



Jerry Michael Davis

May 31, 1950 - August 28, 2021

Jerry Davis followed his Savior home, August 28th, 2021, sitting in his sports car from his driveway in Gladstone Oregon. While his family wasn't ready for him to leave, they have great faith that he is safe in the arms of Jesus.

Born on May 31, 1950, to Margaret and Lloyd "Chips" Davis, in Brookings, South Dakota. Jerry was their first-born and was a handsome baby boy. Jerry had a great sense of service to his community starting with time as a Boy Scout. He and his brother had a lot of fun when they spent time on Grandpa Bob's farm. Hanging out in the hay loft, hunting for anything to shoot in the wind-row and baling hay. Jerry graduated from Walla Walla High school. In high school he was an active participant in a drama and speech competitions. He won several times won 1st place for his speaking skills.

After graduating high school, he joined the United States Marine Corp in 1968 and served in the Vietnam War. While in service he fought valiantly and saved many of his comrade's lives. His actions and leadership earned him 1 Silver Stars, 3 Purple Hearts, and the Navy Achievement Medal with "Combat 'V'". Sargent Davis was honorably discharged from service in August of 1970 but choose to continue to protect his community by graduating top of his class at the Washington State Police Academy. He served as an officer in College Place Washington. Then moved to the Sheriff's Office until he moved to Portland Oregon and worked as a hearings officer.

Jerry met Mary in Portland at a church function for people without spouses. Getting married in the summer of 1990, they blended their family making them 9 in total. Their home in Gladstone has been the center family gatherings filled with laughter and love. Jerry and Mary just celebrated 31 years of marriage.

Jerry was an outdoors man and enjoyed hiking, skiing, fishing, and hunting; but his greatest love and passion was music and song writing. Starting young he worked on his grandparent's farm saving every penny one summer to buy his first guitar. This started his lifelong love of music and songwriting. He played many instruments and, in several bands, but is best known for his 28-year musical ministry and Christian folk band, Have Gospel-Will Travel. Recording 6 CDs in all and traveling the around the Pacific Northwest sharing his original songs to 1,000s of people young and old. He regularly played during services at his church Christ the Vine Lutheran, at Tuesday Treasures, and Journey Gathering Baptist Church.

Pre-deceased by sisters Mary "Nikki" and Jane.

Jerry is survived by his spouse Mary; Parents Lloyd "Chips" and Margaret; Siblings Bob (Gini) and Liz (Gary); Children Tami "TJ" (Tony), Jamie (Shea), and Jackson (Lana); Stepchildren: Kim (Linda), Craig, Doug (Kelly), and Cindy (Jerry); 13 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Interment will be at Willamette National Cemetery.

All are invited to the service at Christ the Vine on October 2nd at 11 o'clock with luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to Christian Leprosy or Christ the Vine Lutheran in Jerry's name.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life with Reception

OCT 2. 11:00 AM (PT)

Christ the Vine Lutheran Church
18677 SE Hwy 212
Damascus , OR 97089

Tribute Wall



“ Jerry Michael Davis

January 28, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ Almost been a year, i miss grandpa g a lot. Every time i think of VBS i remember getting up on stage while he preformed his songs, and i sang along and taught the kids the moves to the songs. He made me feel so special in those moments, i would always brag about how great my grandpa g is and that he was a famous singer to my friends at VBS. Fun times 😊 wish they lasted longer 😞

Kenyah Parker - August 13, 2022 at 12:46 AM



“ It's been almost a year. It has not gotten easier. There is such a huge gaping hole where you were for so long. After 28 years of music, travel, recordings, church services, concerts, shenanigans... You were one of my dearest friends and I still have to stop myself from picking up my phone and calling you from time to time. We'll sing together again, I know.
And Dear Mary, thank you for sharing your talented and bodacious Jerry with us all. ❤️

Nita Powell - August 11, 2022 at 06:25 PM

DW

“ I had the distinct honor to have served as Jerry's platoon commander with Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division in Vietnam where Jerry proved himself to be a hero while in intense combat. On February 24, 1969, while conducting combat operations in Quang Nam Province our rifle company came under fire from a numerically superior North Vietnamese force. Jerry was isolated on our left flank but immediately attacked and destroyed enemy fortifications. After expending his hand grenades, he call for other Marines to throw their grenades to him. Under heavy fire, he crawled into an open area to retrieve the grenades and continued his personal and solitary attack. Jerry's actions carried the day and surely saved the lives of other Marines while inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. With the full support of all who witnessed his actions, Jerry was recommended for our nation's highest combat award, the Medal of Honor. As his platoon commander, I was there and witnessed his actions which were in the finest traditions of the United States Marine Corps. Jerry Davis was a true hero of whom all should be proud. Please accept my deepest condolences on Jerry's passing. Sincerely,

David J. Williams

Dave Williams - December 19, 2021 at 06:48 PM

JD

Thank you for posting this Dave. It is really amazing to hear a first-hand account of this.

Jackson Davis - January 07, 2022 at 01:15 PM

BB

“ 50 years of friendship, families and music.
Farewell, Pilgrim.

Betsy Borchgrevink - September 25, 2021 at 11:08 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Michael Davis.*



September 18, 2021 at 01:15 PM



“ *Jerry's singing and guitar music at Christ the Vine Lutheran Church was always a treat. He wrote a special song for the women celebrating Lutheran Women in Mission that he would share with the congregation on LWML Sunday each year. Jerry was a gifted musician and will be missed by all. Nita Hoops*

Nita Hoops - September 14, 2021 at 05:19 PM

KW

“ Good morning, everyone! I have to share a wonderful memory that made Aunt Mary and Uncle Jerry very special in our family's heart. About 18 yrs ago we went camping with them, Steve and Laurie, Kerry and Garry, and Mom and Dad (Marge and Earl). We went boating all day, and took the kids under the London Bridge. It was so much fun! That evening we all sat around our campsite and sang songs, with Jerry playing his guitar. One of the songs that Jerry taught us that our kids still sing to this day is Fisher of Men:

*"I want to be a fisher of men
Go down to the water and jump right in
Let down the nets and haul 'em in
I want to be.....a fisher of men.*

*I want to be like Simon Peter
True fishermen true believers
Calling on my friends to come and help
There's more in this net than I can catch myself."*

*What a beautiful song.
Thank you, Aunt Mary and Uncle Jerry for giving our family that special memory. You are wonderful.
To all the Davis families, you are in our thoughts and prayers.
We love you ❤️
Love,
Todd, Kim, Sarah, Zachary, Sami, and Tana*

Kim Williams - September 14, 2021 at 12:09 PM

PP

“ We will really miss our dear friend, recording artist, and member of our JGI Board of Directors. I first met Jerry in the late 1990's and over the years became good friends. My two kids were attending a school where he made a performance and told me to invite him to share his songs and music at our church. We did and he kept coming on various occasions for 23 or 24 years! He generously would promote our ministry on the labels of his CD's as well as come to minister in our church with his group, with another musician, or just by himself. His music often had a story or told a story. While Jerry was a "man's man" he also had both a determined and strong spirit as well as a gentle and Christian Spirit. He was always willing to do whatever he could. Our congregation and I will greatly miss him as will our ministry's Board of Directors, and especially me. He is a dear brother for whom we shall have to wait a time until our fellowship is renewed in Heaven. Jerry blessed and witnessed to many folks. Now he is done with the troubles of the world because God has taken him to his wonderful new Home. Thanks for your friendship.
Dan Pulliam, Pastor & President of Journey Gathering, Inc.

Pastor Daniel Pulliam - September 10, 2021 at 11:42 PM

JA

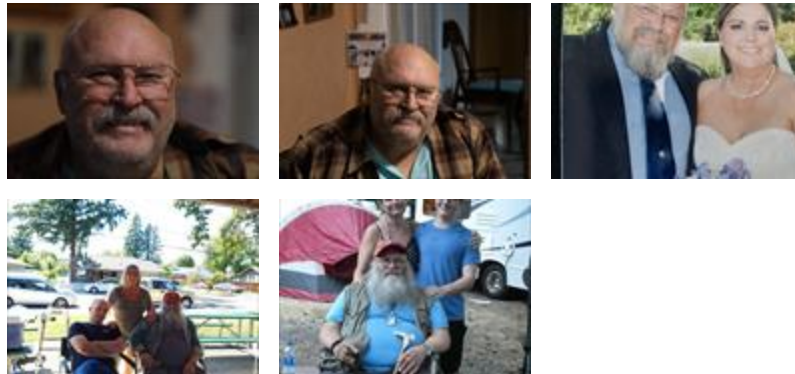
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Jackson - September 01, 2021 at 01:46 PM

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