



## Jerry Lee Blasdel

September 9, 1945 - October 26, 2024

Jerry Lee Blasdel passed away at his home on Saturday, October 26, 2024, surrounded by his family. He was preceded in death by his parents Jacob and Ruth Blasdel; brother William Blasdel, brother Jim Blasdel, sister Mary Emma Reed, sister Ruth Werner, sister Jane Ann Klawitter; and grandson Connor Fitzhugh. He is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Ruth Blasdel, children Tammy Blasdel, Chance Blasdel (Mandi), Donnie Jerkins (Cora), and Stephen Jerkins (Leann); sister Haroldetta Robertson; grandchildren Greenlee Fitzhugh, Chandler Fitzhugh, Levi Blasdel, Ashley Martinez (Paul), Chase Jerkins (Jenn), Clayton Jerkins (Sarah), Blake Jerkins, Brittany Jerkins, Faith Jerkins; and seven great-grandchildren.

Jerry was born in 1945 in Rosenberg, Texas, where he grew up working on the family farm alongside his parents and siblings. He spent his childhood rough-housing with his younger brother Jim, raising calves to compete in livestock shows, and riding horses in the local rodeo. He graduated from Lamar High School in 1963 and attended Texas A&M at College Station, graduating with a Bachelor's in Agricultural Economics in May, 1968. He put himself through college by working as a roughneck for Big Creek Oilfield, and said that the long hours and hard work kept him out of trouble when he wasn't in school.

Jerry was drafted into the United States Army after graduation and reported

for basic training at Fort Hood on June 6, 1968. While he didn't speak much about his time in Vietnam, Jerry credits his commanding officer with the leadership skills he developed during that time, saying that those abilities were essential to his pipeline career after service. Jerry was assigned to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, where he was selected as an aerial observer. He served as a helicopter scout, sighting enemy positions and radioing their location to friendly forces. His decorations include the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and the Army Air Medal with oak leaf cluster and "V." He returned from Vietnam and was honorably discharged on April 9, 1970.

Following his time in service, Jerry found work as an equipment operator for Louis Jankowski before starting his career at Troy Construction, where he worked for over forty years, reaching the positions of general superintendent and vice president. Over the years, Jerry made a name for himself as both a capable pipeliner and a firm but fair leader. His strong reputation followed him as he opened Blasdel Drilling, a directional drilling company specializing in fiber optic cable installation. No matter his company, title, or position, he humbly answered everyone who asked his occupation with "I'm just a ditch digger."

Jerry saw his children grow up and get married, and he adored his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He loved to spend time working in his yard and could often be found mowing on his John Deere tractor or picking up sticks in his Kubota side-by-side. After spending most of his working years traveling, he preferred to stay home and enjoy the company of family and close friends. His favorite pastimes were swapping stories on the back porch, watching deer in the pasture behind the house, and sitting in a rocking chair in his reading room.

A visitation will be held on Friday, November 1, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. until service time at 1:00 p.m., in the Chapel of Davis Greenlawn Funeral Home in

Rosenberg. Burial with military honors to follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at [www.davisgreenlawnfh.com](http://www.davisgreenlawnfh.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Memorial Park

3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.  
Rosenberg, TX 77471

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

NOV 1. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapels and Cemeteries  
3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.  
Rosenberg, TX 77471  
(281) 341-8800

## Funeral Service

NOV 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Rosenberg, TX 77471  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerry Lee Blasdel*



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**Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries** - November 01, 2024 at 09:22 AM

MG

*My thought and prayers are with the family. Mr. Blasdale was a great man. I would always joke with him and say they don't make em like you anymore. He was a hardworking man and his family always came first.*

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**Marcus Guajardo** - November 01, 2024 at 09:59 AM

TN

“ *He was well known and loved by all.  
My wife ( Cindy Nichols)  
Charles Bush  
And myself ( Ted Nichols) have sent 3 trees to plant in his memory.*

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**Ted Nichols** - November 07, 2024 at 11:40 AM

TB

“ *Theodore B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Lee Blasdel.*

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**Theodore B.** - November 06, 2024 at 01:03 PM

SC

“ Slick and Tina Conner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Lee Blasdel.

Slick and Tina Conner - November 03, 2024 at 07:05 PM

MS

“ Michael S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Lee Blasdel.

Michael S. - November 01, 2024 at 10:54 AM

EF

“ Enerson Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jerry Lee Blasdel.



Enerson Family - November 01, 2024 at 10:23 AM

EF

“ Enerson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Lee Blasdel.

Enerson Family - November 01, 2024 at 10:23 AM

TF

“ The Crawford Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jerry Lee Blasdel.



The Crawford Family - October 31, 2024 at 09:31 PM

TF

“ The Crawford Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Lee Blasdel.

The Crawford Family - October 31, 2024 at 09:31 PM

TF

“ The Green Family purchased the Gracious Laven  
der Basket for the family of Jerry Lee Blasdel.



The Green Family - October 31, 2024 at 06:52 PM

GM

“ Gail McDonald purchased the Arrive in Style for  
the family of Jerry Lee Blasdel.



Gail McDonald - October 31, 2024 at 02:38 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased  
for the family of Jerry Lee Blasdel.



October 31, 2024 at 02:22 PM

BK

“ Ruth, Tamme, Chance, Donnie and Stephen, please accept the condolences of the veterans of the 11th Armored Cavalry: the veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia. Jerry Lee was one of us, one of our own. He will be remembered as an honorable trooper whose very presence brought comfort and support to his fellow troopers. He will be included on the Honor Role of our combat veterans as his service, Bronze Star, Purple Heart and ARCOM highlighted his bravery and valor. As grateful Americans we should all pause and salute a man who was willing to put his life on the line for his country and fellow man. As our burial liturgy states: “ ... his life has not ended, merely changed ...” and as we were together then in Vietnam, we will be together again in the life hereafter, warmly embraced in the arms of our Heavenly Father. Chaplain Bill, 11th ACVVC (Vietnam 71-72)

Blandin Karabinos - October 31, 2024 at 09:15 AM

UC

“ UNHP primary & Sunshine Committee purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Jerry Lee Blasdel.



UNHP primary & Sunshine Committee - October 30, 2024 at 07:03 PM

SS

“ Schroeder Landscape Services purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Jerry Lee Blasdel.



Schroeder Landscape Services - October 30, 2024 at 06:05 PM

SS

“ *Schroeder Landscape Services planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Lee Blasdel.*

Schroeder Landscape Services - October 30, 2024 at 06:05 PM

BD

“ *Bernie and Melissa Drane purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Jerry Lee Blasdel.*



Bernie and Melissa Drane - October 30, 2024 at 05:29 PM

TF

“ *The McGaugh Families purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Jerry Lee Blasdel.*



The McGaugh Families - October 30, 2024 at 05:22 PM

TF

“ *The Burden Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Jerry Lee Blasdel.*



The Burden Family - October 30, 2024 at 02:26 PM

TF

“ The Burden Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Lee Blasdel.

The Burden Family - October 30, 2024 at 02:26 PM

TC

“ The Cooleys purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jerry Lee Blasdel.



The Cooleys - October 30, 2024 at 02:05 PM

JE

“ Jimbo & Tammy Evans purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Jerry Lee Blasdel.



Jimbo & Tammy Evans - October 30, 2024 at 02:02 PM

NC

“ Nearterm Corporation purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Jerry Lee Blasdel.



Nearterm Corporation - October 30, 2024 at 10:17 AM

NC

“ Nearterm Corporation planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Lee Blasdel.

Nearterm Corporation - October 30, 2024 at 10:17 AM

KR

“ We worked together in oil field and went to a&m together  
Was a really good guy

Ken Robison - October 30, 2024 at 09:48 AM

TF

“ The Crawford Family purchased the Divine Light  
for the family of Jerry Lee Blasdel.



The Crawford Family - October 30, 2024 at 09:28 AM

TF

“ The Crawford Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Lee Blasdel.

The Crawford Family - October 30, 2024 at 09:28 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family  
of Jerry Lee Blasdel.



October 29, 2024 at 09:51 PM

TS

“ Tom & Deidra Snider purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jerry Lee Blasdel.



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**Tom & Deidra Snider** - October 29, 2024 at 08:45 PM

KK

“ O my I'm so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. My condolences to y'all. I used to work for his dad Jacob a long time ago . Again so sorry for his loss.

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**Kenneth KOSLER** - October 29, 2024 at 05:56 PM

PK

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, sending my condolences to you and your family during this difficult time 🙏🙏🙏🙏



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**Penney Keith** - October 29, 2024 at 12:08 PM

BP

“ *Blasdel Family*

*We are saddened by your father's passing. His humor & kindness as our neighbor and friend for so many years brought forth wonderful memories, we'll always treasure. Remembering Jerry and Jim in the house between the two bridges growing up, raising animals all through school, taking care of S.O.L. (our high school mascot) and much more are some of those great memories. Jerry was always a hard-working man and family loving one too. Know that your family will be in our prayers at this time. You have our love and support. May God give you strength and comfort during this sorrowful time.*



*Glenn & Brenda (Landers) Priess*

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**Brenda Priess** - October 29, 2024 at 11:48 AM

CJ

“ *As much as this is the hardest thing I had to do is write this to the man I called my father-in law for 29 years. To a loving husband to my mother in law Ruth, to a loving Dad to my husband Donnie and the best grandfather and great grand father to my 7 grandkids. We all loved spending time with you and Ruth. We will miss you dearly. As my four year old grandson said to my six year old granddaughter its going to be ok, Jerry is going to be in heaven waiting on us. Jerry Lee Blasdel you will never be forgotten.*



*Donnie and Cora Jerkins*

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**Cora Edson Jerkins** - October 29, 2024 at 10:49 AM

KL

“ Kathryn & Davis LaBrosse purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Jerry Lee Blasdel.



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Kathryn & Davis LaBrosse - October 29, 2024 at 10:07 AM

KL

“ Kathryn & Davis LaBrosse planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Lee Blasdel.

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Kathryn & Davis LaBrosse - October 29, 2024 at 10:07 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Blasdel.



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October 29, 2024 at 08:11 AM

AD

“ Jerry was a character. Funny and crazy. Never a dull moment around him. Great family. Will miss seeing him go by in his truck. Rest in peace, Jerry.

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Anice Divin - October 28, 2024 at 08:53 PM

KK

“ The day I met Jerry I was going to a job interview. He was seated at the desk as I walked in the door. After saying hello he immediately asked me if my hair color was natural. He made me laugh then and years to follow. I will miss our talks and shared birthday wishes.

Kathy Kusmich - October 28, 2024 at 08:30 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerry Lee Blasdel.

October 28, 2024 at 07:35 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Blasdel.



October 28, 2024 at 06:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jerry Lee Blasdel.

October 28, 2024 at 06:49 PM

BR

“ I'm sure going to miss you. You married my best friend and you became my best friend. We had some great times over the past 32 years. Rest in peace.

Brenda - October 28, 2024 at 06:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Blasdel.*



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October 28, 2024 at 06:17 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Blasdel.*



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October 28, 2024 at 05:54 PM