



## Jerry Roller

June 18, 1944 - June 19, 2020

“Healing doesn’t mean the pain never existed. It means the damage no longer controls our lives.”

Gerald (Jerry) Q. Roller a resident of Wayne Oklahoma, passed away on March 29th, 2020. Jerry was a horse trainer by trade and loved the sport of horse racing. He spent many years of his life looking for that “One” exceptional horse.

Jerry was born to Henry C. and Catherine (Blackwood) Roller. Jerry attended “Parks” a two-room community school and was a graduate of Elmore City Ok, High School. After graduating high school Jerry performed various jobs before being drafted at the peak of the US-Vietnam conflict.

While serving his country, Jerry received the National Defense Service Medal; Vietnam Service Medal/w 2 Bronze Service Stars; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; Air Medal; Bronze Star Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster; Combat Infantry Badge; Sharpshooter (Rifle M-14); Marksman (Rifle M-16) and Expert (M-60). Jerry was often the “point man” in his platoon; leading other soldiers through the thick vegetation and rice fields of Vietnam. Jerry never forgot the soldiers-friends who lost their lives.

Jerry’s conflicts didn’t end at the battlefield. He had an ability to make friends easily but his struggle with alcohol often strained those relationships with friends and family.

Jerry was preceded in death by his father, mother, brother, Clinton, and sister, Phyllis. Jerry is survived by Ruby Roller of Pauls Valley, OK and her three daughters; Jerry’s two son’s Gregory & (Petronela) Roller of Edmond, Ok; Quinton & (Brandi) Roller of Sulphur; their mother Faye Roller of Elmore City, Ok; sister Beverley Rankin of Blanchard, Ok; brother Randy & (Nanette) Roller of Norman, Ok; six grandchildren ; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

Jerry was a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation. Jerry was a member of the Chickasaw Warrior Society. He received excellent medical services from the Chickasaw Nation employees.

The specialness of Jerry was that everyone had a story about him and he would be the first to tell one on himself. The stories ranged from being highly outrageous; humorous; unbelievable, and sometimes, unfortunately tragic.

Because the coronavirus pandemic has altered life for all, Jerry's memorial service is pending. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to veteran or equine organizations, Native American causes or a charity of your choice.

A memorial service will be held for Gerald (Jerry) Roller of Wayne, Oklahoma on Saturday, June 27th at 10:30 a.m. The service will be conducted under the pavilion at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. As the pandemic continues to move among us, the family recognized those individuals in high risk categories may not be able to attend. Mask and social distancing are encouraged. Services are under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. You may send a condolence to the family at [www.woosterfuneralhomes.com](http://www.woosterfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery

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## **Mt. Olivet Cemetery**

Hwy 77

Pauls Valley, Ok,

# Events

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**JUN Memorial Service 10:30AM**

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Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Hwy 77, Pauls Valley, Ok, US

# Comments

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“ Jerry was a special person to me. At Parks country school, he was a little pest in the grade below me. The boys were throwing mud balls. He threw a one that hit me in the mouth. It contained a little rock that chipped my front tooth, which didn't get fixed until I became a working woman. I also had an incident at school that Jerry became aware of and he started calling me "Minnie" to my utter embarrassment, (take what you may from that what you may.) He also bought my pie at our annual pie supper to raise money for our Christmas sacks that each member of every family took home full of candy, nuts and fruit after our Christmas play and tree at Parks. As one former student told me, any Parks student is like family to the others and now looking back, those really were the good ole days. In our younger adult years, Jerry and I were dancing at every dance hosted at the PV VFW Club and we had lots of fun while I was dating my first husband. A few decades later, he was my neighbor and we spent a lot of time drinking ice tea or Cokes and reminiscing the "good ole days," arguing political candidates and talking about our families. I loved Jerry. My condolences go out to all of you who are left behind to mourn his loss, especially you Greg, Quinton, Bev and Randy. Rest in Peace my old friend,

Wilma Bettes Jones



**Wilma Jones** - July 09 at 07:49 PM

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“ Kimberly Grooms lit a candle in memory of Jerry Roller



**Kimberly Grooms** - July 02 at 02:17 PM

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“ Rest in peace, my old friend. Wise we could have gotten together and talked about old times. You will be missed  
Tom Brinkley- 6/30/20

Tommy G brinkley - June 30 at 09:37 PM

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“ He was one of my favorite patients when he came in to the clinic. Always giving us chocolate and a laugh. He was dressed to the nines every time he came in with his hat and mischievous personality. He will be so missed. Thank you for your kindness  
Jerry!

Kasha Mitchell - April 13 at 05:42 PM

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“ My brother from another mother. Rest In Peace and love, my friend.



Linda Howard - April 08 at 09:48 PM

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“ Jerry is the best friend I ever had, we made a lot of memories in high school, most of which I can't share. I don't have anyone to call now to discuss politics. Rest in peace my friend.

Ron Cassell - April 06 at 05:20 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss--my family thought a lot of Jerry. He and my brothers spent a lot of time together in their youth, and were close cousins. Merle Pope Nunley

Merle Pope Nunley - April 04 at 02:37 PM

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“ Ruby I am praying for you and your family. I love you so much.



**Brenda Norrell** - April 04 at 02:26 PM

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“ Carol Roller And Family lit a candle in memory of Jerry Roller



**Carol Roller and family** - April 03 at 07:37 PM

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“ Jerry trained and raced a horse for us. He was an awesome man and knew his horses. RIP Jerry and when ur upstairs I bet u will have some horses to train and run.

**Becky Evans** - April 03 at 07:03 PM

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“ Judy Willis lit a candle in memory of Jerry Roller



**Judy Willis** - April 03 at 04:33 PM

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“ Wonderful memories of all our families reunions. As one of my sweet cousins said a few years ago, “Our family tree is losing its branches”.  
So sorry for yet another family loss. Sending Prayers of comfort to all families and friends  
Janie Fowler Crowhurst



Janie Fowler Crowhurst - April 03 at 03:36 PM

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“ Beverley Rankin lit a candle in memory of Jerry Roller



Beverley Rankin - April 03 at 02:01 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Tony, Jerry and Ann Kennedy.

Ann Kennedy Bleything - April 04 at 10:55 AM

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“ Joey & Teresa Winnett lit a candle in memory of Jerry Roller



Joey & Teresa Winnett - April 03 at 11:49 AM



“ Greg, Quinton and family. I am saddened to hear of the passing of Jerry. Please know each of you are in our prayers.

Darrell & Nancy Haley - April 03 at 06:16 PM



“ Becky Evans lit a candle in memory of Jerry Roller



Becky Evans - April 02 at 09:11 PM



“ Geary Huffman lit a candle in memory of Jerry Roller



geary huffman - April 01 at 10:39 PM



“ RIP cousin, many memories of you and your family! My prayers are with them!!

geary huffman - April 04 at 08:32 PM



“ To Jerry's family so sorry for your loss. Rev and Randy my thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.



Patty Jo McKee - April 01 at 10:25 PM



“ So sorry, Robert Albright

Robert Albright - April 01 at 11:37 AM



“ Roy Tomlinson lit a candle in memory of Jerry Roller



**Roy Tomlinson** - April 01 at 09:10 AM