



## Jerry Carl Hovater

September 26, 1948 - April 28, 2017

Jerry Carl Hovater, 67, of Russellville, Alabama, passed away Friday, April 28, 2017, at Russellville Hospital. A native and lifetime resident of Russellville, Alabama, Mr. Hovater was a graduate of Russellville High School and retired from the Franklin County Board of Education after over 31 years of faithful service. He was an active member of Jonesboro Baptist Church. Mr. Hovater was also a farmer, an equipment operator, and a member of the Duncan Creek Hunting Club. Adults and children will miss his visits as Santa along with Mrs. Santa during the holidays.

Visitation for Mr. Hovater will be Sunday, April 30, 2017, from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. at Pinkard Funeral Home, Russellville. Services will be Monday, May 1, 2017, at 2:00 P.M. in the funeral home chapel with Kent Walker and Billy Thorn officiating. Burial will be at Jonesboro Cemetery, Russellville. Pallbearers will be Tommy Bragwell, Jerry Hall, W.G. Cochran, Jimmy James, James Hester, and Dwight Boyles.

Mr. Hovater is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Martha Prince Hovater: two sons, Greg Hovater and wife Kathy, and Gary (Bo) Hovater and wife Danielle. He is also survived by two brothers, Houston Hovater, Jr. and wife Jean, and Billy Joe Hovater. Five grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and a host of friends, nieces, and nephews also survive him.

He was preceded in death by his parents Carson Houston and Lurlie Mae Bendall Hovater.

Pinkard Funeral Home Russellville will be assisting the family.



# Cemetery Details

## Jonesboro Cemetery

Russellville, Al

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pinkard Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerry Carl Hovater*



---

**Pinkard Funeral Home** - April 29, 2017 at 05:38 PM

GB

*Love that video. What a happy family! Jerry was a good husband, father and grandfather and friend . We will all miss him. Our love to the family- Gloria and Charles Bentley*

---

**gloria bentley** - April 29, 2017 at 07:50 PM

KG

*You will be missed very much. You were like a little brother to me. I can't believe you are gone. But I will see you again very soon. Love You.*

---

**KAY GREEN** - April 30, 2017 at 08:38 AM

KS

“ *"So sorry to hear about Jerry. I can't recall a time I was around him that he wasn't smiling or laughing. Fond memories of our time at Jonesboro with yall. We still call Maggie "Lump Doll" to this day. Praying for you all. "*

*Kerry and Sherry Smith*

---

**Kerry Smith** - May 03, 2017 at 10:11 AM

JM

“ *Martha,  
So sorry for the loss of your special husband. Will pray for you and your family in the days ahead. Special memories will help sustain you.*

*Jane Keeton McManus*

---

**Jane Keeton McManus** - May 02, 2017 at 05:13 PM

TP

“ *Martha and Family. We are so sorry for your loss. He was a great and kind man with a huge heart. He always put a smile on your face no matter what. I loved how he loved to aggravate. Yall are in our thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort during this time. If you need anything at all, please don't hesitate to ask.*

*Jamey, Tracy, Breanna and Makayla Prince*

---

**Tracy Prince** - May 02, 2017 at 04:29 PM

JM

“ *Martha and Family,  
So sorry to learn of the loss of this special man. Pray your memories will hold you up in the days ahead; will be thinking of you and yours.*

*Jane Keeton McManus*

---

**Jane Keeton McManus** - May 02, 2017 at 09:46 AM

RH

“ Martha,  
My deepest sympathy in the passing of Jerry. I considered it a privilege to have known such a fine godly man after I met him several months ago when he did some bulldozing work for myself and my brother. We attempted to come to his visitation but the long lines kept us away. My sympathy as well to your sister Judy with whom I worked for several years at Barr/Tune Architects.

Roger Henry

---

**Roger Henry** - May 02, 2017 at 12:21 AM

 Sherry Hines

“ To the Hovater family, we are so sorry for your loss . Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time . Aaron and Corey Hines

---

**Sherry Hines** - May 01, 2017 at 08:47 PM

WJ

“ Martha. I am so very sorry for your lose. May God ease your pain and may Jerry remain in your heart till time brings us all together, again.

William (Bill) Jackson

---

**WILLIAM R JACKSON** - May 01, 2017 at 10:57 AM

JP

“ *The Hovater Family is very special to ours. Church family and friends like family--what a blessing you have been to us and so many others. "God's grace is sufficient for our needs." "He will never leave us nor forsake us," and best of all, we will all be united with him when He carries us all home--what a day that will be! In our prayers, Terry, Judy, Darren, Dusten, and families.*



---

**Judy C Pounders** - April 30, 2017 at 10:41 PM

FH

“ *Truly a part of our life is gone for now. I have considered Jerry one of my mentors in my Christian walk, a man of true faith and family. He will be missed by many. Our prayers for the family. We love you all.*

---

**Frank Hughart** - April 30, 2017 at 06:42 AM

MW

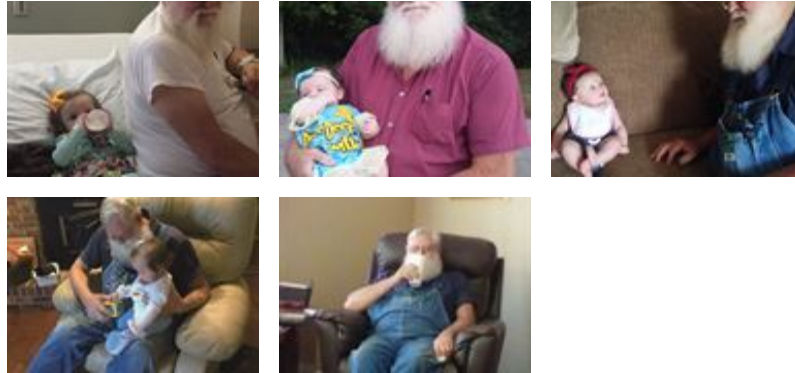
“ *Martha, thinking of you and praying for you and your family. Love you, Marilyn Wright*

---

**Marilyn Wright** - April 29, 2017 at 06:32 PM



“ 33 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pinkard Funeral Home - April 29, 2017 at 04:27 PM

JM

“ Jimmy And Sandy Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Jerry Carl Hovater



Jimmy and Sandy Montgomery - April 29, 2017 at 03:44 PM

PB

“ Mr. Jerry was a one of a kind friend to my husband and I that are hard to find in this old world but when you do you know God blessed you with a special friendship. Like the words in a song that I often sing at funerals "It's Not Goodbye See You Later My Friend." The memory of our Christian friendship will live on in our hearts until we see you again someday when it's time for God to call us home. Please know that the Hovater family are in our prayers that God will comfort you all in this time of sadness. Your friend always, Pam & Danny Gardner "Still Blessed."

Pam Gardner "Still Blessed" - April 29, 2017 at 03:08 PM

BB

“ My granddaughter was so scared of him one year as Santa but then next time loved him. He will be missed but have no doubt as to where his soul is and that makes his death more bearable 🙏🙏🙏

bonnie bragwell - April 29, 2017 at 02:20 PM

Jan  
Tyson

“ We will miss Jerry very much. My summer visits to Alabama won't be the same. Will miss him at Jonesboro church. Loved seeing him direct the choir. Praying for you from NC. Love you dearly. Jan Berry Tyson.

Jan Tyson - April 29, 2017 at 01:09 PM

MT

“ The joy of The Lord was abundant in everything Jerry did. He loved his wife and family. His devotion to spreading joy as Santa at Christmas will be cherished by all. Love you Martha, Myra Taylor

Myra Taylor - April 29, 2017 at 10:02 AM

MM

“ Martha McGuire lit a candle in memory of Jerry Carl Hovater



Martha McGuire - April 28, 2017 at 07:04 PM

CM

“ To the hovater family sorry to hear about Jerry's passing he will be missed he was a great friend heaven just got a great Christian love yall curtis and carol mathhues

curtis mathhued - April 28, 2017 at 04:55 PM

LB

“ *Linda Bellegante lit a candle in memory of  
Jerry Carl Hovater*



---

**linda Bellegante** - April 28, 2017 at 01:58 PM