



Jerry Lee Prater Sr.

November 21, 1955 - November 10, 2021

Jerry Lee Prater, Sr., age 65 of Bluefield, WV passed away Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at Raleigh General Hospital in Beckley, WV at 12:15 p.m. He was born on November 21, 1955 in Yukon, WV and was a son of the late Christopher Columbus Prater and Mollie Payne Prater. He was of the Christian faith and his religion was Pentecostal Holiness. He loved to play the guitar and sing every chance he got. He loved to sing, play and preach in Church; his favorite verse in the Bible was John 3:16. Jerry served in the United States Army National Guard from March 8, 1973 to March 8, 1979. He served as an E-4 in the 150th Armored Cavalry. His favorite color was purple and his flower was roses. He had worked for the city of War, WV for sixteen years and enjoyed it very much. One of his fondest memories was the day he met his beautiful wife, on September 3, 1972 and shared forty-seven years of marriage. His greatest inspiration was his love for gospel music and playing his guitar. He said his only regret in life was not finishing school. Jerry loved each and every one of his family members, friends and never met a stranger; he prayed daily for everyone. Jerry will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Crystal Gail Prater; special brother in-law, Charlie White.

Survivors include his loving wife, Virginia Marie Prater, to whom he was married for forty-seven years, but shared forty-nine years of their lives together. They were married on June 10, 1974. He is survived by five children,

Virginia Lynn Prater Atwell and husband, Charles of Lex, WV, Jerry Lee Prater, Jr. and fiancée, Donna Brewster of Newhall, WV, Mollie Jo Justice and husband, Earnie of Bluefield, WV, Jessica Ann Prater and fiancée, Valerie Davila-Perez of Newton, NC, and Ruth Ellen McCrary and fiancé, Corey Brown of Catawba, NC; two brothers, Chris Prater of Raleigh, NC and Gerald Prater and wife, Denise of Kimball, WV; three sisters, Ellen Prater and fiancé, David Robinson of Tazewell, VA, Marie Grose and fiancé, Rodger Baldwin of War, WV and Gaynell Walker and fiancé, Danny Stinson of Avondale, WV; eighteen special grandkids and twenty-two special great-grandkids that he loved dearly. He had a special friend, Anthony Wallace of War, WV and a very special brother in-law, Doug White and wife, Christina of Marion, VA; a host of nieces, nephews and other family members and friends also survive.

Funeral Services for Mr. Prater will be conducted at 3:00 p.m. Monday, November 15, 2021 at the Bartley Church of God in Bartley, WV with Rev. Melvin Muncy officiating. In keeping with Jerry's wishes, his earthly body will be cremated and burial will be private.

The family will receive friends at the Church after 6:00 p.m. Sunday, November 14, 2021.

The family of Mr. Prater is being served by Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Tazewell, VA and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at ww.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **14.** 6:00 PM (ET)

Bartley Church of God
Bartley, WV 24813

Funeral Service

NOV **15.** 3:00 PM (ET)

Bartley Church of God
Bartley, WV 24813

Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry Lee Prater Sr.*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Jerry Lee Prater Sr.*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Jesse And Darlene Leake sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerry Lee Prater Sr.*



jesse and darlene leake - November 16, 2021 at 06:47 AM



“ *You were the most kind and loving person I have ever met! There was such a light surrounding you. Thank you for making me a part of your family and Thank you for raising the greatest man I have ever met. I'm sure you are one of Gods Strongest Angels With All The Battles Here On Earth You Have Fought, Play That Guitar And Sing With Jesus! Fly High Pawpaw You Are Missed Everyday.*
(Brandy)

Brandy Sweeney - November 14, 2021 at 08:43 AM

JP

“Daddy. You are greatly missed by so many people already! Mom misses you dearly and doesn't know what to do without you, but we will get her through this till you two meet again. We all love you so much and will never ever forget you and you will live on through your kids, grandkids, and great grandkids. It will be so hard to say goodbye tomorrow but I know your in heaven rejoicing with grandma Prater and White and grandpa Prater and White, uncle Charlie and Crystal as well. RIP till we meet again!!



Jessica Prater - November 14, 2021 at 02:50 AM

JP

“Jessica Prater lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Prater Sr.



Jessica Prater - November 14, 2021 at 02:39 AM

JS

“ You were my grandpa, but really my dad. You took me in and raised me as your own with my grandma. You both showed me more love than I had ever known when I was a kid. We use to sit for hours, day and night, and play video games together. You Taught me how to play guitar and taught me how to love people. You taught me to respect and to treat people the way I wanted to be treated. You were always by my side and took care of me when I couldn't take care of myself. No matter what kind of trouble I was in, you always had my back. I miss you more and more as the days go by, I don't know how I am going to make it through this thing called life. I never thought I would see this day, didn't even like to think of this day. I know you are resting with no suffering now, but what I wouldn't do is just to sit and spend one more hour with you. I'm thankful to have you as my grandpa/dad but without you, in this life, I'm lost. I have cried and cried and cried and I will keep crying cause I will never get over this moment in my life. People say it will get easier, but I don't think it ever will. I love you dad and miss you dearly, I will never let your presence be forgotten. I will always lite a candle for you on your birthday and holidays. I love you more than life itself. I love you I miss you and forever will...



Junior sweeney - November 13, 2021 at 05:56 PM

MH

“ Virginia, Mollie, and Family,
I will never forget the first time I met Jerry, it was here at our apartments at night, I was still in the upstairs apartment and had come out on the porch, Jerry was sitting outside, things were a little crazy that night, but Jerry was so calm and nice. Every time I talked to him, when, we ended our conversations, he would always say, " it's been really nice talking to you." Virginia and Jerry have been wonderful neighbors and he will be greatly missed around here.

Always,
Marilyn

Marilyn Holt - November 13, 2021 at 05:35 PM

VA

“ Virginia Lynn Atwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerry Lee Prater Sr.



Virginia Lynn Atwell - November 12, 2021 at 09:12 PM

VA

“ Virginia Lynn Atwell lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Prater Sr.



Virginia Lynn Atwell - November 12, 2021 at 09:11 PM

VA

“Daddy, I love and miss you so very much and so far in my life, this is the hardest thing that I have ever had to do. I have cried so much that I feel like I have no more tears, yet they seem to still come out. I find myself not sleeping much at all these last few days and all I can seem to remember is how you were always there to protect me even when I let you down. You taught us all how to swim, how to love, and most of all how to respect ourselves and others. I often think of the first time after I received the holy ghost, and you were right beside me and how just like you told me it was the best feeling ever. I know that you are now in heaven with Jesus and now you can feel like that every minute of every day. I know you are looking down on us dad and I make you this promise from this day forward I will only make you proud of me and the decisions I make. Me, Charlie, and the kids will miss you forever you are in our hearts always. I pray that the good Lord helps all of us make it through these next few days. We love you, daddy. They say that every girl looks for a husband that reminds them of their father and I think they are right because I couldn't ask for a more loving, caring, responsible man than the one I have who loves me for me just like you dad. The last time we spoke at my house you said you were so tired and proud of me and that's all I ever wanted to hear.

Virginia Lynn Atwell - November 12, 2021 at 08:58 PM



“TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Prater Sr.



TonyanEdgar Wicks - November 12, 2021 at 03:20 PM

PC

“ Jerry was my “church dad” we love Virginia and Him very much. Our hearts are broken and we want you to know we love you all. Mollie hold your head up. You are stronger than you think❤️ God bless you all one day we will see him again... in the sweet by and by...



Pastor John Mark and Samatha Collins - November 12, 2021 at 02:40 PM

Hurst-Scott
Funeral Home

“ 1 file added to the album Jerry Lee Prater, Sr. Pictures



Hurst-Scott Funeral Home - November 12, 2021 at 11:44 AM

TN

I love you dad always will so glad your pain is over but miss you tremendously

Teresa nicholas - November 12, 2021 at 02:11 PM

EW

I Love You My Brother and hold you in my heart forever. I regret that you had to leave us so soon. RIP and spread your wings and fly high. Hug Mom and Dad for me, and know that I treasure so many memories of our childhood. I especially treasure the times you played the guitar and we would sing together. I know that you are now In The Arms of The Angels.

Ellen Williams - November 12, 2021 at 04:22 PM

RM

Dear daddy, I will never be ready to let you go but you are in a better place now and not in any pain, you will always be with me every day in my heart and soul. Your little girl, Ruth

ruth mccrary - November 12, 2021 at 06:27 PM

JS

I miss you dad and love you Soo much. Thank you for always being by my side and taking care of me when I couldn't take care of myself. I will never let you be forgotten and not a day will go by I won't talk about you and all the good times we have had and how you taught me to be the man I am today. I know you were very proud of me for finally doing good in my life and straighten completely up. Just know I will never go back to my old ways, I made u a promise and I will forever keep that promise to you, I'll do my best to take care of grandma and will always be here for her, I know You worried about her for when this day would come. Just know all of us kids will take great care of her. I love you more than life itself.

love always your son...junior sweeney

Junior sweeney - November 13, 2021 at 06:05 PM

JP

I have been struggling all day to write this message to you, it just still doesn't seem real. Everytime I walk into your apartment I expect to see you sitting there on the couch and hear you tell me you love me and then get up and hug me. That's what I am gonna miss the most. If i knew that the last time i hugged you would have been the last time, I would have held you tighter and longer. You are the best man I have ever known and no one can ever change that. You have so many family and friends that love you and will never forget you. Mom all 5 of us kids your 18 grandkids and 22 great grandkids will never forget you. You have a couple of great grandkids that will never get the pleasure of knowing how great you really were but we will make sure they know that you were awesome. I have so many memories of you that I can't even describe. I appreciate every single thing you have done with mom to raise me the correct way. I hope you are proud of the woman I have become and always will be till the day we meet again. You know that mom will be took care of as long as I'm alive. I hated to let you go so soon but I know you were tired and ready so we respected your wishes. I am also glad we all got to be with you in the process so you didn't go alone. I do still have the tape of you and mom signing from 19 years ago and i will keep it forever just so I can at least hear your voice. I know these next couple of days are gonna be just as hard as Wednesday was but we will make it through together as a family. I know you are in heaven rejoicing watching over all of us with the heavenly father. Please keep our family safe and strong for each other including mom. You left us to soon but I know God need another angel and even though it hurts I'm glad he choose you. I love you Daddy more than you will know. I am just gonna have to take it day by day! I will always remember you for the rest me life and make sure your great-grandskids do also even the ones that are on the way. Rest In Peace and enjoy your angel wings with no more pain and suffering. One day we will meet again I promise and can't wait to hug and hold you again without letting you go! Kiss everyone we have lost for me and tell them we will see them when its our time!! Te amo papi!

Jessica Prater - November 14, 2021 at 03:59 AM

DL

Sending lots of prayers and condolences to the family, jerry was one of our good friends to me Virginia and jerry was our family, fly high my brother you got your wings you were so blessed singing here on earth now your singing with the angels , Jesse and Darlene leake

darlene leake - November 16, 2021 at 06:43 AM