



Jerry Goerge Hardung

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Jerry George Hardung 73, passed away March 22, 2016 to the ultimate Texas Holdem Poker Tournament in heaven. We know he is sitting at the final table with God and Jerry holding the highest chip count.

Jerry was born to Fred and Violet Hardung on April 1, 1942 in Galveston where he spent his early years. When a teenager his Father moved the family to Alta Loma so they could have a better life.

Jerry began his working career as a commercial fisherman working with his Father, Brothers, Uncles, and Cousins. He obtained a job as a laborer on a dredge boat with his Father working as the operator of a dredge boat. He and his Father dredged out canals for the Galveston Yacht Basin, and Tiki Island.

Jerry had always regretted dropping out of school to go to work. He went back and received his GED. He continued through the years to attend courses which helped to further his career. He attended Mainland Community College, Alvin Community College, Lamar University, Texas A&M and University of Houston. Jerry always considered himself an Aggie.

Jerry worked as a Supervisor in construction for many years and finally obtained his license to manage water and sewer plants in Jamaica Beach, Pirates Beach, Sea Isle, Isla Del Sol, Terramar Beach, and Treasure Island on West Galveston Island. During these years he received his real estates license and sold on West Galveston Island. One year he was recognized as the top seller on the west end. He sold over 1 million dollars in property.

Jerry married his true love, Mary Calhoun, on December 25, 1961 and remained happily married for 54 years. They had two daughters Jeri Hardung Wilson, Kristie Hardung, and "special daughter" Kim Caron. Two grandsons Joshua Hardung and Christopher Wilson. All currently reside in Henderson, Nevada.



Obituary

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Jerry is preceded in death by his Father and Mother Fred and Violet Hardung, Brothers John Wayne Sealy and Charlie Zinante. He is survived by siblings Fred Hardung (wife Wanda); Judy Brock (husband Lynn); Bobby Sealy (wife Marilyn); Melodie Claussen (husband Donny); and Shelia Sievers (husband Jeff).

Jerry was diagnosed with Leukemia in July, 2014 after returning from the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas. He received chemotherapy in Clear Lake for almost a year and underwent a stem cell transplant in July, 2015 at Houston Methodist.

Mary wants to recognize Dr. George Carrum and his team of Doctors for Jerry's care. She would like to thank all of Jerry's caregivers: Delia and Serena from the Oncology Clinic; Kathy and Debby at the Infusion Center at Clear Lake Regional Hospital and the numerous nurses and staff at Houston Methodist Pre and Post Transplant Floor.

To the many nurses and staff at the Outpatient Clinic at Houston Methodist hospital. Special thanks to the Nurse Practitioner at Audrey and Kcoc. Can't say enough for the outpatient clinic nurses who gave their all. Beverly, Brandon, Ivory, Crystal and too many others to name. Thanks to Vitas Healthcare and Nurse Laura.

Jerry fought a courageous battle and will be missed by all but he knew "when to holdem and knew when to foldem". Plans are being taken care of by Clayton Funeral Home in Pearland, TX. Jerry chose to be cremated and no services will be planned per his wishes.



Tribute Wall

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VB

Valorie And Brent posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in this time of mourning and great rejoicing that Jerry has made it to that place where our hands of life are dealt from and is probably kicking butt and taking names. Poker is such a unpredictable game as is life and although Jerry was dealt a bad hand he made the most of it and showed everyone of us the kind of person we all have it in us to be. I hope that we all take something from his teachings both on and off the table. Rest in peace my friend and we hope no one messes with you up there! Val and Brent

March 29 at 7:00 PM

JM

John Martin posted:

I am very glad to have know him for just a few years when I first meet him playing, of course poker. He always had a smile and a great attitude which he carried with him through the last years of his fight with a terrible monster, cancer. I always thought of Jerry as a great friend, even thou I had only know him for only a few years and will miss him. Hope to see you at the final table my friend. With much love John Martin

March 27 at 7:00 PM

GS

Gary Smith posted:

Jerry was a great guy to be around. I loved sitting at the poker table with him and trying to figure him out. He always had tricks up his sleeve. He will truly be missed. Rest easy Ol' Buddy.

March 26 at 7:00 PM

SH

Sharkey posted:

To a honorable man and good friend, you will be missed.

March 25 at 7:00 PM

JM

Jerry Stroope "Bee Man" posted:

I met Jerry over in Clear Lake at a poker game. What I noticed most about Jerry is that he really enjoyed the game. I have seen many players in my day and I truly can say hat I never met anyone who enjoyed the game more than Jerry. He approached his battle with leukemia the same way as he played poker, He gave it his all. I miss jerry already. I hope to see him again. Take care my friend. The Beemana

March 25 at 7:00 PM



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BC

Bernice Cruikshank posted:

Jerry glad you made it safely to that final table. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Bernice

March 25 at 7:00 PM

GG

Glenn Greer posted:

We will miss Jerry very much. He was a very solid man. He taught us all a lot.

March 25 at 7:00 PM

DS

Don Schmalholz posted:

My deepest sympathies to Jerry's family on their loss. I knew Jerry through our poker play together in the "World Series of Alvin." I considered Jerry a worthy opponent and it was my honor to call him a friend. Jerry was one of the first people to offer his support when my son passed unexpectedly last year. When I would see him after that his first words were always to ask how I was doing although he himself was in the fight of his life. This is the type of man Jerry was and this high character is what I will remember most fondly. May all of his pocket deuces (ducks) turn to Swans on the flop and may he rest in eternal peace. Don

March 25 at 7:00 PM

JT

Jeff & Beth Tremusini posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jerry's wife and family. Please know that we will be praying for you as you mourn the loss of your loved one. Jerry was a wonderful man and will be truly missed by all. God bless you.

March 25 at 7:00 PM

ME

Michelle Elliott posted:

I know Jerry from poker and he was a sweet man. He always said hello and talked to everyone!! Something funny he would always call me Melissa!! I never corrected him because he was my senior!

March 25 at 7:00 PM



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WC

Wes Currie posted:

I am so thankful that I was able to meet him. Such a nice and caring gentleman. And such courage. I hope he says hello to my wife in heaven. God bless you Jerry.

March 25 at 7:00 PM

BC

Bill Cook posted:

Jerry is one of the nicest guys I have ever met, and maybe the bravest. Never heard one word of complaint or self pity from him, yet he had more reason for both than anyone I know! I know Jerry is turning seven deuce into a monster winning hand up in heaven right now and feeling no pain. My thoughts and prayers to all of his family!

March 25 at 7:00 PM

BC

Brenda "Coach" Clayton posted:

My prayers are with your sweet family. Jerry was always a kind and gentle man. I have great memories of hands we played and conversations had about life in general. Love Coach

March 25 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jerry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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