



Jerome Gudvangen

January 5, 1940 - January 27, 2020

On January 27, 2020, Jerome Gudvangen, loving husband, father of three, grandfather and great-grandfather, went home to be with the Lord at the age of 80. Jerome was born on January 5, 1940 In Powers Lake, ND, to Ernest and Minnie Gudvangen. He married the love of his life, Carol Jane Roberts on June 05, 1960. They raised two daughters, Juli and Joni and one son, Wade.

Jerome was a talented athlete and was named one of the top 10 basketball players in the state during his senior year in High School.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Math with a minor in Business Administration from Dickinson State College in 1963. He later earned a master's degree in political science from Troy State University and a degree in Construction Management from the University of West Florida. He joined the Air Force May 10, 1963. His first assignment was as a Missile Launch Office in Okinawa. Upon returning stateside in 1967, he attended flight training and was assigned to B-52 Strategic Bombers for 2 years 4 months. He served a 6-month ARC Light tour of duty in 1970. He was then assigned to helicopter school and was assigned to the Huey UH1N where he performed missile site support in 1971 and 1972. Late in 1972 he trained in Utah for a new assignment in HH53 Helicopters and went to SE Asia where he served in the famed 21st Special Operations Squadron. His final 10 years in service were spent with the 20th Special Operations Squadron at Hurlburt Field Florida.

He was presented the Distinguished Flying Cross with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with one Silver and one Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, AF Commendation Medal with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, AF Outstanding Unit Award with Valor, Two Silver and One Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal. Small Arms Expert Marksmanship ribbon.

Upon retiring after 23 years in the Air Force, he let no grass grow under his feet and began working with Lockridge & Associates in Construction Management. He traveled to Turkmenistan, Russia, China, Korea and England during this time

He enjoyed playing guitar and mandolin, blue grass festivals, visiting family, car swapping and physical labor. He never met a stranger and was well known for his quick sense of humor, smile and conversational endurance.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ernest and mother, Minnie. He is survived by his wife, Carol, his daughters Juli Adcock and Joni Roberts, his son Wade, grandchildren, Phillip, Cassie, Olivia, Marshall and Carl, great-grandchildren, Jaydn, Leia, Lilly, Carly, Ella, Viktor and Bear, his brother Elton (Rose), along with cousins and nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be on Monday from 11AM-1PM at Reed's Chapel in Lexington. Services will be at 1:45 Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery at Parkers Crossroads, TN.

Previous Events

Service

FEB 3. 1:45 PM (CT)

TN State Veteran's Cemetery at Parkers Crossroads
693 Wildersville Rd.
Parkers Crossroads, TN

Tribute Wall

 Bill
Lynch

“ *As I remember, he & I, with a few other 21st S.O.S. pilots, would cross the st, and play tennis at the sports complex at NKP.*

Bill Lynch - April 11, 2020 at 09:56 PM

 MS

“ *I remember. As brothers we served. 21 SOS 72-73.*

Michael Sullivan - April 11, 2020 at 03:06 PM

 AH

“ *Carol and family. So sorry for your loss. So many great memories. I knew from the start he loved you with all his heart. God be with you and the memories of a great man.*

Ellis

al halgrimson - February 05, 2020 at 12:09 PM

 TB

“ *Carol and Family; so sorry to hear of your loss
I have so many great memories of talking and joking with Jerome at our reunions
and listening to Jerome & Troy make music.
our world has lost a super nice and super knowledgeable man.
May God's Peace be with You.*

Thomas Blankenship - February 03, 2020 at 08:08 AM

 BG

“ *What an amazing and eventful life. Great man! Very proud to share the same name!*

Brad Gudvangen - February 02, 2020 at 12:59 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Jerome Gudvangen.*



January 31, 2020 at 09:54 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jerome Gudvangen.*



January 30, 2020 at 04:46 PM



“ *My love goes out to my brother in law, Wade and the rest of the family. I met Jerome when Wade and my sister were dating. Jerome was one of the nicest men I have ever met. Wish we could be there for y'all during this time. Love to all!*



Lisa Brenneman - January 30, 2020 at 06:45 AM



“ *Jim Fredrickson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jerome Gudvangen.*



Jim Fredrickson - January 29, 2020 at 05:32 PM



“ Dear Carol and family. Cousin Jerome; what a treasure and beloved friend. Jerome called me monthly from TN when my wife Corrine was chronically ill; inquiring as to how she was doing. I will never forget those great calls. Also all of the memories from when we were kids. Great and wonderful man! God's Blessing to all at this sad time.

Jim Fredrickson

Jim Fredrickson - January 29, 2020 at 05:20 PM

BG

I love reading all these great memories from you and Dennis. You are all great people and I wish I could have known you all better. Makes me feel a little closer to my Dad. Thanks!

Brad Gudvangen

Brad Gudvangen - February 02, 2020 at 12:51 PM

DS

“ Dear Carol and family. How heart broken we are. I'm sure Carol you are aware how close Jerome and I were. During our high school years we used to ride horse to each other's farm and stay over nite. I have so many memories it would take a book to write about them all. Our visit to Enid Ok when he was stationed there. Our high school years of playing basketball and going to State Tournament our senior year and even winning a game against Berthold. Like I said I could go on and on. I considered Jerome more like a brother than cousin. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May GOD bless you all.

Love

Dennis any Melanie Smith

Dennis Smith - January 29, 2020 at 03:37 PM

CR

“ *I was so sad to hear of Jerry’s passing. He was such a good guy. One of my memories of him was from working with him at Lockridge & Associates. I always laughed when he would come into the office in short sleeves when the temperature was like 30 degrees outside! We were all bundled up and he would say it felt great!!! He said after living in South Dakota, 30 degrees was a warm day! Carol, please accept our condolences.*

Jack and Craig Robinson

Craig Robinson - January 29, 2020 at 02:20 PM



Carol, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Jerome was such a sweet person and I am so thankful that i had the opportunity to meet and know him. My prayers and thoughts are with you and the family at this time. My God shelter you in his wings of love and give you peace during this time.

Anita McIntosh - February 03, 2020 at 06:07 PM

FW

I flew with the Major in the 20th SOS! A good pilot and a good man! Always with a smile! My sincere condolences to both family and friends!

Floyd W Watson - April 12, 2020 at 09:02 AM