

## **Jerry Wayne Hearrell | 1941-2015**

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Jerry Wayne Hearrell, 74, of Bridgeport, died Monday, Dec. 21, 2015, in his home after a short illness. Services and visitation are Wednesday, Dec. 23, at his home in Bridgeport. Burial will follow at Willow Point Cemetery. Pallbearers are Earl Green, Ken Dodson, Jimmy Cox, Steve Christian, Mark Jackson, Dru Jackson and Johnny Denton. Honorary pallbearers are Glen Rose, Mike Grimada and Bill Oxford.

Jerry was born March 27, 1941, near Olney, Okla. He was well-known for his honesty, kindness and quick wit. Anyone associated with the title insurance industry beginning in the 1960s until the early 2000s would quickly tell you he was one of the best abstractors and closers of his time. He started his title insurance career as a delivery guy for Rattikin Title Co., advancing up the ranks from abstracting to closing homes and multi-million dollar commercial transactions with Guardian Title Co. and First Land Title Co. in Grapevine, Burleson and Fort Worth.

He married Debbie Denton in 1984, and they started their own title company, Wise County Title Company in 1987 in Decatur. In 2003, they sold Wise County Title to a group of their employees and retired to their farm south of Bridgeport where they had lived since 1988. Jerry was happiest farming and ranching and when he was on his tractor or riding his four-wheeler or Ranger around his place. He dearly loved and cherished his two daughters, Kelly and Kristi, and he idolized his two grandchildren, Jesse and Mandy. Jerry was an avid hunter and fisherman. He and several friends held a deer lease near Stephenville for more than 30 years, and they were well-versed in their many stories about the times they had and the “ones that got away.” He looked forward every year to the annual dove hunt in Dickens County, just outside of Spur.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Ulysses and Ruby (Dillingham) Hearrell; brothers Raymond and Ronnie; and sister Linda. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Debbie Hearrell of Bridgeport; daughters Kelly Olson and husband, Dan, of Walnut Springs and Kristi Hearrell of Granbury; grandson Jesse Olson and wife, Bethany, of Weatherford; granddaughter Mandy O’Hearn and husband, Joe, of Walnut Springs; great-grandchildren Karson and Kase O’Hearn and Gracelyn Olson; sisters Neoma Burk and Wanda Stephens of Van Alstyne; brothers Lissie and Alan Hearrell; and sisters Annette Tolbert, Penny Tolbert, Kim Reagan, Mary Lou Nichols, Charles Hearrell and Flora Ann Fink, all of Oklahoma.