



Jerry Hensley

February 15, 1939 - May 29, 2007

Jerome K. "Jerry" Hensley passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his family on Tuesday evening, May 29th. Jerry was born to his parents Nobel & Mary (Ritter) Hensley on February 15, 1939 in Port Arthur, Texas. Jerry graduated from Morris High School in 1957. After high school he joined the National Guard where he reached the rank of Lieutenant and also attended college for a short period of time. On April 18, 1960 he was united in marriage to Janice Mae Allen in Morris. Together they made their home in Thomastown Township where he worked for many years as a general insurance agent. He loved spending time with his family, golfing with his friends, four wheeling, fishing, attending his grandsons sporting events and wintering in Florida. Jerry was a proud and active member of AA. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter Jillene. He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Janice; daughter Janell (James) Carr of Verndale; sons Jeffrey of St. Cloud and Jason of Rio Rico, AZ; 4 grandchildren; brother Darryl of Burlington, Iowa and his many close friends, business associates and clients. Private family services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be directed to the Wadena Area Cancer Relay for Life.

Tribute Wall

RK

“ My dad's best friend, Jason and I were friends, I was a few years older and lost touch after I hit 11th. grade, Jerry told me stories when I was 2 in Apple Valley, Minnesota. We were neighbors and in a new housing area, I was covered in mud playing in my backyard, pre-grass and sat in his pool to wash off. He filmed it on his 8mm camera. Jerry and his wife and kids are life time friends... Roger Kotz.

Roger kotz - June 05, 2020 at 08:18 PM

DG

“ Dear Jan and family, Jerry was such a special friend. He will always be a part of our thoughts and truly missed. Our heart and our prayers go out to the family at this very difficult time. Love, Diane and Anthony

Diane & Anthony Guadagno - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

G#

“ Jerry & I would like to extend our deepest sympathy on your loss to you and your family.

Gloria & Jerry Reisner #206 - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Jason and Family our thoughts are with you.
Joshua, Natasha, et al @ OGC

Jason's Friends at OGC in Oregon - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Jerry was one of the most fun conversationalists I have known. He was the father of one of my husband's best friends and so not my generation and, yet, we could sit down and talk for hours. He had the way of making you feel at ease and listened to. He was a wonderful family man and it was always a pleasure to be with Jerry and Jan. They would light up a room. God bless him and blessings upon Jan and all their family.

Sherry Luna - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WJ

“ I am sorry for your loss. Jerry and I came on Mid-Central Bank board at the same time. He became a good friend.

wyman jorgenson - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VJ

“ Janice, children, and grandchildren, I am very sorry to hear about your loss of Jerry. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many people arround the world! If you need anything, or just a listening ear, I'm only a few miles away. Take care.

Vicki Johnson - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WA

“ I known you for seven years. We met on the golf course in Florida. Your friendship was always true and I will miss you old friend. Please reserve a few extra tee off times in heaven for the rest of us. Remember you shot your first 79 with the guys from Virigina.

Always your friend,

Bill Agee

William R. Agee - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

S(

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Susan Johnson (Kotz) - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ *Jan,
I was so sad to hear of Jerry's death. We had such wonderful times
camping and 4-wheeling. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Take care.

Tim, Tammy and Ben Noteboom - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Jan, Joyce and I will miss Jerry as a good friend in Florida and the
times we spent at your condo. We played golf with him for about 7
years when we came to Florida on our winter trips. He always had a
smile on his face and enjoyed golfing with Bill and I.*

Ron & Joyce

Shane & Syndie Johnson - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Jan and family, We were so sorry to hear of Jerrys passing. We
were not aware until last Sunday that he was so sick. He was a
great friend who I greatly admired. He also gave very good advice. I
shall miss that big guy coming into the office to say "Hi" to me. Gods
blessing to you and your family. Steve and Linda*

Steve and Linda Babcock - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *I was so sorry to learn of your loss. I'm praying for you.*

Charlene Skala - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ To you Jan and your family Our Love and thoughts will be with you.
Hap & Pat

Bob & Pat L'Heureux - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Know that we are thinking and praying for you and your family- We would love to see and visit with you if would come to our area- give us a call!
With Love- Matt, Kelly , Luke and Jennifer Allen

Matt & Kelly Allen - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ We treasure the wonderful times we spent with you on camping trips, 4 wheeling and a wonderful motorcycle trip. We have beautiful memories. May God's love help Jerry's family in the days ahead. Jerry will be deeply missed by a host of Friends and Family. We feel blessed that we were some of the chosen few that shared his live. God has called an angel home. Leone & Jerry

Leone & Jerry Rowan - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you in this very difficult moment. May Jerry's memories comfort you. I'm sure Jerry is watching all of you from up above!

Denise Garcia - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Dear Jan: So sorry to hear of your tragic loss. May your precious memories of your life with Jerry sustain you and bring you comfort. I hope that we can see you soon back in Florida. My deepest condolences and God Bless you. Pearl

Pearl Katowitz - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.
He was way to young - I gather it was cancer. Sure wish more could be done to cure it.

Dale and JoAnn Tiegen - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SZ

“ Jerry was a walking inspiration to all of us. He taught me much of what I have learned about life and sobriety. He will always be remembered in our hearts and in our minds.

With love and admiration,

Sue

susan zimbler - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ My heartfelt thoughts are with you all. Jack and I will ask to have prayers said at this week's Mass.

Denise Carr - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Jerry was a very sweet guy with a great sense of humor and was an asset to our group. I always enjoyed hearing him share his experience, strength and hope. He will truly be missed on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and will be forever in my prayers. Love and comfort, Deb Fanich

Deborah Fanich - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Jerry will be dearly missed by our group. Personally, I will miss his smile and words of wisdom most. I'm glad he did not suffer and was surrounded by his loved ones. Rest in peace, Jerry! Yours in Sobriety, Lauren

peggy werdan - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Although I did not know him well, he seemed like a great guy. I had him share for me at the House of Hope on a couple of occasions and I would see him when I went to the Coconut Creek meeting. I also attended a couple of social events where he was in attendance. He was always smiling and I looked up to him for what appeared to be a well rounded family oriented man.

Tom Piecuch - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ YOU WILL TRULY BE MISSED. YOUR PRESENCE IN THE ROOM OF COCONUT CREEK IN YOUR CORNER SEAT WILL BE MISSED. THANK YOU FOR TEACHING ME ABOUT LIFE WITHOUT ALCOHOL. GOD BLESS YOU & YOUR FAMILY.

STEVE & JODY MAXWELL - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Dear Jan & Family,
Betty and I are sorry for your loss, he was a great friend and tribute to AA. Jerry had a wonderful sense of humor , touched so many lives, I felt so connected to him that I am going to miss him. We are all going to meet again, for Jerry, life has changed, not ended. You are all in our prayers.

Love,

Bill & Betty

Bill Creelman - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ I have the barest of memories of Jerry, but know how important he was to you. My prayers for you, Janice, and the entire family. I'm glad you were able to be there.

Ben Ostrom - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all in Minnesota. Jerry was a very special man and will be missed dearly. Please take care. Love, Julie

Julie Hensley - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ It was a honor to have Jerry as a classmate and a friend.

Howard & LoAnne Jaeck - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *I feel blessed for having known Jerry. He has a special place in my heart always.*

Paul Barbarotta - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ *I'm so glad I had the chance to spend time with Jerry at the class of 56 reunion in Morris. Enjoyed the golf and conversation. My condolences to his family.*

Gordon Kolling - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *Truly Very Sorry for your loss.*

Thomas Garavuso - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ *Dear Jan and Family, I'am so sorry to hear of Jerrys passing. He always had a big HUG for you. We always had happy times together. Les will surly wecome his old hunting buddy with open arms! Good Bye Jerry! You will be dearly missed by all of us. Love, cookie*

Cookie - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *I will always remember your warm smile!*

Mary Jo Skjefte - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ I've not met Jerry, however, I'm a friend of Jason, his son. I simply wish to extend my deepest sympathy to the family for their loss.

I was once told, "you don't die if you're not forgotten". In that, I believe.

May the memory of Jerry and your lives together comfort you until you're reunited, and together once again.

Kyle Gunderson - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Jason: I'm so sorry I know he never can't be replace it, pray to good maybe one time could be together again.

Adriana y Omar Granados - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ In high school, Jerry and I were best friends and always together in and out of one thing or another all the time. I'll never forget him, he was a very special friend.

George and Judy Splitstoser - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ I share in your sorrow as you grieve for your loss. I did not know Jerry well. But I know he was much loved by his son, Jason. If you are loved, then you are precious. I send blessings of love, strength, courage and peace to the Hensley family and circle of friends. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Angela Luna-Ashbaugh - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Dear Jan & Family, What can I say that hasn't been said over and over. I am so truly sorrow for your loss of our BIG GUY. There are so many great memories that I will have of him. Just the way he held his putter, and looked up to see us watching him on the golf course, and all our lunches and birthday celebrations together, and the concerts in the park. These memories I will hold dearly forever.
Love you Marie

Marie Clarke - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ He was a special friend and will be greatly missed.

Chuck & Jan Loeffler - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ To Jerry's Family - We share your grief. After nearly half a century of being blessed by having Jerry and his family as part of our lives, we are heartsore at the hole left by his missing presence. We cannot imagine the intolerable grief you must be suffering. May God send you every angel to Lift You Up during this sad time in your lives. Jerry, our blessed friend, rest in eternal Peace. Love and sympathy from Alice and Rog

Alice and Roger McKinney - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Dear Jan & Family,
We are so very sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. I respected him and his insight regarding insurance very much.

When we lost our son two years ago he took the time to stop in to see us. It was very emotional having lost his daughter to cancer. He said it's a club he sincerely wished we didn't have to belong to. His visit will always stand out to us and are thankful for.

May God bless you in this time of loss.
Lee & Linda Tarrell

Lee & Linda Tarrell - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Jerry was a great friend and he will be missed. Our prayers are with you and if there is anything that we can do here in Florida, please call.

I will treasure the time Jerry and I got to spend together on the golf course and at our fellowship.

God Bless You All,
Chad & Gail Lopez

Chad and Gail Lopez - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Jerry touched the lives of so many. His wonderful spirit & smile will live in our hearts forever. He will surely be missed. May God comfort & hold his family close to His heart at this time of sorrow.

Jan & Gary Thomas - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WT

“ To the family of Jerry Hensley,
I know my brothers, George and Bill, will truly miss Jerry. They had some great times, together, when we all lived in Morris. I do recall a story about George and the Hensley boys skipping school to play poker at the Hensley home. The game was disbanded when my dad and Mae entered the home. I visualize legs, poker chips, and cards flying along with some well chosen words from my dad.
God go with you, Jerry, and blessings upon your family during this time.
As ever,
Wanda

Wanda Splitstoser Torgerson - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ Gratitude for Jerry and prayers for all of your family. Through Jason, especially, you have been friends to Ostroms for many years, the barriers of geographical distances notwithstanding.

Karl Ostrom - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I am remembering all the hunting trips with Jerry and Jeff. I spent alot of time at Jerry and Jans home and was always made to feel welcome. I have many fond memories of Jerry. Jerry will be sadly missed. My only regret is that I didnt have time to see him before he went home. I will always remember and love Jerry.

Joey Pilgrim - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ Jerry Hensley was one swell guy.
Our first encounter with Jerry was in Skagway Alaska, a laid back town for a laid back guy. We were on our first RV trip, sort of a break down trip to figure out all the things that could go wrong before we started a long trip to the "lower 48". Dinner was being prepared and all of a sudden smoke is billowing from the bedroom area of the RV. Doug rushes out to pull the electrical connection and there were Jerry and Jan sitting on the picnic table enjoying the sun and having a beer, while smoke is still coming out. Jerry says "well we were just deciding to come and tell you the RV was on fire". What a laugh we have had over the years when we tell that story.
Our heart felt condolence to Jan and the family. Jerry couldn't have been prouder than he was of the kids and grandkids.

*In loving memory,
Shirley & Doug Iverson*

Doug & Shirley Iverson - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Jan & Family, Sorry to hear of your loss, It's hard to find the right words to say, I know he will be missed very much. My thoughts & Prays are with you. Tulip & Bill

Tulip & Bill - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ jerry was one of the nicest people we have known. we will miss him so much and we send you our most heartfelt sympathy. what a blessing to have had jerry with you all these years. you are in our prayers and we hope you will visit the coconut creek group when you are back in florida sometime! may God stay with you durings this time.
Sincerely, Arty and Gail

Gail & Arty Reilly - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I know Jerry was a proud father and husband. He fathered Jason, my friend...and only a father with strong values, beliefs and moral principles could mold a person with the integrity and veracity imbedded in his offspring. I missed knowing Jerry in person on his recent visit to Rio Rico, AZ, but his spirit is here and alive in his son Jason, who has shown me how a man, I never knew, could help mold my moral spirit.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Hensley Family for peace and love during this time of transition.

Bartosh Family - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ May it comfort you to know that your friends are thinking of you and remembering you in their prayers.

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Lisa Corral*

Lisa Corral & Family - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Jan and Family,
I am so sorry to hear about your loss of Jerry.
I knew him the 27 years I worked at Ebner
Insurance and truly loved visiting with him every time he came into
the office. My
heartfelt condolences to all of you.

Deanna Lietz - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ We think Jerry was the most wonderful guy after he quit drinking. No one could possibly be nicer or more friendly and the Good Lord allowed him to live many years sober. Thank God.

DeWayne & Beverly Glover - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ My Dear Jan,

I am so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. I was in shock to hear the news.

As a friend and the Director of Palm Springs II, Blg. 3, I want to express my sincere sympathy for your loss.

I will be in Florida in July. If there is anything I can do, please do not hesitate to contact me. My home # is (845) 446-3413 and my cell # is (845) 913-6422.

My love to you and your family,

Jeannie

Jean Baldassare - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *i am praying that the peace which now surrounds jerry will keep your family free from sadness. jan, you and jerry have been very kind to me. good visits by e-mail and at the softball field were always appreciated. my dad had a special place in his heart for you guys, as i do too.*

debi ebner-tougas - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ I cherish old memories--fishing season so many years ago when it snowed on the fifteenth of may, and many other memories. Jerry was a good and loyal friend to Jim and I.

Bobbi Goetz Nelson - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Dear Jan, Janell, Jeff, & Jason;
May God bless you and give you strength in this time of sorrow. Uncle Jerry was always so kind and good to me. I will always remember him smiling and making everyone laugh. He's probably already sold a few policies in Heaven, where he's waiting for the rest of us. Soon you'll all be reunited. I will miss him dearly and wish I'd spent more time with all of you. Love Sis and Family

Sis Lenz - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Our family has been very blessed to have a friend and family like Jerry and his family. He has always been there for us and he will truly be missed. I know that he is at peace.

I know that he and Marge are up in heaven right now giving the umpire a bunch of crap for that last call. He will be missed at all the Verndale sports events.

Love You Guys,

Jack

Jack D. Carr - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ JANELLE , JAMES & FAMILY, SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE DEATH OF YOUR DAD, ITS ALWAYS HARD TO LOSE SOMEONE YOU LOVE, PLEASE KNOW YOU WILL BE REMEMBERED IN OUR PRAYERS. JACK EMAILED US THE OBITUARY. LOVE DEE & DICK

DICK & DEE SMITH - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FE

“ Jerry and I met at an AA meeting in Florida and became good friends. We both retired from the insurance industry and swapped many a funny story regarding our careers. Jerry and I golfed together and he loved to outdrive me which wasn't very hard to do. Jerry loved to brag about his friends and family and I guess that's why we all liked him so much. He will be missed by all of us.

Frank Erion - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Dear Jan and family,
My heart aches for all of you. I offer my deepest sympathy and ask God's blessings for you. I will keep you in prayer as you begin this journey. Please call if you would like to talk anytime. Love and prayers always, Toni

Toni Ebner - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Jerry played a big part in my life in the fellowship . I learned a lot about business and general life matters from him. I will miss most his sense of humor and having him to run ideas and situations past. Know that we are just a call away business or any reason. sorry for your loss. We will all miss him . God bless you all. Duane and Carol

Duane and Carol Johnson - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ We all just lost a ray of sunshine!!!!

Len Siegler,Sally Schaffhausen - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Dear Jan and family,
Very sorry to hear about Jerry. He was a good friend and a cornerstone of my recovery. I'll never forget his big sense of humor, his generous heart, or fighting over the check for chicken wings on friday nights.

Kirk, Connie and Kelly Sorensen - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ This is to express my deepest sympathy to Jerry's family and friends in his passing. I did not know him well. He was one of the first people I met when I started going to the Coconut Creek Group. His encouragement and words of wisdom kept me coming back. He was a rock for our group, and a tremendous example of what it means to give freely of what was given to you. The saying is that if you were able to help one person, your whole life was worth it. I am one of probably hundreds of people that he helped just by his showing up. He was a testament of brotherly love and the miracle of our program. Thank you Jerry for your power of example!!!!

Sandra C - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Jan and family:*

My sincere condolences to you and your family. We have known you & Jerry for quite some time and we have enjoyed your friendship, experience, strength and hope! I thank God for the opportunity to have known and spent time with Jerry. I really treasure the time that I got to spend with Jerry when he would come to the office and we would just talk after the business part was completed. He was always willing to share his experience and opinion which was very often humorous. It was truly a blessing that Jerry had the opportunity to come and share at the Coral Springs Group at the end of March this year. I know that his words were appreciated and enjoyed by many of the attendees at the meeting. I pray that you receive comfort and that the pain of your loss is eased at God's speed, one day at a time.

Bob & Barbara Mahoney - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *I am sure where you are Jerry, there will be plenty of guys to golf with and plenty to caddy for you. we will surely miss you. Duane and Dee*

Duane & Dee - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Jan, Janell, Jeff and Jason.*

My heartfelt condolences over the loss of the man that was a central point in your lives. He touched all of us with that big smile and gregarious laugh. Jerry was a striver and proud of all his children and their accomplishments. We did not talk often, but when we did, he wanted to know about your family. Truly different in today's world of ?me?. Jerry was one of a kind and will be truly missed.

Curtis Michel - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *I am sorry this took so long to send to you. I miss hearing Jerry's 4 wheeler pull into dad's and seeing them sitting on the deck. Dad was so very sad to hear of Jerry's death and really missed him,. . . but not for too long. Now they are up in heaven discussing everything and we have 2 more angels to watch over us. Thank you for your friendship and know that we will miss Jerry. God bless and keep you, love you all.*

Mary Liberto - May 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM