



Mr. Jerry Claxton Rucker

April 17, 1947 - November 5, 2025

Funeral services for Mr. Jerry Rucker, 78, of Longview, Texas will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 8, 2025, at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Tommy Dorgan and Lane Langford officiating. Burial will follow in the Antioch Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 5-7:00 p.m. Friday night at Hawthorns.

Mr. Jerry Claxton Rucker was born April 17, 1947, in San Angelo, Texas. He passed this life November 5, 2025, in Longview, Texas. Jerry was the middle child of three born to the marriage of Nelda Mae Coppedge and Aubra Claxton Rucker. He was raised and schooled in McCamey, Texas graduating with the high school class of 1965. Jerry married his love Judy Gail Baker May 10, 1975, and together they celebrated 50 years of marriage and raised three children.

Mr. Rucker worked in maintenance for over 20 years and served as maintenance and transportation director for Pine Tree Schools in Longview before his retirement. In his retirement years he was a known and skilled woodworker. He is preceded in death by his parents and brothers, James and Billy Rucker.

Mr. Rucker is survived by his loving wife Judy Rucker of Longview; children, Tammy Johnston and husband Jeff of Jasper, AR, Jerry Don Rucker of Longview, Jason Rucker and wife Mindy of Henderson; sister-in-law, Becky Rucker of Burleson; grandchildren, Timothy Donoghue, Kallie Myers and husband Tyler, Jacob Rucker and wife Jamie, Emma Rucker and fiancé

Nathan Rudnik, Faith Rucker and Grace Rucker; great grandchildren, Bradyn, Landon, Peyton, Jaycee and Nolan.

Serving as pallbearers will be Jerry Don Rucker, Jason Rucker, Timothy Donoghue, Tyler Myers, Jeff Johnston and Kevin "Bones" Postell. The family suggests memorials to the St. Judes Children's Hospital in his name.

Cemetery Details

Antioch Cemetery

345 CR 405
Carthage, TX 75633

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home
307 West Wellington Street
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Funeral Service

NOV 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel
307 W Wellington St.
Carthage, Tx

Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Jerry Claxton Rucker



Hawthorn Funeral Home - November 08, 2025 at 02:36 PM



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Hawthorn Funeral Home - November 07, 2025 at 10:59 AM



“ Worked with Jerry many years at the Pine Tree he was the best boss we ever had,

Larry Childress - November 08, 2025 at 08:05 AM

JP

“ Joe and Peggy Parsons purchased the "On Ange l's Wings" Sympathy Gift Wind Chime to Send for Funeral Or Memorial for the family of Mr. Jerry Claxton Rucker.



Joe and Peggy Parsons - November 08, 2025 at 12:11 AM

JP

“ Joe and Peggy Parsons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Jerry Claxton Rucker.

Joe and Peggy Parsons - November 08, 2025 at 12:11 AM

WW

“ I worked for Jerry for quite a few years.
He was good people.
I haven't seen him since my retirement, but I miss him already.



Wesley Whitton - November 07, 2025 at 08:02 PM

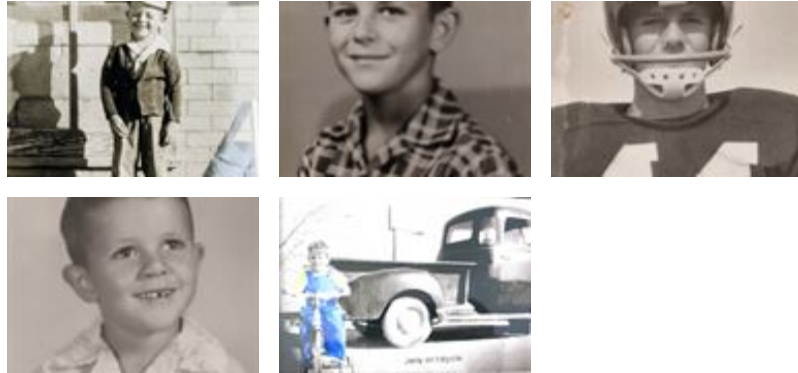
PN

“ As a former Pine Tree teacher, administrator and school board member, I had the opportunity to work with Jerry. He was a hard worker and one of the most pleasant individuals that I have known. He always had a smile on his face. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. May God be with each of you during this difficult time.
Patrick Noon

Patrick Noon - November 07, 2025 at 11:49 AM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hawthorn Funeral Home - November 07, 2025 at 10:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Jerry Claxton Rucker.



November 07, 2025 at 10:38 AM



“ *From Harley Baker and Dylan Roberts* purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of Mr. Jerry Claxton Rucker.



From Harley Baker and Dylan Roberts - November 07, 2025 at 10:06 AM

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“ Aaron & Sara Meadows purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Jerry Claxton Rucker.



Aaron & Sara Meadows - November 07, 2025 at 09:25 AM

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“ From your coworkers at Eastman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Jerry Claxton Rucker.

From your coworkers at Eastman - November 06, 2025 at 12:31 PM



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November 06, 2025 at 12:31 PM

WM

“ The light of our neighborhood is dim today. We cherish the numerous wood work items he handmade and gifted to us, loved his jokes, admired his selfless help to others, morals and values. He was one of the best nextdoor neighbors we've ever had and is already dearly missed. Our deepest condolences to Judy and your entire family.

Dennis and Wanda Murray

Wanda Caliz Murray - November 05, 2025 at 07:40 PM