



Jimmy Lee Perry

December 20, 1946 - September 26, 2022

Jimmy Lee Perry was born on December 20, 1946 in San Antonio, TX to George and Lena (Silaff) Perry. He attended school in Thorndale until he graduated in 1964. Jimmy enlisted in the United States Army in 1966, and served his country proudly for three years in Vietnam. He became skilled in electronics and worked as an Avionic Mechanic specializing in helicopter communication systems. Jimmy was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal for heroism, two Overseas Service Bars, and the Army Good Conduct Medal.

After leaving the military, Jimmy met his wife, Sue (Fouse), and they eventually settled in Waco, Texas. They had two children, Michelle and Jody. Jimmy attended McLennan Community College where he became certified as an electronic technician. This led to a long and fulfilling career involving communications and security systems. More importantly, he used that basic knowledge of electronics as a jumping-off point to master anything he set his mind to. Jimmy was known for his love of learning new skills. He would frequent the public library, picking out how-to books, and later used the internet to add to his knowledge. Jimmy took the term DIY to a whole new level. Jimmy and Sue were married for 13 years. The special bond they maintained, to this very day, is wonderful to see. They love their children fiercely. Sue made countless visits to spend time with Jimmy, during his stay

at the Waco VA, and for that we are forever grateful.

In the mid-1980's, Jimmy moved back to his hometown of Thorndale, and built his first house. Over the next few decades, Jimmy could usually be found deep into a project – he restored classic cars, built three houses from the ground up, and remodeled several rental houses. He took great pride in his 1966 Mustang and his custom-built 1929 T-bucket Hot Rod. He was often seen riding around Thorndale, and the surrounding areas in one of his special cars.

Jimmy also enjoyed traveling. He liked to take road trips in his truck, which he had modified to allow for camping. Several times in his life Jimmy drove to Florida, New York, Nebraska and Missouri to visit friends and family. He enjoyed the occasional trip to Mexico, and once spent four weeks there in an attempt to learn Spanish. He didn't learn to speak the language, but he came back with some great stories of his adventures.

Jimmy had many talents and interests, but his favorite thing to do was spend time with his children and grandchildren. He often had Michelle or Jody assisting with his projects when they were young, and the knowledge he imparted to them is beyond measure. He used his skills to build go-carts, tree houses, lemonade stands, and rafts to enjoy with his kids and grandkids. He would often take Adelynn and Anisten to get their nails done, and many trips to McDonalds, for the playground and apple pies. The girls would always offer to “clean his house” and “do his dishes” in exchange for shopping sprees at Walmart, which he never turned down, He loved Walmart. If he wasn't home, you could bet he was at Walmart. In later years, Jimmy was always happy to help Michelle and Jody in building and remodeling their own houses, or with other projects. His love for Michelle and Jody was unconditional, and eventually that love extended to their spouses, and 8 grandchildren.

Jimmy passed away peacefully at the VA Community Living Center in Waco, TX on September 26, 2022, surrounded by family. The family will be forever grateful for the respect and care he received at the VA facility in the last months of his life. Many thanks to Susie and Julius Widner, for opening their home to Jimmy, in the early stages of his sickness. You took wonderful care of him. The family would also like to thank Chris Espinoza and Gigi Fencher, for the time and wonderful care they provided Jimmy.

He is preceded in death by his father, George Perry and Mother, Lena (Silaff). He is survived by his daughter Michelle Perry, spouse Nicolle, and their children: Quinn Perry, Devyn Perry, Kai Perry, Grace Perry, Ava Perry and Cade Perry, all of New Braunfels. His son, Jody Perry, wife Amber; and their children, Adelynn Perry and Anisten Perry; all of Thorndale. Brother Dennis Perry; of Taylor. Sister and brother-in-law, Sue and Julius Widner; of Thorndale. His loving ex-wife Sue Perry; of Waco. Nephews, cousins, and many friends.

Graveside services are 2:00 p.m. Friday, September 30, 2022 in the Salty Cemetery near Thorndale with Eric Garcia officiating.

Pallbearers are Kevin Widner, Bradley Widner, Julius Widner, Matt Paris and Chris Espinoza.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Salty Cemetery
4019 County Road 446
Rockdale, TX 76567

Tribute Wall

CG

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Jimmy is not gone, just away. One day you will see him again in our heavenly home. God bless and keep you and your family during this time of sorrow.



Cynthia & George Galbreath - October 04, 2022 at 10:08 AM

JB

“ I met Jimmy and Sue when they came to Waco and opened Perry Electronics. We had many happy times together. Jimmy you will be missed.

Jon Bray

Jon Bray - September 30, 2022 at 09:37 AM

SP

“ Jimmy was one of a kind. His love for our children, grandchildren, and family was beyond measure. He had so many God given talents. Rest in Peace Jimmy Perry, and fly high on that mountain!

Sue Perry



Sue Perry - September 29, 2022 at 03:15 PM

BM

“ 🍎 Will NEVER forget you Jimmy Lee 🍎

Betty Michaelsen - September 28, 2022 at 08:39 PM

RM

“ *Ralph L. Michaelsen purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Jimmy Lee Perry.*



Ralph L. Michaelsen - September 28, 2022 at 12:43 PM

GW

“ *I will always remember Jimmy and his mischievous grin and twinkle in his eyes. I enjoyed learning from him when he was helping Michelle and Nicolle with their home improvement projects. Rest In Peace, Jimmy. You will be missed. See you on the other side. — Greta*

Greta Warner - September 27, 2022 at 10:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jimmy Lee Perry.*



September 27, 2022 at 10:47 PM