



Jay E. Kerley

March 23, 1959 - October 5, 2022

Jay Elwyn Kerley, 63, of Georgetown, passed away suddenly at his home on Wednesday, October 5, 2022.

He was born March 23, 1959, in Salisbury, a son of Mary Louise (Ennis) Kerley and the late Kenneth Lee Kerley.

Jay grew up in Melson and was a member of Melson United Methodist Church. He graduated from Delmar High School with the class of '78.

Throughout high school he played football and basketball and was a member of the first Delaware State Championship Football team of 1976. After high school he played in several men's softball leagues across Delmarva. In his younger days Jay worked several years at the DuPont plant in Seaford before he left to work as a mechanic with his father. For the past 26 years he had worked as a pipe foreman and crew leader for the Melvin L. Joseph Construction Co. Jay loved the outdoors and was happiest when cutting wood or fishing. His love for sports continued into adulthood, especially when it came to NASCAR and football, and he was a lifelong Raiders fan. He will be most remembered for his incredible love for his family.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife of 23 years, Kathie (Griffith) Kerley; a brother, Wyatt D. Kerley and wife Jeani; sisters, Glenda Fisher and husband Donald, and Dawn Kerley; nieces, Jayme Thompson and husband Kenneth, and Kendall Gordy; nephew, Dustan Fisher and wife Sarah; great nephew, Gabriel Fisher; great niece, Leah Fisher; and brother-in-law, Denny Griffith and wife Peggy. He is also survived by several cousins, his

extended Melvin Joseph Construction family and a host of close friends.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 at Short Funeral Home in Delmar, and also on Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00, followed by a funeral service which begins at 11:00. The Reverend John Oltman will officiate. Interment will follow at Melson's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to Melson United Methodist Church, 32705 Melson Road, Delmar, MD 21875.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Melson's Cemetery

Melson's Road
Delmar, MD 21875

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 E Grove Street
Delmar, DE 19940
(302) 846-2525

Visitation

OCT 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

OCT **12**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jay E. Kerley



Short Funeral Home - October 11, 2022 at 04:58 PM



“ Jay E. Kerley

January 29, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ 42 files added to the album Life Tributes



Short Funeral Home - October 11, 2022 at 01:54 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jay E. Kerley.*



October 10, 2022 at 04:44 PM



“ *Jeani Kerley lit a candle in memory of Jay Kerley*



Jeani Kerley - October 09, 2022 at 09:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jay E. Kerley.*



October 09, 2022 at 02:39 PM



“ *My condolences and prayers going out to the entire Kerley Family. Anytime I saw Jay he was always so nice and had something funny to say. He will be missed from the Delmar community for sure. God bless you all. Kay Short- Habig Delmar, Delaware (Wildcat Country)*

Kay Short-Habig - October 08, 2022 at 08:53 PM

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“ Jaybo, we miss you so, so much. We miss your wisdom, empathy and love. You treated us all with love & kindness especially your furbabies Toby & CeeCee. Kathie will always be a part of this family and we will hold onto her as you would have. Miss u brother. ❤️

Jeani Kerley - October 08, 2022 at 08:19 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Jay E. Kerley.



October 08, 2022 at 06:25 PM

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“ We love you jay! You will definitely be missed here at country living 🙏 Our prayers are with the family we are so sorry for your loss.



Caci Smith - October 08, 2022 at 10:15 AM