



Gerald H. Yarbrough

March 23, 1934 - October 29, 2024

Gerald H. “Jerry” Yarbrough was an active member of his community, the one in which he was born and raised. Born March 23, 1934, to his parents Lillie and Gilbert Yarbrough, he was a loving son who took what his parents said to heart. When he was in middle school, he and some friends got caught smoking - when his father found out he promised him \$100 at graduation if he never smoked again. Though his father didn't live to see him graduate, Jerry kept that promise to his dad. He graduated from Harlandale high school and the very next week he went to work at the Kelly Air Force Base printing plant. He took a few years off from printing to serve his country in the Army. Ultimately returning to the printing plant where he spent the next 40 years and retired as chief of the Air Force printing plant.

Jerry and Sydney were married November 14, 1959. November of this year would've been 65 memorable years together. They were blessed with two sons Jeff and Glen who gave them four granddaughters; Heather, Colbie, Skylar and Amber as well as three great- granddaughters; Ember, Eden and Era. Plus, one very spoiled pup named Ruby Lee!

Jerry's passion and knowledge of plants was vast, and he loved sharing new propagations and findings with friends and family. He raised and showed chihuahuas for many years and was a founding member of the Bexar County Kennel club. Where he was the Bexar County delegate to the American

Kennel Club for over 30 years. He was an active member of the San Antonio Conservation Society and volunteered for years at NIOSA during fiesta. He also worked throughout the year with the "flower fluffers" helping to make decorations. He had a love for roller coasters, cooking, traveling and staying busy – often taking on way more than he should, the flock of chickens and geese in the backyard is proof.

Jerry and Sidney were always on the move and enjoyed making trips to the Rio Grande Valley and crossing the border at Progreso into Mexico. He would take Sidney out for cabrito, margaritas and shopping where he would pick up his favorite guayabera shirts. They would travel to Rock Port for the Hummingbird Festival in September and to the King Ranch Cowboy Breakfast each November. Sometimes they would just hit the road for lunch at some forgotten place they had heard about from a friend or newspaper article, it didn't matter if it was half an hour away or 2 1/2 hours away, they were always up for the adventure.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and cooking for them every Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. His pride and joy were his granddaughters and great - granddaughters who he loved with everything he had. Jerry will be sorely missed, and not just for his famous potato rolls and chicken and dumplings but for so much that he brought to his family and friends.

Originations/Memberships

Mission City Stewards Club

San Antonio Cactus club

Garden Volunteers of South Texas

Chihuahua club of San Antonio

And several others.....

Please make a donation to your favorite charity in lieu of flowers.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

A Celebration of a Life Well Lived

NOV 18. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ I always looked forward to seeing Gerry at all the different meetings held at the San Antonio Garden Center. He always greeted me with that sweet smile and a warm hug. Sending my love to Sydney and the rest of the family.

Rhonda Banuelos - November 11, 2024 at 10:31 AM

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“ Jerry was one of the first USAF employees I met at Kelly in 1985 when the GPO opened its office in Building 1552.. He was truly a unique character of whom there are many great memories. He made us "yankees" feel right at home.

Arthur Jacobson - November 10, 2024 at 09:25 AM