

## Jerry Ben Houston

July 16, 1939 - March 8, 2019

Jerry Ben Houston, age 79, of Chanute, KS passed away the morning of Friday, March 8, 2019 at Heritage Healthcare in Chanute. Jerry was born on July 16, 1939 in Maude, Oklahoma the son of Warren and Ruth (Sturgis) Houston. He grew up in Monroe, OK.

Jerry lost his vision from a brain tumor when he was 5 years old, but that did not keep him from doing anything he wanted to do including climbing mountains, getting lost in a new pond while exploring and mounting numerous roof tops. He attended the Oklahoma School for the Blind in Muskogee, OK. He then attended Eastern A&M in Wilberton, OK and graduated with a Bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State College in Stillwater, OK.

Jerry and Anna Denton were united in marriage on August 31, 1969 at the Westview Southern Baptist Church in Chanute, KS. She survives him at the home. Jerry worked for the State of Kansas for 36 years as a rehabilitation teacher for the visually impaired. He really enjoyed helping his clients learn how to manage in a sighted world. Jerry was a member of Westview Southern Baptist Church in Chanute and was an ordained deacon in the Southern Baptist faith. Jerry was also a member of the Gideons. He was a past member of the Toast Masters and was a member of the Lions Clubs for 50 years.

Jerry loved his God and family more than anything. He also enjoyed visiting

and drinking coffee with anyone who would take time to do so. He loved traveling and had visited all but 3 of the 50 states and Sweden. He also enjoyed hosting exchange students in the home and he would become very attached to them.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Anna; brothers, Robert Dunn of Poteau, OK and Jeffrey Dunn and wife Barbara of Lake Wister, OK; sisters, Helen Hughes and husband Kelly of Poteau, OK, Sharon Hurst and husband Jim of Poteau, OK, Linda Reiter and husband Joe of Canadian, OK and Margaret Otterson and husband Kevin of Owasso, OK and many nieces and nephews.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents and brother, William Dunn.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. at Countryside Funeral Home Johnson Chapel at 101 N. Highland in Chanute, KS. Funeral service will be on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at Westview Southern Baptist Church in Chanute followed by the burial at Memorial Park Cemetery in Chanute. Online condolences may be left at: [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com). The family suggests memorials to be made to the Gideons or the Lion's Club and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home, 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720.

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Park Cemetery

E.. 14th St.  
Chanute, KS 66720

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel  
101 N. Highland  
Chanute, KS 66720  
(620) 431-1220  
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

## Service

MAR 14. 10:30 AM (CT)

Westview Southern Baptist Church  
1415 S Plummer  
Chanute, KS 66720

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ Anna, I was so sad to hear about Jerry. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I always enjoyed talking with both of you.

Cindy Miller

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Cindy Miller - March 17, 2019 at 09:40 PM

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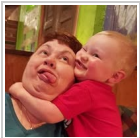
“ Anna: I'm so so very sorry about sweet Jerry! I always loved that man. He amazed me as an adult, as much as he did when I was a child. I loved to be around him and listen to his stories or hear about your adventures! I've always admired your great love you had for each other as well. May he Rest In Peace and May you stay strong and comforted knowing you were his life. I love you very much.

Gods blessings and strength upon you. 🙏❤️

Nancy Bzdusek

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Nancy Bzdusek - March 16, 2019 at 08:21 AM



“ Anna,

Mom & dad always enjoyed talking with you & Jerry. I know that after dad passed mom was very grateful of you guys taking her places with you. Jerry was one of a kind & he will be greatly missed. Hugs & prayers to you & your family.

Kathy (Umbarger) Sehorn

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Kathy Umbarger Sehorn - March 13, 2019 at 02:56 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jerry Ben Houston.*



March 13, 2019 at 08:58 AM



“ *I worked with Jerry for a number of years. He was committed to his work and to living life to it's fullest. He was a great guy and I know he will be missed.*

**Doyal Saye** - March 12, 2019 at 08:46 PM



“ *SO VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS JERRY WILL BE FOREVER MISSED AND LOVED ...*



**Joyce Denton** - March 12, 2019 at 04:46 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. I worked with him many years at the State of Kansas and he was always such a nice guy. He always had a smile and a story to tell me. May he rest in peace.*



**Vickie Reed** - March 12, 2019 at 11:46 AM

LB

“ *Linda K. Burger lit a candle in memory of Jerry Ben Houston*



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**Linda K. Burger** - March 11, 2019 at 09:18 PM

EV

*Jerry was a good friend and I found his sense of humor and positive attitude inspirational, as did many others.*

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**Ed Viers** - September 12, 2019 at 05:31 PM