



Thomas Jerry Bennett

January 14, 1944 - December 2, 2022

Thomas Jerry Bennett, 78, of Winchester, died Friday, December 2, 2022 at his residence under the care of Blue Ridge Hospice after a long illness of dementia and Parkinson's Disease.

He was born January 14, 1944 in Winchester, the son of Thomas E. and Lucille Keiter Bennett.

Jerry was a 1962 graduate of James Wood High School.

He married the love of his life, Phyllis A. Brown in 1962, they recently celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

Jerry was the self-employed owner of Bennett Auto Sales and Jerry Bennett Carports and Garages. He had been semi-retired since 2014.

He attended Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church for many years and loved hunting and taking long rides with Phyllis.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis A. Brown Bennett; a daughter, Michelle Corbin of Stephens City; a son, Kelly Bennett of West Virginia; two grandsons, J.D. Shanholtz (Megan) of Stephenson and John Ridgeway of Winchester; two great grandchildren, Skylee Shanholtz and Kamden Shanholtz both of Stephenson and a sister, Barbara Hoover of Winchester.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Charlene Grove and his furry friends, Rocky, Josie and Nova.

Private arrangements are by Phelps Funeral & Cremation Service, Winchester.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ 9 files added to the album Jerry



Christina Ann Bennett - December 10, 2022 at 01:13 PM

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CHRIS A BENNETT - December 09, 2022 at 10:47 AM

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CHRIS A BENNETT - December 09, 2022 at 10:44 AM

VW

“ Vickie Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Thomas Bennett



Vickie Wilkins - December 07, 2022 at 07:59 PM

SZ

“ I worked with Jerry in the 60s at my family's business on Kent Street. He was a funny guy and made the work enjoyable. Rest in peace Jerry.

Steve Zuckerman - December 07, 2022 at 09:43 AM

KB

“ My dad. When I was little he was my hero when I grew up I was fortunate enough to call him Friend. He loved to tell the story of how he had to work 3 jobs just buy us second hand Nichol's bicycles. He taught me what it meant to be a great dad, a great friend, and a great husband. He was always quick with a smile And a funny story To help you forget the world for a while. You could never see him without getting a great big bear hug. He never met a stranger and anyone he knew was family. I had the privilege to work with him, To hunt with him, to travel with him, and one of my greatest privileges in my whole life, I sang next to him in the church choir for many years. He had a beautiful tenor voice and he loved to sing for the Lord. He told us to show up early and to work at everything with all of our heart. He didn't know how to do anything half way and he brought us up the same. I'm going to miss you daddy, you were the best friend I ever had. Until we hug again, know that I love you. Your son, Kelly (One Shot)

Kelly Bennett - December 06, 2022 at 05:43 PM

BB

“ So very sorry. prayers and Love to all

Betty Benegar - December 06, 2022 at 09:43 AM

IN

“ Sorry for your loss. JWHS'58

Ismet Nuri - December 06, 2022 at 01:49 AM

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“ My Dad was my Hero, my Teacher, my Role Model, my Protector and my Friend. He was the best Dad anyone could ever ask for and I have many fond memories of him from my Childhood to Adulthood. He always put a smile on my face and made me laugh. He was always there for me and I will forever be thankful for his love and kindness. I miss you Dad but I know you are at peace now and it was a honor for me to be there for you these last 6 months. I know you will be watching over your Family from heaven. Till me meet again I love you with all my heart forever. Your Daughter, Michelle Bennett xo

Michelle Corbin (Bennett) - December 05, 2022 at 07:29 PM

JS

“ My grandfather was an incredible man! He was like a second father to me. He taught me about having a relationship with god, being a family man and most of all an honest man. My childhood and young adult life is full of memories shared with my grandfather. Thank you for all you did pap! I love you very much

jerry shanholtz - December 05, 2022 at 07:14 PM

CB

“ I love my Father-in-Law; he was a wonderful person. Always had a smile and a story for everyone. We would for many years get together on Thursday nights for deer burgers and on special Thursdays, we would get deer tender loin, believe it or not, in the last few years HE would COOK it!! He was always wanting to celebrate everyone birthdays. I will miss him dearly. Love and many hugs and kisses, HIS FAVORITE AND ONLY DAUGHTER-IN-LAW CHRISTINA (KELLY'S WIFE)

Christina Bennett - December 05, 2022 at 12:18 PM

BH

Jerry, you were always my hero and the sweetest brother ❤️ I will miss you and your funny jokes. You always made everyone laugh. I know you're with the good Lord. I'll always be your little sister. You will be missed by alot of friends. I love you so much and my heart is 💔 Fly hi my big brother Barbara

Barbara Hoover - December 05, 2022 at 07:15 PM

VJ

Phyllis i can't tell you what a shock it was when i opened up the paper this morning and saw that Jerry had passed away. I am so very sorry, my heart aches for you and your while family. He was such a winderful person and just loved everyone. It had been so long since i had seen him well. If there is anything at all i can do for you or your family please just call me, my number is in the phone book. Please tell Michelle my thoughts and prayers are with her and to call me when she can! I love you guys! God Bless! Vicky Jeffcoat

Vicky Jeffcoat - December 06, 2022 at 07:37 AM

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Vicky Jeffcoat - December 06, 2022 at 07:48 AM

BD

I had the pleasure of knowing Jerry and his family for my entire life. Jerry had a wonderful personality and always had time for a laugh. He was the Sunday School Superintendent at Pleasant Valley Church and was perfect at that position. He loved his church and enjoyed worshiping with his friends and family. I believe I could count on one hand the amount of days he missed attending church. He always sang our hymns with gusto and enjoyed his relationship with God. I will always have great memories of Jerry as will my family. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to Phyllis, Michelle, Kelly and Chris, Barbara and all of the family during this difficult time. You can find comfort in knowing that Jerry was a fine man and touched many lives during his journey on this earth.

*Love and prayers
Brian and Robin Dick and family*

Brian and Robin Dick - December 06, 2022 at 09:44 AM

CS

Phyllis, I am so sorry for your loss of Jerry. He was so loved as a classmate, one of a kind!

Carol L. Sealock - December 06, 2022 at 09:45 AM

LB

Phyllis, I am so sorry to hear this news. Jerry was a good man, and now he is with his Lord and Savior. We will be with him again one day in Heaven. My thoughts are with you and your family.

Loretta Eaton

Loretta Boyd - December 06, 2022 at 10:59 AM

LR

"How Great They Art" will always have the sound of Jerry Bennett attached to it in my heart. Great man, faithful servant of our Lord. Heaven just got a little sweeter! Rest in peace, my friend.

Lisha Ritter - December 06, 2022 at 10:36 PM

SD

So many memories I cannot count. Growing up with Uncle Jerry, Aunt Phyllis and my cousins Michelle and Kelly are some of my best memories! I will never forget the jokes, the laughter and the smiles (most of the time starting with Uncle Jerry.) I remember him walking in Grandmas's house with the giant video camera. Playing the videos from the previous years and then running them backwards. No matter when I saw him there was a smile on his face and he always made me laugh. I can still see the smile on my grandmother's face when he walked in the kitchen and wrapped his arms around her and gave her the biggest hug and smile. Thank you Uncle Jerry for all you did for our family and giving me some of the best memories of my life. Lots of Love, Sherri

Sherri Derflinger - December 07, 2022 at 07:30 AM