



Fred W. Jernigan

July 18, 1952 - February 12, 2026

Fred Jernigan, age 73, of Angus, TX, went to be with his Lord and Savior Thursday evening, February 12, 2026, at his home while surrounded by his family after a long battle of lung disease.

Visitation will be Tuesday, February 17, 2026, from 11:00am - 12:00pm at Griffing-Roughton Funeral Home. Graveside service will be held following at 12:30pm at Hamilton-Beeman Cemetery, officiated by Tony Neal and Jonathan Cobb.

Fred was born July 18, 1952, the fifth child of six in Geneva, IL. His family moved from Pontiac, IL to Corsicana, TX in 1967. He was a 1970 graduate of Corsicana High School. He served in the United States Air Force from July 23, 1971-June 27, 1977. He was a Veteran of the Peacetime and Vietnam Era. He served as a Security/K9 Officer and was stationed at the Laredo Air Force Base, Laredo, TX, Clark Air Force Base, Philippines and Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Worth, TX. Fred then went to work as a Kiln Burner with TXI in Streetman, TX where he retired after 40 years of service.

Fred met Elaine Howard, his junior year of high school, one afternoon on a school bus. Charles Franklin was picking on her by pulling her hair. When she turned around to slap Charles, he ducked and she slapped Fred instead and have been together since then. On July 3, 1971, they were united in marriage

at Augus Baptist Church. They went on to have two children, Lora and Kevin. He was a long-time member of Mildred Baptist Church. Fred enjoyed traveling, hunting, fishing, and riding his 1994 Harley-Davidson. He also loved drag racing and rebuilding cars. He loved being with his family and friends, especially spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren... along with his two Yorkies, Sam and Tank.

Fred is preceded in death by his mother, Annabell "Ann" McHenry; father, Earl Jernigan; brothers, Chuck Jernigan, Bob Jernigan and Paul Jernigan; sister, Sharon Kuster; aunt, Rosetta Reynolds; and in-laws, Bill & Wynona (Herod) Howard.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine, of 54 years. His children, Lora (Jernigan) Tyra and husband Don, and Kevin Jernigan; grandchildren, Kyndal (Tyra) Orr and husband JT, and Madison (Tyra) Perry and husband Shane; great-grandchildren, Kaylie Orr, Benton Perry and two on the way; sister, Judy (Jernigan) Rosas and husband Raymond; half-sisters, Kelli (Jernigan) Damiani and Jeanie Jernigan; sisters-in-law, Peggy (Howard) Hensley and husband Mark, Jan Jernigan and Georgia Jernigan; brothers-in-law, Ken Howard and wife Vonda and Steve Kuster; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mildred Baptist New Church Sign Fund.

Cemetery Details

Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery

700 Farm to Market 2555
Corsicana, TX 75110

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
info@griffin-roughton.com

Graveside Funeral Service

FEB 17. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Fred W. Jernigan.*



February 16 at 10:58 AM



“ *Our prayers are with Jernigan Family 🙏*



Connie Melton - February 15 at 09:13 PM



“ *I met Freddie when I was 17 years old in 1977, he was installing a 396 into a blue chevy swb pick up at Lee Prichard's gulf station. Alot of older guys didn't like kids hanging around. But Freddie was always good to me, he taught me a lot while he built that pick up, he told stories about his 65 GTO, which influenced me loving Pontiacs, later he got my 68 Camaro and painted it yellow. I moved away and lost contact. But I remember him like it was yesterday and will always be his friend. RIP Freddie*

Ronnie Tanner - February 15 at 08:54 PM

JO

“ Jamey & Kim Orr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Fred W. Jernigan.

Jamey & Kim Orr - February 15 at 05:05 PM

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“ Jamey & Kim Orr purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Fred W. Jernigan.



Jamey & Kim Orr - February 15 at 05:05 PM

LB

“ Oh, how we will miss Fred. Such a kind, humble and friendly man of God. It was such an honor to know Fred here. Looking forward to more visits in Heaven. God bless his loving family.

Linda Brunton - February 15 at 01:12 PM

DL

“ My prayers go out to Freds family. Fred was a great friend. He will be missed by many people. Our families had some great times together. We will always cherish the memories. I know that Dale is playing catch up with Fred. Well Heaven has a new Angel that will be looking over his family as he always did on Earth as well. Fred RIP. It is so long just for now. Elaine I am here anytime you need to talk or cry or laugh. Please take care of yourself. And Kevin and Lora please know you are in my prayers also.



Debbie Lake - February 14 at 01:39 PM