



Jerry Earl England

October 5, 1948 - August 27, 2021

Jerry Earl England, 72, of Sugar Land, Texas was met at The Golden Gates of Heaven by His Lord, family, friends, and pets on the morning of August 27, 2021.

Jerry was born on October 5, 1948 in Cincinnati, Ohio to Lester and Mildred (Caine) England. He moved to Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas in the late 70's to avoid the harsh winters and fell in love with Texas. He would boast to his late brother Ron about being able to play golf all year round; in shorts.

In a private ceremony, Jerry married Elinor (Cilny) Seesing on December 14, 1996 in San Antonio on Marriage Island on the Riverwalk. They were accompanied by Brandon, her son playing the violin and sister Kathy. This was the beginning of an amazing journey together. Jerry loved life and it showed with all his hobbies and adventures. As a young man in Ohio, he raced rally cars, loved camping, dancing and playing golf. When he moved to Texas, his interest expanded to duck hunting, and his love for his duck dog Sparky, who he raised from a tiny pup. Sailing all over the Caribbean with his new friends gave him a lifetime of joy. Jerry was a physical hands-on guy, hiking, restoring on his El Camino and an antique 8N tractor. Later in life, he enjoyed buying mowing tractors and riding his motorcycle with his friend Howard. Jerry recently became involved with cowboy action shooting and was pretty good at it. He became a cowboy.

Professionally, Jerry was a CPA creating England & Company in Houston, Texas.

Jerry always said he couldn't retire because he and Ellen loved to travel, and they would need money to see the world, and that they did! They traveled all over Europe, RVing the U.S. and shared many honey moon vacation trips.

Besides travel, Jerry was heavily involved with charity and support groups: Council on Recovery; Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; Mankind Project/Men in Mission; Friends of Bill W. of 32 years, and his greatest joy, Santa Claus. He loved being Santa and seeing the faces of young and old, so much so, he took acting classes to become a better Santa. Jerry excelled in acting too. He was in the movie "Playing God" for theaters and the television movie "It's A New Lease on Christmas". So yes, he was a TV and Movie Star!

Jerry's other great love was being involved in "Land of My Grandfathers" and "Man Kind Project". He was a Ritual Elder and mentor to many men that he respected and loved. At the camp, he enjoyed mowing the property and meditating in the country air with solitude as well as listening to the coyotes in the night.

Jerry leaves to carry on his love of life to his best friend and wife Ellen England, son Brandon and wife Lauren Seesing of Cypress, Texas, his latest pup, Jack; step-mother, Charlotte England of Hamilton Ohio; half-brother Jay Walton and wife Carol of Cleveland Ohio; countless extended Cilny family members and numerous friends and colleagues.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, September 17, 2021 at Constellation Field, Sugar Land, Texas followed by a graveside service at 2:00 PM at the Woodlawn Garden of Memories in Houston, Texas. Services have

been entrusted to Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home, Caldwell, Texas.

Joining in honoring his life, Jerry will be led to his final resting place by pallbearers, Cliff Dukes, Howard Lester, Richard Torres, Jimmy Lavergne, Matt Cilny and Gene Perry. Honorary pallbearers will be Alan L'Roy and Brandon Seesing.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Jerry's name to The Council on Recovery at P.O. Box 2768, Houston, Tx 77252 councilonrecovery.org/donate-online, Land Of my Grandfather at landofmygrandfathers.com/make-a-donation, Lone Star Santas at: lonestarsantas.org or www.rodeohouston.com.

Express condolences at PhillipsandLuckey.com.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Caldwell
404 W. Buck St.
Caldwell, TX 77836
(979) 567-3232
phillipsandluckeyfh@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Burial

SEP 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

Woodlawn Cemetery
1101 Antoine Drive
Houston, TX 77055

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerry Earl England*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - September 15, 2021 at 04:21 PM

LB

This is a lovely tribute.

Linda Barbone - September 21, 2021 at 04:06 PM

MP

@karenhampton. Tom's niece's husband

Mary Beth Peoples - September 21, 2021 at 10:14 PM

MM

What a wonderful tribute! I'm so sorry I couldn't be there to celebrate his life with you! I never realized that he and I were the same age!

Marjean Maxwell - September 21, 2021 at 10:35 PM

EG

Just saw the Christmas movie on tv and saw his name in tribute to Jerry and googled his name loved the movie and bet Jerry was a cool guy God bless everyone connected with Jerry

Emma L Givens - December 12, 2021 at 10:20 PM

MG

He played a great Santa 🎅

Mariam Goodrich - December 13, 2021 at 12:14 AM

RW

I love it. It was a great memory for Jerry earl England. God bless you all. I love it all. Richard B. Williams 12/ 12/2021

Richard Williams - December 13, 2021 at 01:52 AM

GS

Just finished watching his Christmas movie on ION. He looked the personification of Santa Claus. Sad to see the tribute to him due to his death. I was feeling pretty lonely since my husband died years ago on Dec 14th. The movie was cheerful and gives me hope. God Bless you kind sir. I know you are remembered and missed. Merry Heavenly Christmas! Your movie was lovely.

Gretchen Saaduddin - December 13, 2021 at 03:29 AM

BC

Just watched the Christmas movie and Jerry was a wonderful actor and a very believable Santa. I'm sure that he will be missed by many and forgotten by none....especially after this obituary. I feel as though I personally knew Jerry and will think of him often.

Brian Claiborne - December 13, 2021 at 07:30 PM

DA

I just watched his Christmas movie on ION and it was awesome and then seeing at the end where he was had passed away and I I looked for his name and and found out he was born on the same day I was only about 20 years earlier but still he did a great job. God bless my brother's family, all you that stood up for him, and with him. God bless.

david.l.meek60@gmail.com - December 19, 2021 at 04:08 PM

KR

I just saw his Santa movie on Ion as well. I also like looked him up! With such a wonderful tribute, I have no doubt he was a beautiful soul; I was devastated when I saw the credits that he had just past this year! I was so sad just from watching his program, I wish I would have been able to know him in person! May God Bless all is loved one's. 🥹

kim Rahe - December 19, 2021 at 04:20 PM

LN

I just watched his Christmas movie, and it was wonderful. I saw that they put at the end of it his passing. I just wanted to know a little more about his life. This is a wonderful tribute. I am sending prayers to his family. I know this Christmas will be hard for them. God bless his family.

LINDA DIANE NUTGRASS - December 19, 2021 at 04:31 PM

MI

A Beautiful Tribute To A Beautiful Spirit ❤️🌹❤️

Michelle - December 19, 2021 at 07:17 PM

MA

I had to know more about this Santa after seeing the credits at the end of the movie. It appears he lived life to the fullest. Seeing this obituary has touched me deeply. Got me thinking how am I breathing in each day. It is amazing how one of his last major life events will continue to have an impact for many years to come.

Mary - December 20, 2021 at 09:27 PM

VA

My condolences to family & friends. I saw him in the Santa Movie. Like others I was shocked when I saw he had passed away recently. This was a beautiful tribute to a life well lived. ❤️

valerie - December 24, 2021 at 03:28 AM

TM

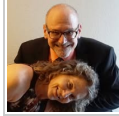
Just watched his Christmas movie and loved it! So sad when I read he passed away.

Tanya Martinez - December 25, 2021 at 06:01 PM

SL

A New Lease on Christmas was just on. I had never seen that movie before. I had to find out about Santa. Obviously he touched many lives with great joy. He's must be dancing in Heaven with Angels. Such a beautiful tribute. God bless his family and thank you for sharing this tribute.

Sheri Leonardis - December 25, 2021 at 06:30 PM



The tribute is amazing. Truly fitting to a man like Jerry! I didn't know him, but, as corny as this may sound, after watching him in "A New Lease on Christmas", I feel like I do. Watching him play Santa... well... he gave me those warm Christmas morning feelings. Like you got as a kid on Christmas morning, just when you see the tree and presents for the first time! Thank you, Jerry!

Clem Patafio - December 26, 2021 at 02:16 AM

PA

I just finished watching the movie with Jerry. He was a wonderful Santa and actor. I'm very sorry for your loss. God bless you and your family. Loved the beautiful video tribute.

Patricia - December 26, 2021 at 07:58 PM

ST

I just watched the Christmas movie and was saddened at the end to see he had passed. My condolences and prayers.

Sylvia T - December 27, 2021 at 01:17 AM

NA

Just finished watching the Christmas movie on ION TV and saw the tribute at the end. It was very sad to see that. He was excellent as Santa and I enjoyed the movie. Thoughts and prayers to his family. He had a very fulfilled life.

Nancy - January 10, 2022 at 02:57 PM



Just watched A New Lease on Christmas and saw that Jerry had passed. I'm so sorry for your loss! Loved the movie and reading his story he was a very kind person, lover of life and family. God Bless you all.

Pamela Byerley - May 04, 2022 at 01:42 AM

WC

Just finished watching A New Lease on Christmas on LAFF. What a great Santa! Was sad to see the In Memory of at the end. Did a Google search that led me here. Seemed to be a remarkable man RIP sir. Will make this movie a new holiday tradition.

W.M. 63 Anaheim, Ca. - December 08, 2025 at 07:02 PM

JH

“ Saw him in the movie new lease on Christmas, he was a phenomenal Santa Claus, Rip Sir

Jayne Hall - December 08, 2025 at 12:07 AM

KO

“ Mr. England, I just watched you in a movie on TV. You'll always be Santa. I'm sure heaven is filled with your joy. May God continue to strengthen and comfort your friends and loved ones.

Kimberly O'Brien - December 07, 2024 at 04:04 PM

CG

“ Wow!! Was up this morning and watched New Lease and at the end it honored him. He will always be missed!!
Cynthia Gonzales 2022 Dec. Kansas

Cynthia M Gonzales - December 18, 2022 at 08:10 AM

LL

“ I just finished watching the movie “A New Lease on Christmas” that I had recorded in December. What a wonderful performance Mr. Holland did at playing Santa. Prayers and blessings to his family. 🙏

Linda Low - January 12, 2022 at 11:39 PM

LA

“ I just watched the Christmas movie and Jerry did such a great job as Santa, I was sad to see at the end that he had passed, I then looked him up and read that he was a great man. My condolences to the family.

Lisa Ann - December 26, 2021 at 07:43 PM



“ *He played a great Santa. I’m so sorry to see at the end that he is gone.*

Chia Stockwell - December 25, 2021 at 07:36 PM



“ *I am like many others who has watched "A new lease on Christmas".
I enjoyed it very much. And now reading his obituary, I have a lot of respect of Jerry as a person..*

Karen - December 19, 2021 at 04:39 PM



Thank you Karen. Jerry would be blushing. Your post helps me thru this season. Merry Christmas.

Ellen england - December 23, 2021 at 08:29 PM



“ *I just finished watching A New Lease on Christmas and was so impressed with Santa I had to know more about him. I am very sorry for your loss. I know you will cherish your memories of him forever.*

Janet Heck - December 19, 2021 at 04:02 PM



We just finished the movie. He did a really good job on Santa.

Alive West - December 20, 2021 at 03:43 PM



Thank you. Jerry was a fabulous man. Your post is very appreciated and makes my heart glad.

Ellen england - December 23, 2021 at 08:27 PM

BE

Just finished watching the movie and Santa made a great impression, sorry he's gone but not forgotten, I went on Facebook and read his great story, just reading about him and seeing the movie has made me also a believer, always remember the Two greatest days of your life are the day your born and the day you figure out why. Tonight is Christmas night it figures.


Bill Ellis - December 25, 2021 at 06:16 PM

AB

“ I am only a grateful tv movie viewer who enjoyed a handsome Santa who carried through the whole storyline with appropriate expression and vigor. He certainly seemed in shape to control a group of reindeer through space but importantly, he had personality to arrange social interactions of ordinary folks for "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." With condolences, I send hope that his family will keep loving memories of him in their hearts. AvB

Alida van Bronkhorst - December 16, 2021 at 02:01 AM

EE

Think you 

Ellen england - December 17, 2021 at 07:53 PM

DL

“ He must have been a wonderful man to portray such a joyful Santa. My condolences to his family.

D Lucas - December 15, 2021 at 11:35 PM

EE

Thank you. He was full of life and loved Christ. He fully enjoyed being Santa. This movie has been a blessing. Merry Christmas.

Ellen england - December 18, 2021 at 09:42 PM

SB

“ While watching "A New Lease on Christmas" I so enjoyed the joy on his face during the movie. By far the best Santa I have ever seen in my 71 years.

Sabrina Blake - December 14, 2021 at 09:15 PM

EE

Thank you so much for your support. Jerry loved being Santa, especially with the kids. Merry Christmas

Ellen england - December 18, 2021 at 09:45 PM

HH

“ All I know about Jerry is watching him play Santa in the movie "A New Lease on Christmas". At first I didn't like the movie that much. But when I went to rate it at IMDB I was surprised nobody had rated it yet. So I recorded a replay and watched the movie again, and again a third time. I suspect Jerry missed his calling in life. I ignored the other ratings and the bad times which all movies seem to have. I finally rated the movie a 9, but only after watching it several times. Jerry England raised Lighthouse Pictures movies to a higher level. Why can't we get more actors like this? Henry Hertz Hobbit

Henry Hertz Hobbit - December 14, 2021 at 03:52 AM

JG

“ I just looked at It's A New Lease On Christmas. Mr. England did Santa proud. So sorry to hear of his passing

A Fan
Joanne Groffel

Joanne Groffel - December 12, 2021 at 10:11 PM

RV

Agree-Jerry knocked it out of the park as Santa in the movie "A New Lease on Christmas" reminded me of when I watched A Miracle on 34th Street as a kid-was so sorry to find out he passed during the Movie's end credits-My heartfelt condolences go out to his family. 😊

Richard Vamos - December 14, 2021 at 02:25 AM

EE

Thank you Richard. Your comments make my heart shine. Jerry loved being Santa. Merry Christmas from Mrs. Claus.

Ellen england - December 18, 2021 at 09:40 PM

KE

“ Just watch the movie. I prayed for his family as they miss him this Christmas. I also pray they drawer closer to each other and closer to the Lord. If he was a believer in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, he is at peace in the presence of God.

kevin - December 12, 2021 at 10:10 PM

EE

Thank you very much Kevin. He was a believer and I know where he is. That gives me comfort. I'm continuing our Santa season as I know he would have wanted. The movie was a blessing this year. He will live on..... Merry Christmas.

Ellen england - December 18, 2021 at 09:38 PM

JD

“ Just learned of Jerry's passing. He opened up his offices to me at 4635 SW Frwy when our offices flooded during Hurricane Ike. He was a great and generous man. A huge loss to all the lives he touched. Heaven just got a star.

Jay Dushkin - October 09, 2021 at 10:01 AM



“ 6 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - September 16, 2021 at 11:56 AM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - September 15, 2021 at 07:17 PM



“ 103 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - September 15, 2021 at 04:01 PM

TO

“ I just learned of Jerry's passing last evening; I was truly saddened and instantly felt the loss of a great man. He had such personality and the love of many personal passions.

Jerry you will be sorely missed, but surely not forgotten. RIP my friend until we are all celebrating that eternal reunion.

*All the best,
Tom*

tom - September 15, 2021 at 08:14 AM

MD

“ Jerry (*No, No, Bad Dog*), as a *Man among Men* will be physically missed by the many who knew him but his memory and good works will live on for many years.

Aho Jerry

*Mark Diamond
Trustworthy Grizzle Bear*

Mark Diamond - September 13, 2021 at 08:01 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Lavender and White* was purchased for the family of Jerry Earl England.



September 13, 2021 at 12:05 PM

ES

“ *Friend and CPA for 30 years. We will deeply miss him. Condolences to his family and friends.*

Dr. Edward and Mary Shubert

edward shubert - September 12, 2021 at 08:53 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry Earl England.*



September 12, 2021 at 08:47 AM

JA

“ *Jerry, aside of being a wonderful CPA, was a great person and friend. We will miss him.*

Juan Arjona - September 10, 2021 at 01:52 PM

JV

“ *Jerry was a very kind and caring person. I knew him 20 years plus. I can comfortably say he will be taken care of in his next journey. May his memory be eternal.*

jack varcados - September 07, 2021 at 04:26 PM

JV

“ Jack Varcados lit a candle in memory of Jerry Earl England



Jack Varcados - September 07, 2021 at 04:22 PM

EM

“ Yes he was my CPA for the last 15yrs, but I would have to plan 30-45 min to drop off a piece of paper. We would get sidetracked about Santa, the Camp and its plumbing problems, his El Camino (he thought it was GREAT and I hate them). I am going to miss our talks....

Eric Mandell - September 03, 2021 at 06:19 PM

FB

Jerry was the CPA for my family for 20+ years. More than that, he was a friend. We will greatly miss him.

Freddie Bailey - September 04, 2021 at 07:44 PM



Enjoying him in the Christmas movie! He really seems like a natural Santa 🤪
My sincerest condolences to y'all and all the families and friends! Sad he's not in more movies 😞

He seems like a really great guy.....

RIP 💕💕💕💕🙏🙏🙏🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸

Beverly Rogers - December 13, 2021 at 01:42 AM

BB

Just watched the Christmas movie that Jerry starred in, I loved it, sorry to hear of his passing, now I'm truly sadden what a super man.

Brenda Bailey - December 13, 2021 at 02:18 AM