



Jerome Clayton Falls

January 14, 1945 - October 5, 2024

Jerome Clayton Falls, of Granby, Missouri, passed away on a sunny and peaceful Saturday morning, October 5th, 2024, in his ranch house, surrounded by peaceful fields and a family who loved him dearly.

He was born on January 14th, 1945 to Curtis and Mary (Gahura) Falls, in Fresno, California, in the San Joaquin Valley, between the Pacific Ocean and the Sierra Nevada Mountains, amidst orchards, cotton fields, vineyards, and cattle pastures. Raised in Clovis, he grew to have a deep love of cultivating the land and raising livestock. His father's family hailed from North Carolina and Arkansas. His mother's family immigrated through Texas.

Jerome was raised in a home his father built for their family and was blessed to have six older siblings from his parents' previous marriages: June (Ellis), Vernal (Coulthard), and Lloyd Falls, as well as Tony, Bob, and Jerry Prudek. He also has an older brother, Marvin, and a "baby" sister, Lynn (Miller), from his parents' union.

He attended Garfield elementary school, as well as Clovis Elementary, Middle, and High schools, where he was very involved in many activities; most especially, the Future Farmers of America, before graduating in 1962. He went on to graduate from Fresno State University, with a degree in Agronomy Science.

Jerome was married to Janice (Cooper,). Together they raised six children: Brett Falls, of Missouri, Heather (Kalen Dean) Willard, of North Carolina, Garrett Falls, of Missouri, Amy (Eric) Coursey, of Colorado, Brenna (Jeremy) George, of Missouri, and Mariah Falls, of Arizona. He is also survived by 20 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren, his brothers Tony Prudek and Marvin Falls, first cousin Carol Saylor, and many more loving nieces, nephews, cousins and relatives.

He will be remembered for his gentle spirit, wry sense of humor, unwavering work ethic, deep patriotism, love for his family, willingness to serve others, and unsurpassed knowledge of cattle.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, October 10th, from 5-7 pm, at Lakin Funeral Home, Pierce City, Missouri. Funeral services are to be held on Friday, October 11th, 2024, at 11:00 am, at the First Congregational Church, Pierce City, Missouri. A private, family, graveside-service will be held later in the day to celebrate Jerome's passing to his heavenly home.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Lakin Funeral Home
501 N Elm St.
Pierce City, MO 65723
(417) 476-2626
lakinfuneral@suddenlink.net

Funeral Service

OCT **11**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Congregational Church U.C.C.
108 North Walnut Street
Pierce City, MO 65723

Tribute Wall

JA

“ I am passing Clovis Ca and thought of my time teaching cooking classes and working for Janice Cooper Falls at Nutrition Centers of America. I am sorry about reading that Jerome passed away last fall. I have many fond memories of the family and Janice. Janet Adams bnjadams@gmail

Janet Adams - May 07, 2025 at 06:13 PM

RP

“ Robert L Phelps lit a candle in memory of Jerome Falls



Robert L Phelps - November 05, 2024 at 08:46 PM

PA

“ Many,many memories shared with The Falls family in their huge home on Walnut. Jerome was always kind and never forgot me. Amy and I graduated together and even after high school he would see me out and about and say "hi". Prayers and much love too you all.

Penny Acheson - October 07, 2024 at 05:53 PM

JG

“ Jennifer G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerome Clayton Falls.

Jennifer G. - October 07, 2024 at 03:52 PM

DG

“ I have known Jerome since I was a little girl. He is my brother in laws brother. All of the Falls family is my family too. Jerome was just the nicest, friendliest person you could know. I am so sorry to all of my Falls family for the loss of Jerome. May he rest in peace. Aloha Jerome, until we meet again 🙏❤️Denise and Rick

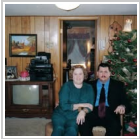
Denise Garza - October 07, 2024 at 01:15 PM

MA

“ Mari lit a candle in memory of Jerome Falls



Mari - October 07, 2024 at 09:40 AM



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Brenda Lakin - October 07, 2024 at 09:00 AM

AL

Jerome Falls has been my brother in law my entire life! He and my sister Janice married when I was a toddler. I loved his dry sense of humor, his unwavering integrity and his inability to treat people as strangers. He will be greatly missed by so many. God speed Jerome until we meet again. ❤️

Angel Lambrose - October 07, 2024 at 04:19 PM