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Jerry Thomas Goss, Sr., 81, passed away on Monday, November 23, 2020 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Jerry was born on June 8, 1939 in Southwest City, Missouri to Thomas Jefferson and Clara Opal Goss. Jerry was one of eight kids the couple had (Bert, Sammie, Mary, Charlotte, Donna, Diana, Larry, Jerry). Jerry was married to Virginia Dianne Manning on March 31, 1961. They have three children Stephanie Lynn, Jerry Thomas Jr., and Wesley Bronson. They have nine grandchildren Jeremy, Amber, Colton, John, Peyton, Jansen, Cade, Karlie, and Casey. They also have six great grandchildren Christian, Callie, Cameron, Caton, Rayvan, and Phoenix.

Jerry grew up in Southwest City, Missouri. Spending his childhood with many brothers and sisters, be it swimming in the creek, sharing shoes to play basketball or scaling telephone poles and buildings to catch a chicken or turkey for his family when the Mercantile would turn them loose in the streets on Saturday mornings. He loved riding on the heavy equipment his Dad operated, especially road graders. Worked the Kansas wheat harvest as a teen. Early in his life he grew fond of fast cars, not worried about the looks, just fast. Cool, fast cars were the early common dominator for Jerry and Dianne.

Jerry proudly served as an Airman 2 in the United States Air Force from 1956–1960. During this time he was also involved in rodeoing, riding bareback horses and bulls. He moved to Tulsa in 1960 to pursue his love for Dianne at which time he became an original member of the Tulsa Piston Pusher's Car Club. Jerry and Dianne were longtime faces of stock car and quarter midget racing in the Tulsa area. Jerry was a pit crew member of Emmett Hahn's #33 and Benny Taylor's #00. He drove a modified stock car for one season and spent two seasons as the Flagman at the Old Tulsa speedway in the 60's. He coached numerous baseball and wrestling teams of his sons in the 70's and 80's. Jerry and Dianne moved the family to Catoosa in the mid 70's where his love for country living and horses was apparent. He was an avid member



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of the Oil Capital Riding Club for years. Jerry and Dianne also had a love for the lake and camping, where he taught many family friends how to water ski with his jet boat. Jerry and Dianne logged many hours traveling and watching their sons and grandsons participate in football, baseball, wrestling, and horse racing all over the country. He spent his professional career at Public Service Company of Oklahoma in Tulsa. For most of his time there he was a Journeyman/Lineman. He retired in 2000.

After retirement he spent nearly all his time on the golf course. He and Dianne were longtime members of Broken Arrow Golf and Athletic Club where at least one of them could be found almost every day. They traveled the country playing golf with great friends. In addition, his passion for hot rods and car shows was rejuvenated with his purchase of a 1929 Model A Ford sedan for which he won many awards as well as his newest addition, a 2019 Ford Mustang Bullitt. Funeral service is pending.



Events

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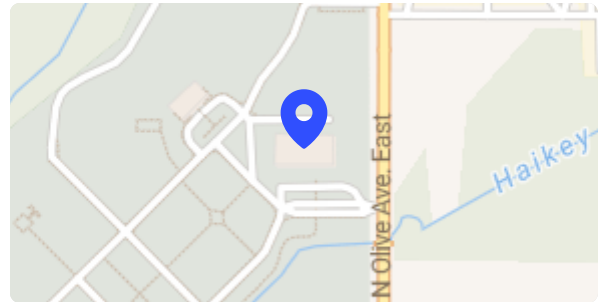
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Viewing

 **Saturday**, November 28, 2020

 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM CT

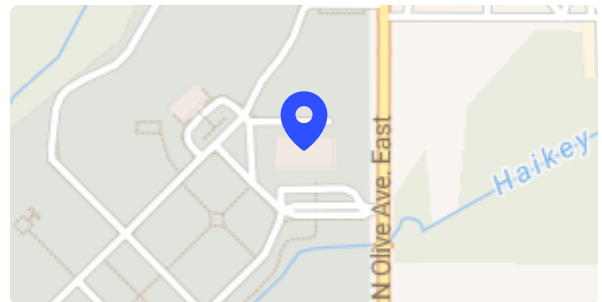
 **Floral Haven Visitation Suites**
6500 S 129th E Ave., Broken Arrow OK 74012



Private Graveside Services

 **Friday**, December 4, 2020

 **Floral Haven Memorial Gardens**
6500 S 129th E Ave, Broken Arrow OK 74012





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WF

Wilford Friday Sr. posted:

To the family members, we send our deepest sympathy

December 4 at 8:50 AM

CC

Cathey Crow posted:

Jerry was such a great guy, always a smile and hug for me! He was so much fun and kept us entertained with his humor and quick wit. I golfed and traveled with Jerry and Dianne and there are no words to express how much I will miss both of them. They were dear friends and hold a special place in my heart. Please find comfort that they are together and had such a wonderful life! It was obvious to everyone how much they loved their three children and each and every grand and great grandchild. My heartfelt sympathy to this dear family! Cathey Crow

December 4 at 4:48 AM

JP

Jim And Rowena Posey sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Goss family.



December 3 at 6:17 AM

TL

Ted And Mary Lou Long posted:

It was always great to see Jerry!! He was always a barrel of laughs! He was a trickster and proud of it!! We will miss him every time we play golf!! It is so very hard to say goodbye to him and Dianne! They will always be in our hearts!! Prays to Wes and the rest of the family!

December 2 at 4:45 PM

PH

Paul Hancock posted:

I played in my very first golf tournament at Broken Arrow golf with Jerry as my partner. I was extremely nervous and did not know the course. Jerry drove the golf cart and provided information on every hole and every golf shot. We (Jerry), won first place in our age group. I will never forget the help and encouragement that he provided on that great day. Paul Hancock

December 2 at 10:50 AM



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Lana Bailey shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Papa was one of a kind! I was his daughter in law 30 years ago, but he never stopped treating me like family! Jansen and I will miss him dearly! Rest in peace Papa! We love you!



November 30 at 3:17 PM



William Hulet posted:

Jerry was always great to be around I believe he had a little of Will Roger's traits in that "he never met a man he didn't like". Jerry was a great lineman and super safety department representative. Rest in peace, my friend!Bill Hulet

November 29 at 7:01 AM



Virginia Kay Hays lit a candle in honor of Jerry.



November 28 at 7:23 AM



Diana Kersey posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. We'll miss Jerry's smiles, jokes and many antics on the golf course.Diana & Ed Kersey

November 28 at 7:05 AM



Allen Lacroix November 28 at 1:03 PM

We always looked forward to Jerry teaching our firefighter recruits about safety when working around charged electrical lines and electric meters. A great man with a huge personality.ALLEN LACROIX,



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jerry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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