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Jerry Leroy Leonard II, a loving father, brother, and Papaw, passed away on March 30, 2024, at the age of 59. He was born on December 21, 1964, in Normandy, MO to Marilyn Michele Falleur. He grew up in Southaven, Ms but most recently resided in Joplin, MO.

Jerry had a zest for life and a heart full of love. He was a funny and outgoing individual who never met a stranger. He had a passion for cooking and grilling, often inviting family and neighbors over to enjoy his delicious meals. Jerry also enjoyed spending time outdoors, whether it was gardening, fishing, or simply appreciating nature. His favorite place in the world was the Mississippi River, where he found solace and joy.

In the early '80s, he met Amy Leonard, and were married in 1983. 26 years of marriage blessed them with three children— Jeremy, Jennifer, and Jesse. In 2013, he met Jodi Routledge, sharing precious moments and life until present.

Professionally, Jerry dedicated over 20 years to auto windshield repair. His expertise and dedication were greatly appreciated by his colleagues and customers alike.

Jerry was preceded in death by his mother, Marilyn Michele Falleur.

Jerry leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories. He is survived by his loving children, Jeremy (Patricia) Leonard, Jennifer (Jerry) Johnson, and Jesse Leonard, as well as his adored grandchildren: Jordan (Abbie) Jackson, Jacobe Jackson, Journee Jackson, Tripp Kelly, Keaton Leonard, and Kinsley Leonard. He was also blessed with a great-grandchild, Cohen Jackson. Jerry's sisters, Sheri Sills and Lura Hagemaster, along with his nephews, Jimmy, Jestin (JC), Christopher, James, and niece Marissa, will always hold him close in their hearts.

In addition to his family, Jerry was a beloved bonus dad to Aletta and Amanda, and a cherished bonus Papa to Atticus. His love and support extended beyond bloodlines, touching the lives of those fortunate enough to know him.

Jerry will be remembered for his warm and caring nature, his infectious smile, and his ability to bring people together. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

May his soul find eternal peace.

Tribute Wall

JL

“ Jerry was my dad. Not just a dad though. He was my father. The difference being that a dad is the guy who signs the birth certificate, or some don't even do that much. Some dad's are just sperm donors. Yet, fathers are dads who decide to stick around for the 18 years of their child's life and the years that follow. Fathers bandage boo-boos, teach necessary life skills, positively encourage the right actions and celebrate their child's accomplishments while boosting their confidence when they fail in life. He was an amazing father. He loved to cook and had the cleanest kitchen before and after every meal. He loved to fish, go camping and one of my favorite memories and another love of his; he loved being on the water. I cry inside that I hadn't seen him in person since 2010. It tears me up even more that it took a near death experience for me to reconnect with him after nearly a year and a half of me being silent. He loved me and I know that. I just wish I could have heard him say it one last time before he passed. - I'll always be thinking of you, cherishing the moments we shared dad. I hope to one day see you again. I love you dad. - Jesse Leonard

Jesse Evan Leonard - June 15, 2024 at 03:05 AM



“ There are no words. He was my rock, best friend and my companion, we laughed, cried and supported one another. He so much more. I will forever be blessed to have had Jerry in my life. Thank you to Jennifer, Jeremy, Jesse and Amy for sharing him, he was an excellent bonus papa, dad, husband and friend. I will forever love him.

Jodi Routledge Leonard - April 04, 2024 at 11:54 AM

AM

“ *It was a honor to be jerrys bonus kid and to have known him these past 10 years he will be missed*

Aletta Morris - April 03, 2024 at 10:18 PM

MB

“ *Jerry was my brother-in-law and I will look back fondly on all the times we went fishing or fired up the grills. He was pretty good at both, definitely taught me a few things about them.*

Matt Brake - April 03, 2024 at 09:44 PM

SF

“ *He was my cousin his family is in my prayers*

susan falleur - April 03, 2024 at 05:38 PM

LP

“ *Jerry was always kind and ready to help. Was an awesome cook and took great care of my sister (Jodi). He will be missed but remembered for all his dedication to his family and friends*

lisa poulson - April 03, 2024 at 05:21 PM

JJ

“ *I'll never forget the time he took me fishing on the Mississippi, and I out fished him. My catfish was in the paper and he never took me fishing again!*



Jennifer Johnson - April 03, 2024 at 04:21 PM