



Mr. Jerry Wayne Rutherford

September 8, 1960 - August 27, 2015

Jerry Wayne Rutherford, 54, formerly of Jackson, TN passed away on August 27, 2015. Jerry was born on September 8, 1960 to the late Betty Jean Rutherford.

He was a 1978 graduate of Jackson Central Merry High School. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Accounting from Tennessee State University. In addition, he held two Masters Degrees: Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Finance and Masters of Arts in Organizational Management (MAOM), both from Dallas Baptist University in Dallas, TX. Jerry received the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Honors during both his undergraduate and graduate work. On December 8, 2012, he received a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Public Affairs and Economics from the University of Texas at Dallas in Richardson, TX.

He defended his dissertation on November 1, 2012 on the topic of "What are the Effects of Tax Abatements and Government Incentives on Economic Development? A Study of Select Texas Cities". Earlier in 2012, he was inducted into the Delta Epsilon Iota Honor Society.

Jerry was formerly a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Jackson TN where he served as a Junior Deacon under the pastorate of the late Rev. Bobby

Anderson. In Dallas, TX he united with The Potter's House under the leadership of Bishop T.D. Jakes.

Jerry was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and was initiated through Lambda Chi (Amarillo, TX) in 1986 and was a Past District Representative for the Ninth District. He resided in Duncanville, TX.

He is survived by his siblings, Ginnette Sheley (Des Moines, IA) Debra Rutherford, Johnny Rutherford, Jerome Rutherford, Brenda Golden, James Rutherford (all of Jackson, TN) and Linda (Edward) Parker (Memphis, TN).

Private family services will be conducted and Stephenson-Shaw is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Jerry Wayne Rutherford*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day, Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal.*



I had the pleasure of meeting Jerry from his facialist Chery Thomas, he and I shared the same birthday month September. The last time we spoke was earlier this year he reminded me and thanked me for framing a family picture of him and his sibling.

*Yolanda G. Crsoby
Dallas, Texas*

Yolanda G. Crosby - September 15, 2015 at 11:05 PM



“ *I am Cheryl Thomas, I am Jerry's facialist, I have given Jerry facials for 15 years, he was very faithful, he enjoyed taking care of himself. I will miss him dearly, an I was truly proud of him an his accomplishments, to his family thank you for sharing him with us.*

Cheryl Thomas - September 07, 2015 at 05:34 PM

CM

“ As a fellow past District Representative, I will certainly miss Jerry going to the microphone during the meetings and making sure that the brothers were doing things according to the wishes of the district. I was so impressed with Brother Rutherford because he had thoroughly researched the topic and could easily defend his position. He reminded me of one of the great debaters. I will certainly miss Jerry and just wanted to relate to the family that Jerry was truly "A Gentleman and a Scholar".

With heartfelt sorrow,

Charles A. Christopher, MD, 14th (9th District Representative)

Charles Christopher, MD - September 05, 2015 at 08:40 PM

AC

“ Antionette "Toni" Patrick Coble lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Wayne Rutherford



Antionette "Toni" Patrick Coble - September 05, 2015 at 11:49 AM

IS

“ With deepest sympathy to the Rutherford family. I remember Jerry in high school as always smiling! So sorry for your loss! May the Lord comfort you and give you strength during this difficult time.

Ida Marie Smith

JCM Class of 1978

Ida Marie Smith - September 05, 2015 at 10:42 AM

VG

“ Condolences 2 THE RUTHERFORD FAMILY! MY SHARED MEMORY WHEN I OFTEN VISIT MY CHILDHOOD FRIENDS & MET JERRY HE. GAVE ME MY NICKNAME I.R.S.(WHICH AT A YOUNGER AGE IT ACTUALLY STOOD 4 I'M REALLY SEXY BUT (JERRY) WOULD TEASE ME! And say when I arrived at their home it's IRS !!!THE NAME JUST STUCK 2 ME! Brenda & I HAD JUST SHARED THIS STORY A FEW DAYS BEFORE HIS PASSING! SO REST MY FRIEND!

VANESSA HAYNES GRIMES - September 04, 2015 at 10:23 PM

CJ

“ I remember Jerry during his days at Tennessee State University, while he dated his long time girlfriend, Denise Savage. Although they parted ways, my memory of Jerry is with Denise. He was always smiling and was very kind. Did not know that he had become so well accomplished; proud of him. Rest in peace Jerry and may those that loved you find peace.

Tigerly Yours,
Cathey E. Armstrong Johnson

Cathey E. Armstrong Johnson - September 04, 2015 at 08:58 AM

MW

“ Melinda Wright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Wayne Rutherford



Melinda Wright - September 04, 2015 at 07:42 AM

AL

“ Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. On behalf of the Lenear family, we are praying with you all and for you all, during this trying time. The sun will shine again!
From your Michigan cousins.



Angela Lenear - September 03, 2015 at 07:55 PM

JV

“ An outstanding Omega Man and a great mentor. You are missed Brother DR.

John Veal - September 03, 2015 at 04:49 PM

WC

“ My condolences to Jerry's family and loved ones. From the first day of our meeting, he treated and considered me as a friend, and I him. He is truly missed in my heart and the heart of Omega.

Walter E. Cromwell, Sr.
Gamma Theta, 1969

Walter Cromwell - September 03, 2015 at 04:47 PM

JG

“ I remember Jerry from the old Lincoln Courts neighborhood. He is a true testament of what God can do through someone with determination, dedication, education and excellence. To the family, may God comfort and keep you. And please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. R. I. P. Dr. Rutherford. . .



Jackie Golden - September 03, 2015 at 04:19 PM

GC

A fine young man

Gertrude Copeland - September 04, 2015 at 12:06 AM

SQ

“ *A good person and outstanding Omega Man. May our lord and savior watch over you to journey to Omega land.*

Scottie Carter Cajun Que - September 03, 2015 at 12:50 PM

SQ

“ *Scottie Carter Cajun Que lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Wayne Rutherford*



Scottie Carter Cajun Que - September 03, 2015 at 12:43 PM

MG

“ *I worked closely with Brother Jerry Rutherford as his Undergraduate Vice District Representative, 2001-2002. He was an absolute pleasure and true professional. I send heartfelt condolences, thoughts, and positive energy to the Rutherford Family. Photo attached was taken at 2015 District Meeting - April, 2015 (Dallas, TX).*



Mario Garner - September 03, 2015 at 10:44 AM

DS

“ *May the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit rest and abide with you during this time. Dwight V. Harr, Sr.*

Dwight V. Harry, Sr. - September 03, 2015 at 10:28 AM

BM

“ *To the Rutherford family please accept our sincere condolences. Bro. Rutherford was a faithful member of our fraternity "Omega Psi Phi." He will truly be missed by all who knew him. May God rest his soul and may He give the family peace that passes all understanding.*

*CW Burruss
Bethesda Memorial Funeral Directors
DeSoto, TX*

Bethesda Memorial - September 03, 2015 at 10:19 AM

WG

“ *Condolences from the hearts and souls of the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Jerry was always so upbeat and friendly. He never met a stranger. He will be deeply missed.*

*William Green
Beta 1968*

William Green - September 03, 2015 at 09:54 AM

DR

“ *My little brother LOVE YOU MISS YOU until we again RIP much love*



Debra Rutherford - September 03, 2015 at 08:59 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Bro. Jerry Wayne Rutherford. My prayers are with you in this difficult time. Ernest Parquet*

Ernest Parquet - September 03, 2015 at 08:24 AM



“ *3 files added to the album Ernest Parquet's Memories*



Ernest Parquet - September 03, 2015 at 08:09 AM

DE

“ *Praying for his family*



Deirdre White Ellison - September 02, 2015 at 11:17 PM

BM

“ *My condolences, thoughts and prayers are with Jerry's family. May God provide you comfort, peace and strength during this difficult time. I will always keep good memories of Jerry during our days at TSU in Nashville.*



Belinda Morgan-Sterling - September 02, 2015 at 08:42 PM

ST

“ *Sending my deepest condolences and sympathy to the family of Mr. Jerry Wayne Rutherford.* ”



Sonya S. Tucker-Myers - September 02, 2015 at 06:01 PM

MC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with The Rutherford Family!* ”



Marilyn Mosley Cunningham - September 02, 2015 at 05:55 PM

BP

“ *Bettye Y. Patrick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Wayne Rutherford* ”



Bettye Y. Patrick - September 02, 2015 at 05:01 PM

BF

“ *BRENDA BETTS & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Wayne Rutherford* ”



BRENDA BETTS & family - September 02, 2015 at 03:34 PM

NP

My sincere prayers and condolences go out to your family. May God bless and keep u all.

Neva Person - September 02, 2015 at 05:02 PM

KB

My prayers and condolences go out to my family love yall

Karen bowera - September 02, 2015 at 05:50 PM

FR

Praying 4 all of u That God grant you the strength that u need to understand his will

frieda - September 02, 2015 at 08:22 PM

LC

My dear former classmate...I will always remember Jerry as a cool guy with a smile on his face & always the gentleman! My deepest condolences to his family. Prayers going up to you all during this time. R.I.P. Jerry.

Lonnette (Black) Cole - September 03, 2015 at 08:32 AM

NA

May God's love and peace be with Bro. Rutherford's spirit and his family is my prayer. It was my honor to serve Omega as the 9th District First Vice D.R. under Bro. Rutherford's leadership as 9th District Representative. His intellect and strong voice will be missed. Bro. Nelson Anthony

Nelson Anthony - September 03, 2015 at 11:34 AM

BF

“ *BRENDA Betts & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Wayne Rutherford*



BRENDA Betts & family - September 02, 2015 at 03:33 PM