



Jerry Franklin Burnett

June 26, 1947 - January 23, 2026

Jerry Franklin Burnett, 78, went to be with his Lord and Savior on January 23, 2026. He was born on June 26, 1947, in Nevada County. Jerry graduated from Hope High School in 1965. After high school, Jerry became a member of the Arkansas Razorback football team on a full scholarship. He had a well-respected, long-standing career as a street department superintendent, as well as serving as the city park director for Ashdown, Arkansas. Jerry had a love for helping others, no matter the circumstance at hand. He also had a heart for sports. Jerry was a referee for multiple sports for many decades, helping many of Ashdown's youth start their sports careers.

Jerry was an avid golfer for the majority of his life. He shared this passion with his grandsons and friends, who spent many years together on the golf course. Those who knew Jerry knew he lit up whatever room he walked into, instantly lifting the mood. Jerry was a faithful, well-rounded, loved, and respected man. Those who knew Jerry also knew he would give the shirt off his back to help in any way he could. Jerry's love for his family and friends knew no boundaries. Jerry was a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, uncle, and beloved friend. His family was the light of his world, and he made sure that everyone was always taken care of.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, William and Pauline Burnett. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Charlotte Burnett; daughter and son-in-law, Misty and Ricky Russell; son and daughter-in-law, Lane and Diane Burnett; sister and brother-in-law Paula and Bill Avera, grandchildren, Corbin

Krause (Shelby) and Will Burnett (Katelyn Thompson); and great-grandchildren, Hudson, Liam, Malaki, Makena, and Mekah, along with many beloved friends and relatives.

Funeral services will be Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 2:00 at Madden Funeral Home in Ashdown with David Fomby officiating. Visitation will begin at 1:00 prior to the service. Interment to follow at Ashdown Memorial Gardens.

Cemetery Details

Ashdown Memorial Gardens

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 29. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Madden Funeral Home - Ashdown
371 N 3rd Street
PO Box 428
Ashdown, AR 71822
(870) 898-3331
<https://maddenfuneralservice.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 29. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Madden Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerry Franklin Burnett*



Madden Funeral Home - January 26 at 12:43 PM

RG

One of the best boss man and friends I ever had. You couldn't hardly meet anyone as genuine as Jerry. My 🙏 and condolences go out to his family. You will truly be missed and never forgotten.

Rod Grimes - January 26 at 08:16 PM

LE

“ *Larry E. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jerry Franklin Burnett.*



Larry E. - January 27 at 10:21 AM

LE

“ I have several memoirs with Jerry one was playing golf at the golf ranch hole 13 Jerry hits his drive 2 inches from the cup on par 4 almost made a hole in one 2 inch short #2 Jerry and i casing Will and Amzi around the ball parks winning the World Series in Dallas we had so fun watching them play baseball he Will be missed love Jerry

Larry East - January 27 at 10:18 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerry Franklin Burnett.



January 26 at 09:51 PM

WA

“ Prays for Charlotte and Jerry’s family. He was a great friend for many years and we will miss him greatly! 🙏❤️

Warren & Jo Adcock - January 26 at 06:09 PM

SB

“ Herman & Sara Barnett send condolences to Charlotte & all of the family & friends. He & Herman officiated football & basketball games & both loved working with student athletes!!

Sara & Herman Barnety - January 26 at 05:36 PM

YB

“ I'm thinking about all of you and praying for your comfort and peace in all of this. God blessed us all with Jerry's presence and friendship. My favorite memory will always be our baseball days. Sending my love and prayers for all of you. Trust in the Lord for strength and comfort! ❤️🙏

Yvonne Bond - January 26 at 10:30 AM

JW

“ I'm so sad to hear about Jerry. He was a childhood friend . Even though I haven't seen him in years, I've kept up through other classmates. I was a HHS cheerleader, so I eye witness his athletic ability . Proud to have known such a fine gentleman. Prayers for you all.

Jan Wright - January 26 at 09:54 AM

DR

“ I first met Jerry when we moved back to Ashdown in 2017, we became friends and golfing buddies right away. Hardly a day has gone by without a visit, a phone call or just a snack drop off. He was always ready and willing to help in any way. We talked about most everything, mostly about family. He loved and cared about each of you and spoke about what was going on in your lives. So, I know a lot about you. Jerry was a loving Husband, Father, Grandfather and a
Loving friend to all who knew him. I am proud to be his Friend.

Dan Ritter - January 26 at 09:16 AM

HJ

Jerry was a good friend of mine for many years and a natural talented athlete. Charles Gough and i coached him in Junior American baseball in Hope. He was a great athlete in baseball and football. i will always remember him playing for the Razorback freshmen and he was playing as a defensive corner back covering a sensational receiver with SMU. Jerry completely contained him. Never played golf with him but bet he was pretty good at that to. A friend to everyone and be greatly missed. My most sincere condolences to the family.

Herbert Johnson - January 26 at 11:40 AM