



Jerry Louis Caddel

July 30, 1934 - November 11, 2021

Jerry Louis Caddel, of Lubbock, TX, passed away on November 11, 2021. Jerry Louis Caddel was born July 30, 1934 in Mangum, Oklahoma to Louis Gaston (Jack) Caddel and Audie Thompson Caddel. He was happy to be the older brother to Bob. After graduating from Mangum High School, he attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Education and a Masters in Teaching. He was married to Kay Wildman on October 6, 1956 in Alfalfa, Oklahoma. He taught Instrumental Music in Boise City and Mountain View, Oklahoma. After moving to Lubbock, Texas, they had one son, Christopher Louis Caddel. While at Southwestern, he was the lead trumpet player of the marching, concert, and jazz bands. He served as Vice President of the band and was honored to play a solo for both commencement and graduation ceremonies. Jerry was a member of the Beta Tau Beta Fraternity also known as the 'bow-tie-boys'.

In 1965, Jerry began a career as a 6th Grade teacher and Elementary School Counselor with the Lubbock Independent School District. After retiring in 1999, he continued to work part-time for both LISD and Texas Tech University as a Professional Educational Diagnostician. When he retired from part-time work in June of 2016, he had served in education for over 60 years. He especially loved working with Principal Oscar Reyes and the students of the LISD Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program.

Jerry was a member of the Agape, Wolfforth, St. John's, and New Deal United

Methodist Churches. He served as President for the Lubbock Classroom Teachers Association, Member of the West Texas Counseling Association, and was awarded the West Texas Counselor of the Year, twice. He was very proud to be appointed and serve on the Texas Governor's Commission on Ethics and was a Charter Member of the Ranch Headquarters Association (now called the Ranching Heritage Association).

Jerry loved dancing! He and Kay were President(s) of the Terpsichorean Dance Club and always loved dancing to the music of the Roy Roberts Band, Jazz Alley, and Wolf Creek. When he attended counselor's conventions, all the ladies wanted to dance with him. If Kay was along, she was lucky to make the dance card!

In his spare time, Jerry raised, trained and showed Quarter Horses with Chris. Jerry and Kay were leaders of the Pioneer Horse Club for the Lubbock County 4-H for ten years and helped the 4-H'ers participate in county, district, and state competitions, and coached Chris and Robin Bassinger of Slaton to a National Western 4-H Horse Championship.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Bob. He is survived by wife Kay, son Chris, grandchildren Jackson Louis, Hank Maxwell, and Truly Belle Caddel of Lubbock, sister and brother-in-law Hubert and Kara Lee Bean of Moore, Oklahoma, and sister-in-law, Mary Caddel and niece Jackie Hood of Kingsland, Texas, and many more cousins, nieces, nephews, and host of friends.

The visitation will be at Sanders Funeral Home on Thursday, November 18, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Funeral services will be held on Friday, November 19, 2021 at 2 PM in the Sanders Memorial Chapel, located at 1420 Main Street. A graveside service will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at Alfalfa Cemetery in Alfalfa, OK.

The family would like to thank Rex Caldwell and Bob Albin for making sure Jerry's bird feeder was always full during his stay at Wilshire Senior Living. Also, thanks go to the staff of Wilshire and Nurse Stephanie Soto of Texas Home Health Hospice.

Donations can be made to the New Deal United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Alfalfa Cemetery-Alfafa Baptist Church

23082 State Highway 58
Alfalfa, OK 73015

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Sanders Funeral Home

Funeral Service

NOV 19. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Jerry Louis Caddel



Sanders Funeral Home - November 19, 2021 at 02:25 PM

DP

A very special service for a very special man. Chris, you did what you always do...you made it a work of talent and art. Your Dad would be so proud. The music was just right. But the video... a fine cinema tribute to a good man.

Blessings from Arizona to my 'family' of so many years ago.

*Love,
Madelaine*

Dr. Madelaine Paschal - November 19, 2021 at 03:41 PM

DM

“ *It was a privilege to work with Jerry. He always showed kindness and courtesy to teachers and students .Jerry had a heart of pure gold. I could always depend on him to work with children who had special needs and give them the support they needed. A truly wonderful gentleman.*

I extend my deepest sympathy to his family.

Denzil Minyard - December 08, 2021 at 01:15 AM

MP

“ Kay and Jerry took me under their loving wings when I was a freshman at Tech in 1965. I was so blessed to be asked to live with them during one special summer and even more blessed when they invited me on their family vacation to Oklahoma where I met and fell in love with the rest of their wonderful family. Kay and Jerry gave me a home when I didn't have one, warmth when I needed it, and love of family that I had never experienced before.

I will be forever grateful to both Jerry and Kay for teaching me the principles of family, friendship, and life as only they could have and did live it.

Thank you, Jerry and my dear Kay. I will forever love you both.

Dr. Madelaine Paschal

Madelaine Paschal - November 19, 2021 at 12:50 PM

MA

“ Kay, Chris, Jackson, Hank and Truly: I am so sorry for your great loss, and am also very sad. He loved his family so dearly. We are so blessed to have had Jerry in our lives as he was not only an educator, but a wonderful Christian person as an example to us. He touched so many lives and will be missed by many. Love, Mildred Allen, ex neighbor.

Mildred Allen - November 17, 2021 at 06:46 PM

DN

“ I worked with Jerry at Hardwick Elementary in LISD. He was a true teacher partner, always ready to listen to student concerns and help with suggestions or to counsel students. He was a special caring professional. I am sorry for the family's loss. Dr. Susan Nix

Dr. Susan Nix - November 14, 2021 at 08:28 AM

DH

“ Kay and Chris. I am so very sorry for your lose of Jerry. Will always remember the time you all came to Kingsland for a visit and we went out to eat catfish. Just remember Jerry is not in pain any longer. Praying for your family. Daryl Hood

Daryl Hood - November 13, 2021 at 12:21 PM