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Gerald Lee Murphy Sr. (Jerry) passed away comfortably in his sleep on November 9, 2021 at the age of 82. Jerry was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on February 21, 1939.

He was preceded in death by his Father John and Mother Gladys (Larson) Murphy.

Jerry grew up in the amusement industry and was a second-generation amusement business owner, he was a passionate visionary and innovator in the business. As an innovator, he was Chairman of the Board for the Worldwide Amusement Corporations. He guided the business through acquisitions and mergers with other big carnivals and fairs. Jerry was a true supporter of the agriculture programs for the youth including the FFA and 4H. Through his many years in the amusement business he pioneered many innovations as far as operations and standards. He truly devoted his life to the industry. He was President of the Hot Springs Showmen's Association in 1966, President of the St Louis Chapter of the Showmen's League of America in 1975, President of the Showmen's League of America in 1980, President of the Outdoor Amusement Business Association in 1983, he was also a member of various Fair and Associations across the country. Jerry provided the carnival midway for some of the largest state fairs in the country along with numerous county fairs. Jerry also provided the midway operations for the World's Fair 1982 in Knoxville, TN. He provided carnivals and festivals in Puerto Rico, and Venezuela. Jerry was also active in many fraternal organizations including the Masons, where he earned the right of being a Jester.

Even though he accomplished many great things in his lifetime, he was most proud of his family. He enjoyed taking family vacations, having family gatherings, and spending each and every holiday with us all. Jerry was truly larger than life, he enjoyed entertaining people with his unique wit and contagious personality. He was a man of faith and loved our Lord God, may he Rest in Peace.

Jerry is survived by his loving fiancé of many years Julia V. Bedwell, as well as former wives Connie and Loretta. Sibling: (Loving Brother) James Murphy Sr. wife Linda.



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Jerry is lovingly remembered by his Children: (Son) Jerry Murphy Jr. wife Cathy, (Son) Bryant Murphy wife Michelle, (Daughter) Melissa Foster husband Michael, (Daughter) Jerra Murphy, (Son) Jonathan Murphy, (Daughter) Amber Woessner husband Brad, (Son) Bradley Beck, (Sons) Marcus & Jonathan. Grandchildren: Jessica Benham husband Matthew, Jennifer, Courtney, Bryant II wife Sara, Austin, Corbin, Abbigail, Christian, Dillon, Logan, Greyson, Ryder, Louie, Frankie, Aiden, and Avery. Great-Grandchildren: Branden and Cooper Benham, and Barrett Murphy. Nieces and Nephews: Dawn husband Michael, Tracy husband Charles, James Jr., and April. Along with many Great Nieces, Nephews and extended family.

Funeral services will be held at Church of Saint Mary 1347 E. 49th Place Tulsa, Oklahoma 74105 on Thursday, November 18th, 2021 at 1:00pm with Father Gleason officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Church of Saint Mary Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Condolences for the family may be offered online at <https://www.floralhaven.com/>




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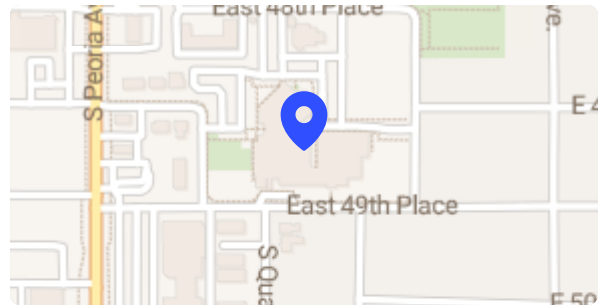
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Funeral Mass

 **Thursday**, November 18, 2021

 1:00 PM CT

 **Church of Saint Mary**
1347 E 49th Pl, Tulsa OK 74105





Tribute Wall

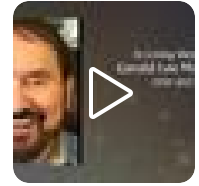
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Floral Haven Funeral Home, Crematory And Cemetery shared a **Video**.

November 17 at 10:21 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Murphy family.

November 18 at 4:06 AM



Anonymous sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Murphy family.

November 17 at 5:41 PM



Kim Ross posted:

It is my prayer that God will comfort you and your whole family during this sad time. May he richly bless you as you mourn, and may the light of His presence be a continual source of consolation.
Love Kim Ross

November 17 at 1:36 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Murphy family.

November 17 at 1:16 PM



Dale Merriam posted:

Dear Murphy Family, It is with a kind heart that I offer my deepest condolences. Jerry was a true leader in our industry. He will be remembered with respect and love. -Dale Merriam

November 17 at 7:02 AM



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Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Murphy family.



November 17 at 6:20 AM



Kerrie Schlecht posted:

Our deepest sympathies to the Murphy family. We all have so many memories of Jerry at the Stutsman County Fair in Jamestown ND and the ND State Fair. He was always smiling whenever you saw him. He was a person that would go out of his way to help anyone. He always made your day when you came upon him on the fair grounds. Growing up we had the best stuffed animal collection because of Jerry. When we lose someone we love we must learn to not live without them, but to live with the love they left behind. We are thinking of all of you and asking that God surround you with his peace and love. Joan Meikle, Karla Meikle, Kerrie Schlecht Family (Family of Chuck Meikle)

November 17 at 4:35 AM



Joseph Lee Pthaloe September 10 at 7:55 PM

I remember in Venezuela I snuck in A Razzle for about a month. He got wind of it and not was he hot. Not because there was a Razzle on his midway he was hit because he never got a piece of the action. Rest in Peave, Jerry.



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Murphy family.



November 16 at 12:55 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Murphy family.



November 16 at 12:39 PM



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The Showmen's League Of America sent a Serenity Wreath to the Murphy family.

November 16 at 9:02 AM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Murphy family.

November 16 at 8:43 AM



Sioux Empire Fair Staff And Board sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Murphy family.

November 16 at 7:49 AM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Murphy family.

November 16 at 7:07 AM



Anonymous sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Murphy family.

November 16 at 6:37 AM



Anonymous sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Murphy family.

November 16 at 6:22 AM





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Anonymous sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Murphy family.

November 16 at 5:54 AM



Anonymous sent a Majestic Heart to the Murphy family.

November 15 at 4:48 PM



Love, Dawn, Tracy, J.J., April & Mindy sent a Divine Light to the Murphy family.

November 15 at 4:41 PM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Murphy family.

November 15 at 11:08 AM



Anonymous sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Murphy family.

November 15 at 7:47 AM



Leeann Karsky posted:

Condolences to the family. I will always remember all the stories he told about his fair families and places. He had a gift for making people happy. Prayers are with you all. LeeAnn Karsky. NDSF.

November 14 at 3:44 PM



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Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Murphy family.



November 12 at 2:52 PM



Bob & Rosemary Rohlfs & Family sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Murphy family.



November 12 at 11:56 AM



Anonymous sent a Basket of Memories to the Murphy family.



November 12 at 10:16 AM



John Whitfield posted:

Rest in Peace JERRY. you were a larger than life figure. Shirley Barton and her son Jorde send their condolences as well.

November 11 at 2:33 PM



Paula K. Boswell lit a candle in honor of Gerald.



November 11 at 1:54 PM



Robert W. Johnson posted:

Back in 1994, Jerry and his brother Jim were instrumental in recruiting me to join the Mobile Amusement Industry's trade association, the OABA. His brother was Chair and Jerry was a former Chair and well respected Trustee of the Association for many, many years. I learned much from Jerry and admired his wit, his charity and his love for the carnival industry. May he Rest In Peace forever! Our condolences to his family.

November 11 at 7:18 AM



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Anonymous sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Murphy family.



November 11 at 7:05 AM



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November 17 at 10:21 AM





Memories only last if you share them

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



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