



## Gerald Arvin Jarnigan

March 27, 1930 - March 20, 2017

Gerald Arvin Jarnigan, age 86, Red Bay, passed away on Monday, March 20, 2017 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He joins his beloved wife of 66 years, Dorothy, in their home in Heaven. He was a devoted husband and father, deacon at Cedar Creek Baptist Church, a farmer, and retired machinist at Martin Industries. He enjoyed gardening, working with his hands, piddling in his shop, welding, and making and fixing things for others. He enjoyed visiting with friends and family, singing hymn and folk music, learning and sharing genealogy, taking and sharing photographs, sitting on his swing on his front porch, and watching his hummingbirds, martins, and other birds, and his dogs over the years. He loved to share fruit and vegetables out of his garden and orchard. Rarely did anyone leave his home without something to take home with them. Most of all, he loved his God, family, church, and friends. He never met a stranger. In a word, he was a conversationalist. He could strike up a conversation with absolutely anyone and he would always find someone or something in common. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 from 6:00 until 9:00 PM at Cedar Creek Baptist Church. Services will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 2:00 PM at Cedar Creek Baptist Church following a visitation from 11:00 a.m. ? 2:00 p.m. Speaking at the service will be Kevin Baggett, Dean Sawyer, Curtis Baggett, Kenneth Baggett, and Nickolas Grassel. Special singers will be Karen Crow and Alaina & Caleb Ramey. Burial will be in the adjoining cemetery. He leaves to cherish his memory his legacy of seven daughters ? Jane Grassel (Nick), Jeannette

Pearson (Danny), Juanita Baggett (Kenneth), Diane Baggett (Carl), Denise Coston (Ralls), Helen Allen (Gary) and Susan Sawyer (Dean); eleven grandchildren ? Justin Leathers (Kathee), Nickolas Grassel, Curtis Baggett (Jennifer), Alaina Ramey (Caleb), David Grassel, Lacey Nasman (Kristoffer), Adrienne Pearson, Karen Crow (Brett), Kevin Baggett (Michelle), and Derrick and Danielle Sawyer; and seven great-grandchildren ? Hattie and Lydia Ramey, Paul and Pierce Baggett, Autumn, Ruby, and Everly Leathers; sister-in-law, Maxine Jarnigan; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Dorothy Hester Jarnigan, his granddaughter, Allison Marylil Pearson, his parents, Ellis and Vella Jarnigan; and his brothers and their wives: Malcolm, Troy and Marie, William and Julia, and Dexter and Nellie Jarnigan. The pallbearers will be Justin Leathers, Nickolas Grassel, Curtis and Kevin Baggett, Derrick Sawyer, Brett Crow, and Wesley Jarnigan. The granddaughters will serve as honorary pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial to Cedar Creek Baptist Church or to Gideons International.

# Tribute Wall

ER

“ I am so sorry to hear at Gerald's passing. I worked at Martin Industries with him. I remember eating lunch with Mr. Gerald a lot. He always ate a apple, and in most of our conversations, he would draw a picture or diagram on the back of his brown paper bag. He was very proud of his 7 or 8 daughters often times telling me he helped put them all through college. There was no finer man than Mr. Gerald.

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**Eddie Russell** - March 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ I am sorry for the loss of your beloved father, grandfather. I pray you will find comfort in knowing he is with our Lord. May God Bless you all during this time.

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**Vicki Mann Lamb** - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ My sympathy for your loss. I always enjoyed visits with he and Dorothy at their house and mine when I lived in Pogo. I enjoyed sharing Hester info with them, as my grandmother was also a Hester.

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**Mary Elen Ezzell Ahlstrom** - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ so sorry, you had a wonderful father

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**Jeanette James** - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Please take comfort in all the memories you have and the love you shared. He is at peace in heaven.

God bless you all.

Love,

Jim and Bonnie Ekey

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**Jim & Bonnie Ekey** - March 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Sending my love and sympathy to all of y'all and your families.  
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**SAM Hester** - March 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I wish I was able to come down for the service but prior commitments here at home will prevent me. I'll be thinking about y'all's families and remembering the good times talking to Gerald about his work as a machinist since I am also a machinist. We'll be praying that all of you find peace and comfort through our Lord.

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**Kevin and Donna Hester** - March 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Girls & families of Gerald Jarnigan, sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I know from the life they lived he and your mom are together today. My thoughts & prayers Barbara J. Walker

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**Barbara J. Walker** - March 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Thinking of all of you at the time

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**Bridget and Forrest lilly** - March 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Jane, so sorry for your loss. Wish I could be there. You are in my prayers. Love you and your family. Martha*

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**Martha Waigle** - March 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Gerald Arvin Jarnigan*

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**Leslie Hester** - March 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM