



## Jery R. Porterfield

June 14, 1943 - January 27, 2020

Born June 14, 1943 in Claremore, Oklahoma to Hobart Glen and Ruby (Sugg) Porterfield, Jery attended schools in Claremore, graduating with the class of 1961. He continued his education by attending Northeastern State College and received his Bachelor's degree in education. Jery later returned to Northeastern and obtained his Master's degree. His first post teaching was at Bell Junior High in Tulsa, as an English teacher. In 1979 Jery began working at Claremore High School as a counselor and retired in 1998.

Jery had a blind date with a young lady that was visiting her grandparents in Claremore. They began writing to each other when she returned to California. It wasn't too long that a courtship began and the two fell in love. Jery visited her in California and they continued to write to each other, he later proposed and the two were married on July 2, 1964. Tahlequah was home first while Jery finished his degree and later Claremore became home and together they raised their two sons.

A man that was a hard worker and provided for his family, Jery was also someone who could build anything he put his mind to. He could make anything out of wood, from furniture to an addition to his home. His mechanic skills came in handy when he needed to rebuild or fix a car. His work ethic came from the time when he was a young boy on a dairy farm. This taught him many lessons and helped him throughout his life.

Those family members that survive include his wife Connie of their home; his children Tommy Porterfield and wife Susie of Harrison, Arkansas and Tony Porterfield and wife Carolyn of Claremore; his grandchildren Zachary Porterfield, John Porterfield, and Elsie Porterfield. Jery was preceded in death by his parents and sister Nina Avery.

## Events

**JAN Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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MMS - Payne Funeral Home &amp; Cremation Service

102 W. 5th St., Claremore, OK, US, 74017

# Comments

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“ I was sorry to read of the passing of Jerry. I knew him as a good friend and cousin to a guy I dated in high school. We had good times double dating and I will always have fond memories of him. He was a great guy. Condolences to family. Frances Lundy

Frances Lundy - February 01, 2020 at 03:29 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jerry R. Porterfield.



January 30, 2020 at 06:26 PM

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“ 47 files added to the album LifeTributes



MMS-Payne Funeral Service and Crematory - January 30, 2020 at 03:39 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry R. Porterfield.



January 30, 2020 at 12:15 AM

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“ I'm so sorry about Jery passing away Connie on the 25th my mother passed away and really miss and I'm here for you if you need anything.



**Billy McLane** - January 28, 2020 at 05:54 PM