love you Always Grandpa!! For once I'm speechless (I know you are laughing cause that rarely happens) and can't put into words how much you meant to me. I'll Miss you!
Love, Sabrina*



Sabrina Davis - April 26, 2016 at 11:15 PM



“ *Uncle Myrl was always larger than life and filled the house with wonderful stories of working on the Railroad. I have so many wonderful memories of being at Aunt Goldie Mae and Uncle Myrl's house during holidays and weekends. Uncle Myrl always having to come and get us because Mom Stowe and Papa always got lost on the way to the house without fail every single time. He will be missed by so many, his son Larry Davis and daughter in law Peggy Davis along with his many many grandchildren and great grandchildren, his wonderful nieces (mother and I) just to name a few.*

God Bless

Tammy Lively - April 26, 2016 at 11:07 PM

CB

“ *Charlotte Kerry Blackmon lit a candle in memory of James Myrl Kerry*



Charlotte Kerry Blackmon - April 26, 2016 at 09:40 PM

RK

“ *Randy Kerry sent a virtual gift in memory of James Myrl Kerry*



Randy Kerry - April 26, 2016 at 06:33 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Myrl Kerry.*



April 26, 2016 at 06:26 PM

RK

“ *Gonna miss you Uncle Meryl but I'll remember all our good times on ten mile creek, and at the cabin in Louisiana, we had a lot of great Christmas too. God Bless you and Aunt Goldie. Love you.*



Randy Kerry - April 26, 2016 at 05:49 PM

NL

“ So sorry for your loss i remember so much with uncle Myrl and aunt Goldie as a kid I always enjoy going to there house thay always show us so much love in there home. Once a year we would get together with all the brothers and there family's and go to the lake and stay all day till night miss that time. Uncle Myrl would away tell us to watch out for the Hopos lol. Uncle Myrl was a sweet and kind lovein Uncle I love him and I know his-brother s will be happy to see him Uncle Myrl will always have a special place in my heart hugs and kisses your way love aways your niece Nelda Kerry Large.

Nelda Large - April 26, 2016 at 05:46 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of James Myrl Kerry.



April 26, 2016 at 05:33 PM

DK

“ Dave and Jacqueline Kerry purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James Myrl Kerry.



Dave and Jacqueline Kerry - April 26, 2016 at 05:02 PM

DK

“ I remember all too well the times daddy and Uncle Myrl would get together. There was always so much excitement those moments immediately after each arrival. As a youngster, I recall that Uncle Myrl was...well, just cool. In fact, all those Kerry uncles of mine were cool, confident, and strong. Throughout my childhood, we always seemed to have plenty of peach cobbler. I LOVED the cobbler, and I can still taste it to this day--but I just "hated" picking those peaches! Itchy, itchy itchy!! Maybe a worm or two as well. They would say, "Aw, it's good for ya." Imagine my long stare as I struggled to find words that would not be considered disrespectful. I am proud of my family and of my memories with Uncle Myrl and Aunt Goldie. May God bless you with open arms Uncle Myrl as join your family over the Jordan. And while you're celebrating, please tell my Dad how much I miss him.

*David Kerry, son of Narcise Joseph and Ada Annette Kerry,
(or Uncle RC as some of my loving cousins would call him)*

David Kerry - April 26, 2016 at 04:32 PM

RK

Your sure right cuz we had some great times I sure do miss them , God bless them

Randy Kerry - April 26, 2016 at 06:47 PM

CB

Whenever the Kerry bunch got together we had fun!! I remember all to well going to MaToots house & smelling the fireplace on cold winter days & all us kids sitting at the table eating big biscuits that she made. All our Uncles standing out in the yard laughing & talking. Uncle Myrl was a great man who labored hard to do for Aunt Goldie & their children. Now all the brothers are together. I love & will miss them all, especially my dad Oliver. Uncle Myrl may you rest in peace!

Charlotte Kerry Blackmon - April 28, 2016 at 12:55 PM

JC

My Grandpa was a amazing man. He showed us about love, caring and giving. He was a man of few words. His actions spoke louder. I was luck to hear his story's of his life. Most story's included loved ones, his children, his wife, brothers and nephews. Thank you all for having a place in your heart for a amazing man. We all look forward to seeing your stories of him.

Jessica Courville - April 30, 2016 at 09:35 PM