



Joseph "Joe" Gerkin

November 12, 1976 - September 24, 2016

Joseph Wesley Gerkin, known fondly as “Joe,” age 39, of Americus, KS, passed away Saturday, September 24, 2016.

Although he became a Kansan, Joe was born in Stroud, Oklahoma on November 12, 1976, and was the son of Steve Gerkin and Vicki Morris Gerkin. He was a member of the West Elk High School graduating class of 1995 and would later make his career for several years as an operation tech at Hills Pet Food located in Emporia, KS.

On September 24, 2005, Joe married Dannielle Rene Jarvis at the United Methodist Church in Howard, Kansas and to this union was born a daughter, Hayli. Hayli was the pride of Joe’s life as he taught her all about the outdoors, and shared his love of hunting and fishing with her, taking her turkey hunting and watched as she shot her first turkey.

An avid outdoorsman, Joe loved hunting and fishing. He was also passionate about baseball and coed softball. He played on many a coed softball team and in many tournaments with his wife, Dannielle, and taught Hayli about the game as well. Joe was a huge OSU fan and when he wasn’t sporting camo, you could see him in Cowboy orange. Joe enjoyed watching NCIS and American Ninja Warrior with his daughter in his leisure time. Joe and Hayli also shared a great love of the Christmas season and would have Christmas music playing and decorations up all year, if they could. Above all else, Joe Gerkin will be remembered as a loving father and husband.

Joe is survived by his wife, Dannielle, his 8 year old daughter, Hayli, both of

the home, mother Vicki Gerkin of Stroud, Oklahoma, an uncle Kenny Morris of Arkansas, cousins J.P. Morris of Stroud, Oklahoma, Kendra Walker in Oklahoma, Michael Bray in Arkansas and Faith Gerkin in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, his brother-in-law, sisters-in-law, and several nieces and nephews. Joe was preceded in death by his father, Steve Gerkin, grandparents Junior and Dorothy Morris and Dorothy and Joseph Gerkin, uncle Jerry Don Morris, aunt Dorthea Bray and his cousin Randy Gerkin.

Funeral services will be held Friday, September 30, 2016 at 2:00 pm. at Countryside Funeral Home at 206 East Washington in Howard, KS, with a visitation for family and friends held on Thursday, September 29 from 5-7 pm also at the funeral home. Interment will be at the Piedmont Cemetery in Piedmont, KS.

The suggested memorial is for Hayli's Educational Fund and may be left or mailed to Countryside Funeral Home, Box 1233, Howard, KS 67349.

Arrangements entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home and online condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com

Cemetery Details

Piedmont Cemetery

Piedmont, KS 67122

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Howard
206 E. Washington
P.O. Box 1233
Howard, KS 67349
(620) 374-2381

Celebration of Life

SEP **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BM

“ Joe's mom always called Joseph "the love of her life." She said he was her "miracle baby" because she was told she couldn't have kids. She is so proud of the loving husband and father that he became. Vicki will now have to find her son's spirit in her beautiful granddaughter Hayli.

Brandy Morris - September 30, 2016 at 09:04 AM

LW

“ Leann Courtney Wells lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Gerkin



Leann Courtney Wells - September 30, 2016 at 08:43 AM

CW

“ Although I only met you once in Tulsa, I feel like I have known you forever. Your mother talked about you all the time. You will be missed but not forgotten.

Cindy Washum - September 29, 2016 at 07:36 PM

CW

“ Although I only met you once in Tulsa, I feel as though I have known you forever. You are all your mother talked about, then your daughter was born. Hali is adorable and Vicki was a proud grandmother. You will be missed but not forgotten.

Cindy Washum - September 29, 2016 at 07:30 PM

CW

“ *Cindy Washum lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Gerkin*



Cindy Washum - September 29, 2016 at 07:25 PM

KK

“ *We will remember Joe as one of our favorite hunters. He was so excited when his little girl got her first turkey! With sympathy, Mickey & Karen Karr*

Karen Karr - September 29, 2016 at 04:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph "Joe" Gerkin.*



September 29, 2016 at 02:33 PM

MF

“ *Sending prayers for the family!*

Marcy Freed - September 29, 2016 at 10:01 AM



“ *Jami Mott lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Gerkin*



Jami Mott - September 29, 2016 at 05:52 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. The world has lost a great father ,husband, and friend. Heaven has gained a wonderful angel that will always be watching over you both. My thoughts and prayers continue to be with you all.*



Joan Bennett

Joan Bennett - September 28, 2016 at 11:13 PM



“ *I haven't seen Joe in a long time. I used to eat in the S&J Cafe nearly every day when I first moved to town (Howard) and started working at the bank 20 years ago. I'd see Joe there and in the bank, and he was always such a pleasant and happy "kid." So sad that he's gone on. He will be missed but he left smiles wherever he'd been.*

Chris Hollis - September 28, 2016 at 09:31 PM

PG

“ Prayers for all families during this difficult time.



Polly Griggs - September 28, 2016 at 06:10 PM

MC

“ Joe was a great guy and classmate, he will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult time.



Melissa Craig - September 28, 2016 at 04:58 PM

 David Highley

“ Really good guy. Enjoyed playing softball with him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones.

David Highley - September 28, 2016 at 03:00 PM

KE

“ So sorry for your loss. I believe he was a classmate of my son Ben Evans. I also think that they were on the wrestling team together. We will be praying for your family.

Kathy Evans - September 28, 2016 at 02:48 PM

RD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Gerkin family. We always enjoyed seeing him at the ballgames helping Hayli or at other events. We watched as he took her to the park just to play catch and teach her more. Mainly he was spending time with his daughter, lovingly. Joe was a very thoughtful and caring person.

Rita Gragg Dingman - September 28, 2016 at 02:06 PM



“ Tara Wharton lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Gerkin



Tara Wharton - September 28, 2016 at 01:03 PM

HF

“ Prayers for the Gerkin Family. We are thinking of you. -Hinrichs Family

Hinrichs Family - September 28, 2016 at 12:16 PM

CC

“ Chip&Nancy Crum lit a candle in memory of Joseph "Joe" Gerkin



Chip&Nancy Crum - September 28, 2016 at 12:13 PM

JS

Our family has many fond memories of Joe, from his from his lighthearted teasing of Hayli when she wore her KU gear, to his sharing mushrooms with us in the Spring from his "secret spot". Joe was a great guy and will be missed by many. Sending lots of love and prayers to Dannielle, Hayli and family.

Mark, Joni, & Shelby Siess

Joni Siess - September 28, 2016 at 04:01 PM

OM

“ *Thoughts and prayers go out to the Gerkin family... I enjoyed playing against him in softball and umpiring when he played.. competitive but respectful ... and never gave up.. Good guy even wearing that orange and black!!!! Boomer Sooners Joe!!!!!!!!*

Otis Moon/Emporia Ks

Otis Moon - September 28, 2016 at 10:36 AM

 Tisha Littlepage

My prayers are with the family. Joe was an amazing guy and a great friend. He will truly be missed.

Tisha Littlepage - September 28, 2016 at 12:09 PM

MF

“ *sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers for you and yours.*

Meisch family - September 26, 2016 at 11:01 PM