



Jerry M. Outlaw

December 20, 1964 - January 19, 2022

Jerry McKinley Outlaw, affectionately known as “Jer,” was born on December 20, 1964, in Portsmouth, Va., to the late James Outlaw and Irene Mitchell Outlaw. God in His infinite wisdom saw that Jerry was tired after being on dialysis for 21 years and called him home to eternal glory on Wednesday, January 19, 2022.

Jerry was educated in the Portsmouth public school system and graduated in 1983 from Manor High School. After graduation, he relocated to the State of Maryland, where he was employed at the Maryland Department of Transportation in the Office of the Secretary and the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration.

In 2001, Jerry was diagnosed with renal kidney failure. Despite his medical challenges, his faith stayed anchored in the Lord, and his zest for life soared. Jerry was determined not to be limited by his medical condition. In 2009, he relocated back to Portsmouth, Va., and enrolled in the Criminal Justice program at the ITT Technical Institute. In 2011, he graduated with honors and soon began working at the Office of Probation and Parole.

Jerry was a true jokester, charismatic, and friendly. He was a truly outgoing person who seemed never to meet a stranger he did not like. At an earlier age, he took an interest in music and taught himself to play guitar. Jerry often

dazzled family and friends by playing musical selections he learned by ear, such as “Purple Rain” by Prince—one of his favorite artists. Witty and intelligent, Jerry was always up for a challenge and, whether debating social injustices or playing trivia games with his cousins, he was quick with a dictionary, or a thesaurus, or even Google, if an answer was in dispute, or his reputation as the “Master Scholar” of the group was under threat.

In 2018, he met the love of his life Mellissa Poe of Hampton, Va. Jerry and Mellissa enjoyed a deeply loving and sweetly affectionate relationship. They traveled together, rode motorcycles, fished, enjoyed dinner/date nights, and attended car shows and concerts. On July 11, 2021, Jerry asked Mellissa to be his wife, and she gladly accepted. Jerry selected the widely celebrated holiday of “Sweetest Day,” October 15, 2022, for their union—a day to share kind gestures, cards, and sweet messages with a loved one or a friend.

Although he has departed this life, the memory of his sweet spirit, kindness, and warmth will forever live in the hearts of those he touched.

Among those cherishing him in memory is his mother Irene Mitchell Outlaw of Portsmouth, Va., his sister Delphia Outlaw of Ellicott City, Md., his uncles Willie (Toni) Mitchell of Richland, NC, and Keal (Martha) Mitchell of Rich Square, NC., his aunts Mamie Perry (Thomas) of Raleigh, NC., Evelyn Rountree (Malachi) of West Orange, NJ., Linda Johnson (James) of Iselin, NJ., and Sarah Mitchell of Rich Square, NC. Also mourning this incredibly difficult loss is a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, childhood friends, neighbors, colleagues, and two very special friends whom he considered siblings Angela Taylor of Chesapeake, Va. and Ulysses “T.J. “Hill of Portsmouth, Va.

Cemetery Details

The Mitchell Cemetery

2962 Bryant Town Road
Rich Square, NC 27869

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 10:00 AM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

Service

JAN 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Jerry M. Outlaw*

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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - January 30, 2022 at 10:29 AM

DM

The service was very nice.

Dorothy Mitchell - January 30, 2022 at 03:24 PM

RS

“ *I would like to wish the family my deepest sympathy & condolences for the passing of my dear cousin Jerry. Although my health condition wouldn't allow me to attend the home going services I was there in spirit. I heard my cousin say that he was tired, so with that being said go on and take your place in heaven with the rest of the angels where you belong. I will always remember our days as kids growing up the fun we use to have & the laughter we shared, yep you, D D, & Me use to have us a ball wrestling & watching some of our favorite TV shows and then we grew older but the love we had for each other never went away. Well my dear cousin I bid you farewell & Godspeed until we meet again up high I love you man and always will, when I hear the word ' Gentleman ' I'll be thinking of you...*

Love You Cuzz,..Ray

Ray Sessoms - February 01, 2022 at 05:33 AM

SA

“ So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing he was always a kind soul...haven't seen him in year's but the last time I saw him he was the same old buddy of mine since elementary school...RIP my friend, prayers for the family!!!

Sherry Ausby - January 30, 2022 at 07:40 PM

TS

“ Thank you Jerry. Your presence and perseverance have left a mark of love on many that will never be erased. Your commitment and courage to family and friends are seeds that will continue to yield increase. Though we all will have to learn to relate to you differently, I know that God's presence your joy and wholeness is everlasting. I pray that this provides some comfort for your family and to all the souls you've touched.

Tiffany L. Smith-Williams - January 30, 2022 at 11:01 AM

JS

“ Luke 20:36 (GNT) They will be like angels and cannot die. They are the children of God, because they have risen from death..
Jerry, you will always live forever.



Jeff&Debbie Saunders - January 30, 2022 at 06:12 AM

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“Isaiah 41:10 tells us to “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” God promises to be with you and to get you through a time of intense sadness and grief. God will bring peace and comfort to your heavy, sad, and broken heart. God will bring peace and healing to your family as well.



Our sincerest condolences. 🌸

JaRena Whitehead (neighbor) - January 29, 2022 at 09:46 AM



“42 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - January 28, 2022 at 08:00 AM

LJ

I am sorry for your loss. Mr Outlaw was indeed a kind man. May God provide solace and strength for your family.

LJ - January 29, 2022 at 12:12 AM

TM

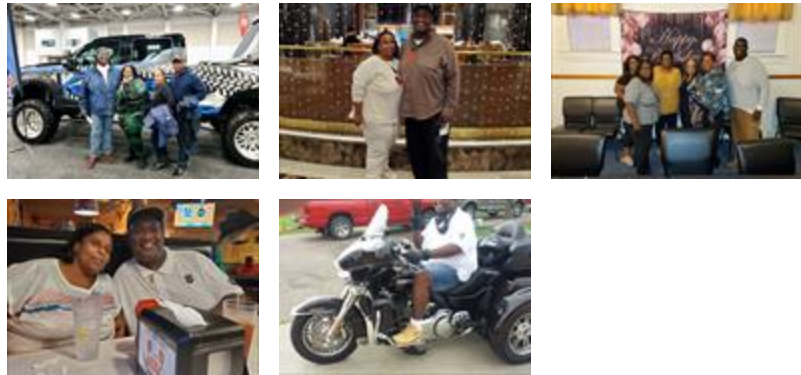
“ Timothy M. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jerry M. Outlaw.



Timothy M. - January 27, 2022 at 03:38 PM

DE

“ 18 files added to the album Memories Album



Delphia - January 27, 2022 at 03:08 PM

VT

“ Manor High School Class of 1983



VTaylor - January 26, 2022 at 06:45 PM

KB

“ *Karen B. Bauer-Adams lit a candle in memory of Jerry M. Outlaw*



Karen B. Bauer-Adams - January 25, 2022 at 11:45 PM