



Jerry Winkle

July 17, 1944 - June 13, 2026

Jerry Winkle, 81, of Benedict, KS, passed away on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at the Morningstar Care Home in Fredonia. Jerry was born in rural Vian, OK., on July 17, 1944, the son of Ruby Fields.

Jerry served in the US Army and was proud of his Cherokee heritage. He was stationed in Germany and later returned home after receiving his honorable discharge. While in Germany, Jerry met & loved Gudrun Böhm. After Germany, Jerry married Rosa Mae Dennis, then later Jerry married Sherryl Earlene Parsons. They began their life together and built their family until her death of December 28, 2021.

Jerry was a true outdoorsman, who enjoyed going fishing, hunting, and being out in the open. He worked as a welder by trade, liked doing mechanical work on cars, and had the patience and ability to do blue smithing and rebuilding of antique guns. He was a legacy member of the local VFW, and American Legion. His telling of stories and love for his family will be greatly missed.

Jerry is survived by:

Children:

Carmen Retzlaff (Dieter) of Barga, Germany

Sherry Holcomb (Mitch) of Gore, OK

Clifton Carter (Tina) of Ft. Gibson, OK

Melissa Harris of Sallisaw, OK

Charity Wood (Bruce) of Humboldt, KS

Earl Winkle (Becky) of Benedict, KS

Uncle:

Henry Morris of California

Fifteen Grandchildren and numerous Great Grandchildren

Jerry was preceded in death by his mother, wife Sherryl, a daughter Trisha Winkle, a brother Wayne Wallace, an Aunt Dale Morris and lifelong friend Bill Leaf.

Cremation has been requested, a Celebration of Life visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, from 1-3 pm at the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at <https://www.countrysidefh.com>. Memorials in his memory have been suggested to Harry Hynes Hospice and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services are under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home 420 S. 20th St., P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Fredonia
420 S. 20th St.
P.O. Box 247
Fredonia, KS 66736
(620) 378-2882

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Countryside Funeral Home - June 16 at 08:02 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Jerry Winkle.



June 16 at 03:51 PM



“ *My fondest memories of Jerry was growing up together fishing and having fun. All though he was my nephew I thought of him more as a brother. I am thankful that I was able to see him a few years back and we spoke often on the phone. We were together all the time until he went to the service then once he returned he worked and then eventually worked to take care of his family. I am thankful for one of our last good conversations we reminisced about the fun and trouble we would get into growing up.*

Jerry was the last of my kin and knew he was always just a phone call away. I will miss him greatly and proud to have him as my nephew.

*I will miss him greatly,
Henry Morris
Nephew/Brother*

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