



## Jerry Lee Canavit

January 12, 1943 - September 22, 2024

Jerry Lee Canavit passed away on September 22nd, 2024 in San Antonio, TX. He was born in Macomb, IL on January 12th, 1943 to Wayne and Pauline Canavit.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his mother and father in-law, Morris and Fay Campbell.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Dawn Campbell Canavit; his daughter Heather Reetz; grandchildren Haley Reetz, Tyler Reetz, Kelsey Reetz, and Dylan Reetz; his sister, Sherry Scherer and nephew, Tony LaMantia.

Jerry began his service in the Air Force in 1966, and met his wife Dawn when he was at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS. During his career, he served as an Air Force Interception Specialist in Turkey. After marrying Dawn, Jerry was relocated to Kelly Air Force base in San Antonio, TX in 1969. He graduated from the University of Texas in 1973, one year before his daughter Heather was born. After his retirement from the Air Force, he had a long and rich career in advertising and art direction, and was a very active member of his community and neighborhood. Jerry began drawing steamboats at the age of five, and was an expert scholar on the subject, writing many books and magazine articles. He loved playing horseshoes. Jerry attended St. George Episcopal Church regularly and was a devoted believer in Christ.

His wife, daughter and family wish to extend a special thanks to their generous neighbors, Thomas and Michelle Farias for all of their amazing

support.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 30. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78230

## Funeral Service

OCT 1. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our deepest condolences. Dr Gabriel Ortiz and Staff*

**Gabriel** - October 08, 2024 at 03:08 PM

GJ

“ *To the Canavit Family, Dawn you have my sincere condolences. I know things are upside down for your family now, but it is always darkest right before light. Keep your hand in GOD'S hand and he will pull you thru.*



**Glen Johnson** - September 30, 2024 at 10:15 PM

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“ *The Asher Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jerry Lee Canavit.*



**The Asher Family** - September 30, 2024 at 02:00 PM

KF

“ *Kim McKay and Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Jerry Lee Canavit.*



**Kim McKay and Family** - September 29, 2024 at 05:27 PM

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“ Jerry and Dawn have been our neighbors for 20 years. We have been fortunate to have them by our side as we raised our children and grew as a family. While Dawn looked over our children when they went to the elementary school where she taught, Jerry looked over our neighborhood spending many hours nurturing his lawn and looking out for the well-being of neighbors. We share a love of dogs with Jerry and Dawn. One of our children’s favorite memories is going to their home to meet their new puppies, Baxter and Bailey, whom Jerry gifted to Dawn. The joy was evident in all of our faces, and our daughter, especially, often wanted to go visit Baxter and Bailey. When our dogs died, Jerry and Dawn sent us sympathy cards with original artwork by Jerry. The cards hung on our refrigerator for many years. Jerry introduced us to the Beau Rivage in Biloxi when we were planning our first big road trip with our kids. It became a family favorite where our children learned about the endless hotel buffet. Jerry would share his love of history with our children, and our son still talks about the book which Jerry recommended to him—Sapiens. Jerry and Dawn became part of our family, and we will miss Jerry dearly. We are grateful for knowing him as our neighbor and our friend.

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**The Farias Family** - September 27, 2024 at 11:35 PM

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