



## Gerald R. "Mac" McElhannon

November 3, 1934 - July 23, 2022

Gerald R. "Mac" McElhannon, age 87, of Ashdown, AR, passed away at Little River Nursing and Rehabilitation, Saturday, July 23, 2022. Gerald was born on November 3, 1934 in Foreman, AR, to N.P. and Ruby McElhannon. He is preceded in death by his parents, as well as his brother, Gordon "Poochie" McElhannon, wife, JoAnn McElhannon, daughter, Janet Lynn Wrinkle, and great granddaughters, Betsy Ball and Meredith Ball. He is survived by his daughter and her husband, Jeri and Jack Easterling of Hope; son in-law, Terry Wrinkle of Ashdown; step-children, Janet Fondren (Ed), Ed Leathers (Paula), and David Leathers; five grandchildren, Jonathan Easterling (Tasha); Julie Ball, Tommy Wrinkle (Camille), Jeff Wrinkle (Katelyn), and Jeremy Wrinkle (Kristen); and sixteen great grandchildren, Parker, Emma, Caroline, Eli, Ben, Abigail, Aubrey, Addison, Baylor, Maddox, Tinslee, Ellie, Oaklynn, Duncan, Mac and Ava. Gerald lived a very happy, full life doing the things he loved. He officiated football games in Ashdown and the surrounding area during the late 1960's and early 70's, and he loved his horses and cows, owning several cutting horses and riding in numerous futurity competitions during the 1970's and 80's. He also loved the Arkansas Razorbacks, especially baseball, and took his last big trip to watch the Razorbacks play in Omaha. He was co-owner of K&L Butane, and then co-owner, of Royal Chevrolet in Foreman, AR for over 25 years. He was a hard worker, and believed everyone else should be, too. Even in his seventies, and against doctor's advice, you might find him up on a horse or climbing into the tractor at his farm. Those who knew him

affectionately called this the “McElhannon hard-headed gene.” Until recent years, he still made his rounds, weekly if not daily, to the farm and to the feed store. He loved people and he loved visiting and telling stories. His hard-working spirit, humor and love of his family will be greatly missed. Visitation will be held at 9:00 AM, followed by Funeral Services at 10:00AM, Monday, July 25th, at Ashdown First United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Ashdown United Methodist Church, 145 E Commerce St, Ashdown, AR 71822. The family would also like to extend their sincere appreciation to the nurses and staff at Little River Nursing and Rehab.

# Cemetery Details

## Ashdown Memorial Gardens

148 Little River 29  
Ashdown, AR 71822  
(870) 898-3331

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 25. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
145 E Commerce Street  
Ashdown, AR 71822

## Funeral Service

JUL 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
145 E Commerce Street  
Ashdown, AR 71822

# Tribute Wall



“ *Madden Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald R. "Mac" McElhannon*



Madden Funeral Home - July 25, 2022 at 09:22 AM



“ *Gerald R. "Mac" McElhannon*

October 08, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *Bobbie Schuetz lit a candle in memory of Gerald R. "Mac" McElhannon*



Bobbie Schuetz - August 06, 2022 at 08:15 PM



“ *Bobbie Schuetz lit a candle in memory of Gerald R. "Mac" McElhannon*



Bobbie Schuetz - July 29, 2022 at 07:07 PM

PT

“ So sorry to hear about Gerald. He and Jimmy always had a lot to talk about mostly cows and old times

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**pat thrash** - July 25, 2022 at 11:57 AM

KL


“ Gerald was a very special person !!! Always had a smile on his face !!! Gerald and my daddy are discussing cows and hay right now !!! LOL !!! Gerald will be missed !!! Condolences to the family !!! Kay (Welch) and Mike Lincoln

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**Kay Lincoln** - July 24, 2022 at 06:18 PM

JS

“ So very sorry to hear about Gerald. I grew up just a few doors down from he and JoAnn. They were great folks

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**Jennie Lee (Ritter) Stone** - July 23, 2022 at 08:28 PM

 Teresa Cowart

“ He was a very special man. I worked for him and he was so easy going always shared a laugh whenever we saw each other. He will be missed. Praying for the family during this difficult time.

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**Teresa Cowart** - July 23, 2022 at 08:10 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about Mac's passing. I've known him basically all of my 70 years, he was always a great man with an equally great family with whom I grew up with. Condolences to the family.

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**Frankie (Paco) Ritter** - July 23, 2022 at 07:41 PM