



## Jerry D. Clement

February 8, 1938 - January 4, 2022

Jerry Clement, age 83, of Camdenton, Missouri peacefully passed away on January 4, 2022 with family by his side. Jerry was born on February 8, 1938 to Delbert and Genevieve Clement in Kansas City, Kansas.

After graduating from Argentine High School in 1956, he began a 35 year career with Southwestern Bell and AT&T, retiring in 1991. In 1992 Jerry started his own system & data company, and retired again in 2004.

On April 30, 1960, Jerry married Carolyn Sue Holmes, his bride of 61 years and mother of his two children, Beth Ann Clement and Jeffrey Scott Clement. Jerry and Carolyn fulfilled a life-long dream of building a home and retiring at Lake of the Ozarks in 2004. Sharing in the dream of lake front living were their neighbors of 15 years, and best friends for life, David and Judy Clement.

Jerry (A.K.A.: Old Bear) was a member of the Missouri Ozark Muzzleloaders Club and portrayed a mountain man and fur trapper of the Rockies during the 1820's to the 1840's. The mountain man pushed ever onward into uncharted territory, never phased by myriad hardships, living their lives by their own exacting specifications. This is how Jerry lived his life, and why he respected and connected to the legacy of the mountain man. He participated in rendezvous and living- history festivals with his brother, David (A.K.A.: Old Pilgram). Jerry loved making new friends and educating children about the history of the mountain man, while entertaining all with many, not so historically accurate mountain man tales. You could laugh at or with Jerry, just as long as you laughed. He made many friends along the way... he was just the kind of person who drew people in. Anyone who knew him, knew that he was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, and friend you could always count on.

Jerry was predeceased by his parents, Delbert and Genevieve, and his brother, David. He is survived by his sister, Linda Clement, his wife of 61 years, Carolyn Clement, daughter, Beth Clement, son, Jeff Clement and his wife, Carla, grandson, Joshua Clement,

granddaughter, Brittany Rajda and her husband, James, grandson, Brett Clement, granddaughter, Michala Hooper, great granddaughter, Raegan Rajda, great grandson, Jackson Jerry (Born January 20th), and numerous loved nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 1:30pm at Maple Hill Funeral Home, 3300 Shawnee Drive, Kansas City, Kansas. A Celebration of Life will follow at 4pm at American Legion, 6521 Nieman Road, Shawnee, Kansas.

For those unable to attend or not comfortable attending due to today's uncertainty, the service will be streamed live at <https://fb.me/e/4a7ShgMPL>

The family requests in lieu of flowers, contributions may be donated to:

Ozarks Kat & K9 Donation Center

17282 N. Highway 5

Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

[www.ozarkskatandk9.com](http://www.ozarkskatandk9.com)

# Events

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**JAN**   **Memorial Visitation**   01:30PM - 02:30PM

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Maple Hill Funeral Home

3300 Shawnee Drive, Kansas City, KS, US, 66106

**JAN**   **Memorial Service**   02:30PM

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery** - January 26 at 03:09 PM



“ Lots of wonderful memories,  
Thanks for sharing. Fine tribute to your dad

**Dick & Betty Rodick** - January 27 at 07:29 PM



“ Great video! Brought back decades of thoughts & memories with all of you & also wishing for just 1 more visit with Mr. & Mrs C. I loved them & love the whole Clement family .  
You've been & will continue to be in my daily thought & prayers .  
...Karen

**Karen Brack** - January 29 at 09:19 AM



“ Jerry was our friend and neighbor for his last few years. We treasure the time we had with him. He was special to us. It was so good to hear the wonderful stories of his earlier days.  
Thank you so much for the video service. Rob & Debbie Hendricks

**Rob & Deb Hendricks** - February 20 at 04:17 PM

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“ Jerry married my sister when I was a senior in high school. He was much more my brother than brother in law and became like a son to my Mom and Dad. He was always so considerate of all of our family. When my Dad was too ill to be at home any longer, Jerry would visit him regularly in the nursing home and sit with him at meal time, trying to get him to eat. After the terrible event that happened to me at Christmas of 1968, Jerry was the one who found the courage to break the news to my parents. When I finally returned home from hospitalization while in the Navy, he made certain that I got out and around and wouldn't let me sit around feeling sorry for myself. He was my brother for sixty plus years and still is.

**Larry Holmes** - January 29 at 02:43 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerry D. Clement.



January 29 at 09:41 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerry D. Clement.



January 29 at 08:39 AM

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“ 247 files added to the album LifeTributes



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - January 26 at 03:05 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jerry D. Clement.



January 26 at 12:14 PM

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“ WONDERFUL MEMORIES! Tom and Jerry (and YES they were like the original "Tom and Jerry" of cartoon fame)--attended Argentine High School and Jerry's future wife, Carolyn, was my friend and we attended Wyandotte High. My first introduction to Jerry was when we double dated (of which we had many)-I thought "what was Carolyn thinking of"--DUCK TAIL HAIRCUT (with a curl in the middle of forehead)-white tee shirt with a package of cigarettes rolled up in one sleeve and of course/it WAS the 50's--jeans hung low (no belt)--HE WAS THE ORIGINAL FONZIE/before HAPPY DAYS!! What can I say, I was sheltered!! But he was SOOO FUNNY!! In a bazaar way--I LIKED HIM!! TOM was his perfect "straight man" we ALL JELLED!! We DOUBLED DATED at ALL SCHOOL DANCES (THE "men" thought it was "real cool" to ALWAYS have matching corsages for Carolyn and I}-we concluded it must be an "Argentine thing"(at least we got corsages). We made our first "MEAL FOR OUR MEN" together/sloppy Joes"-who knew you were suppose to drain the meat?!?-They gobbled it up like it was steak!! AHH SUCCESS!! Both guys had "custom cars/Oh wait-I WON'T DO THAT AGAIN-WE took a drive over to see Plaza LIGHTS/Jerry drove/his car set so LOWWWW I COULDN'T see out of back seat window!!WHAT?!? Carolyn was great in describing the view!! GAS was cheap then/so we Went on picnics/went on drives (no money for toll booths OR shows)-Went to our homes for Cards and refreshments. Jerry and Carolyn married our first year out of HS/Tom and I a year later. We were in each others wedding. The first NEW car we both bought were WHITE CHEV CORVAIRS-every Friday night we would go over to Red-X together and do grocery shopping and they back to apt/s for cards (they ALWAYS cheated/and they still couldn't beat Carolyn and I.) We took Vacations at Jerry's dad place at the Lake -such fun and other trips to Ozarks and to Nebraska for Horse races. We still have the COAT RACK Jerry made for our home/he was such a craftsman!! Beth Ann was really a motivating factor in the start of our Family. The first time I held her I told TOM, "I want one of these"!! We LOVE JERRY AND CAROLYN and ALWAYS WILL-so much a part of our YOUTH in the WONDERFUL INNOCENT 50'S. What I'll ALWAYS REMEMBER about JERRY was his LAUGH and that "I just got into the cookie jar" smile. To Carolyn/Beth Ann/Jeff/Carla, all grandchildren & Family--we wish you GOD'S PEACE and say HOLD ON TO THE "GOOD TIMES"-THEY are part of your Life's Tapestry. THANK YOU JERRY for ALL THE WONDERFUL MEMORIES!! LOVE TOM AND PHYLLIS MAMIE

**TOM AND PHYLLIS MAMIE** - January 24 at 12:35 PM



“ Beautiful memories, Phyllis and Tom. We love the Mamie's. Thank you for sharing.

**Jeff Clement** - January 24 at 02:11 PM

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“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



Jeff Clement - January 12 at 03:48 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Jeff Clement - January 12 at 03:37 PM



“ Love love love the picture of your dad with the crappie . So glad I got to visit your folks with Beth - Mr. C gave me some fishing tips including tying the line to the hook. I didn't catch a thing that day, but spending time on the dock with him is a priceless memory. He was a 2d dad to you & Beth's friends & we all loved him!!!!

**Karen Brack** - January 18 at 09:20 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jeff Clement - January 12 at 03:27 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jeff Clement - January 12 at 02:25 PM

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“ Jeff Clement sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerry D. Clement



Jeff Clement - January 12 at 02:24 PM