



## Jerry VanZuuk

November 28, 1967 - June 26, 2007

Jerry Wayne VanZuuk II, 39, of Rice passed away Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at his residence. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home Chapel. Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at New Chatfield Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Chad Grant, Greg Barlow, Steve Henderson, Glenn Loper, Blake Bryant and David Baucon. Mr. VanZuuk was born Nov. 28, 1967, in Houston to Jerry Wayne VanZuuk I and Geraldine Marusak VanZuuk. Survivors include his wife, Jennifer VanZuuk of Rice; son, Trey; daughter, Hayley; parents, Geri and Dub Green of Hot Springs, Ark.; stepsister, Becky Packer of Red Oak; and in-laws, John and Jenny Matous of Rice. Memorials may be made to the VanZuuk children, in care of Rice State Bank.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry VanZuuk*

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“ *Jennifer, Hayley, & Trey,  
I love you!*

**Belinda Ferrer** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *God Bless each and everyone of you guys. When time get rough call on God he will help you through. There is nothing to BIG for my GOD. Love you guys and may peace come to your hearts.*

**Holly Huffman** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jenn, Hayley Bug, Trey and family  
We love you. Please let us know if you need anything. We are here for you always. We are family and this family will get through this together. God will make sure of that.*

**Rachel Wampler** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are praying for you all. God is always here for you, may he wrap you up tight in your time of need.*

**Heath and Curran Oakley** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ Jennifer,  
There are no words that can ease your pain or make this nightmare easier to bear. Please know that you and your children are always in our thoughts and prayers. If there is ever anything, anytime or place that we can do to help any of you, please call. We pray God will hold you and your children close to His heart through this tragic journey.

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**Wayne & Jana Lutz** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Sending heartfelt sympathy and prayers. If we can do anything at all for you guys, please let us know. Jerry will be missed.

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**Romeo Saenz Jr and Family** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Just wanted to say how sorry I am for your loss. Jerry will always be a great guy. I remember seeing him three weeks ago still the same hadn't change much. I know there are no words to take away the pain. Just know that he has many friends that care. My prayers and thoughts are with the family.

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**Monica Castillo** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Jennifer, Hayley, and Trey  
our thoughts and prays are with you at this time of need. God will get you through this although I know at this time you dont see how. At times like this we are lost for words to help heal  
If y'all need anything just call we are here for you. All of our Love to you

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**Laura Chapman** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NV

“ To Jennifer and all of the Van Zuuk and Matous family, I would like to express my sincere sympathy on your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

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**NANCY VAUGHAN** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Jennifer, I know what Jerry meant to Jeremy and how much my husband thought of him. Jerry was always so happy and full of energy at games and practices - he was a great coach and a good guy. That is what we will keep in our hearts and the way we will remember him forever. Please know you, Trey and Haley are in our prayers; we are here if you need anything.

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**Jodie, Jerry, & Jeremy Claxton** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Jennifer I am so sorry for your families loss. God is smiling down on you with His love and please take comfort in the fact that Jerry is with Him at His side. If you need anything please call anytime...

*Stephanie*

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**Stephanie Marshall** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Sadly life is a journey that is full of heartaches. Loosing someone that we love is one of the greatest heartaches we all deal with on our journey. I am so very sorry that you have experienced this saddness. At this time in your life, just know your life is full of people that truly care for you and your family. We stand ready to help you when you need us. But more than your friends, God is there with comfort and peace for you, your family and Jerry. May his peace be with you and yours now, in the future and always.

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**Beverly Herrin** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I'm so sorry. My prayers are with the family. May God Bless each one of you.

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**Kristi Stevens Butler** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Hayley I am sorry for your loss. We are praying and thinking about you. If you need anything I am just a phone call away.

*Your Friend,  
Justin*

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**Justin Garcia** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I admired & respected Jerry. He will be missed.

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**James Hoobler** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ We're very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**JoLynn Wilson** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Jennifer, Haley, and Trey  
Words can not express how deeply sorry I am for your loss. I will keep your family in my prayers. I pray that through time God can heal your pain.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on to your own understanding. Acknowledge him in all thy ways and he will direct your path.*

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**Rachel Tidwell** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ We are deeply saddened for your loss. We pray that God keeps you all during this trying time and consoles your sadness as you need Him. If there is anything we can do, please just ask. We are praying for you always and you are always in our thoughts.

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**Steve, Nicolette, Simuel, Elizhah, Aaliyah Nezar** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Just wanted you to know that I was thinking of all of you and that you will be in my prayers.

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**Carrie Hairgrove** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Our prayers are with you in this time of great sadness.

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**Charles and June Markwalter** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the 3 of you.

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**Gary Brown** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to your entire family. I know Jerry was always with the children at school activities and was a wonderful loving father. I pray that God gives you and your children strength and heals your pain. I can only imagine what you and the children are going through. I know they will miss their Dad terribly. God Bless you all.

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**Dawn Robinson-Crittenden** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ Jenn, Hayley, And Trey~  
Words cannot express how sorry we are. Cling to one another and let friends help you. Your family is precious. You are all so close to our hearts. May God's arms of love squeeze you tight today and the days to come. Love you.

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**Forrest & Claudia Huffman** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ I wish that there were adequate words to express our sorrow for you and your family. Jerry was a wonderful friend to all of us and he will be missed more than we can say. Everytime that I think of Jerry, all I can see is that big ole smile, he was usually joking around. He really gave me a hard time at the JNHS induction about my broken legs!! I know that you know this, but I have to say how thankful I am that he was a part of Greg and Mona's life - he brought them so much joy and the hole that he has left will never be replaced by anyone else. We love you and your family and we will continue to smile everytime we think of Jerry.

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**Terry Golden** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I just wanted to tell you how very sorry I am for your loss. May God be with you and your family. We will be praying for you and the kids. God bless you.

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**Missy Blake** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Jennifer, please know you and your babies are in our thoughts and prayers. May God hold you in the palms of His hands. May He bless and guide you through this time of heartbreak and uncertainty. Your family is here if there is anything any of us can do to ease your pain. We love you all.

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**Kim Matous** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Jennifer, I am so sorry for your loss and for your children's loss. Words cannot touch what you are all going through, but our prayers are with you. We love you very much. Chris & Kathy Melkovitz & girls

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**Kathy Melkovitz** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Jennifer & kids,

We are praying for you to find some peace in this time of trial. Know that God is always with you, and if you lean on Him for strength and courage in this time you will come thru shining. All our love & prayers.

*The Lopez-Smith family*

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**Gena Lopez** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Jen, I am so sorry...I would love to tell you the pain will go away, but I've learned that it is always there... you just learn to live with it a little easier as time passes!! Everyone's life is a just story to tell when it is all said and done, I'm sorry this chapter of your book ended before you thought it would. I'm always here for you. You helped me reason out some tough things in my life, let me return the favor... Love ya' girl!!

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**Betsy Skrdla** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ We love you and are praying for you all.

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**Richard & Molly Barlow** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ May God be with you.

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**Torri Williams Mullins** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ To: Geri

*I am so sorry about your loss. He was a wonderful person and I remember all the good times in high school. May he rest in peace and may God give you the strength to endure your loss.*

*Clem and Adell*

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**Clem and Adell Rejcek** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ So sorry to hear of your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Kenneth & Dorothy Rawlings** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Jennifer and Family,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. My God bless you and help your family through this time of loss.*

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**Dana Rawlings-Hodge** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Jennifer, Haley, and Trey, I don't have the words to express the heart felt sympathy we have for each of you at this time. I pray that God wraps his arms around each of you and gives you the comfort you seek. One day at a time.

*God Bless each of you,  
Sam, Kim, Sam Jr. and Jasper*

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**Karina Jones** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Our thoughts & prayers go out to you, always remember friends, neighbors & family are always near, call us if you need anything.

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**Derek, Kari, Katelyn & Seth Robinson** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Jennifer, Trey & Haley, the first time I met Jerry, I could tell that he was a kind, caring person, who made me feel as if I had known him forever. I could tell that he was devoted to his family & friends. He always had a smile on his face, and seemed glad to see you. I'm sure God has a special place in Heaven for him. You're all in our thoughts and prayers. Dorothy & Dale Robinson

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**Dale & Dorothy Robinson** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *jen, hayley, and trey,  
i love you all very much!  
just remember God never puts more stuff on you than you can  
handle.  
and you all are becoming very strong individuals. you are in my  
family's thoughts and prayers. and remember we are only a phone  
call away.  
we love ya!*

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**Brian, Andrea, Halee McCoy, Mackenzie** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *SORRY FOR YOU LOSS. YOU ARE ALL IN OUR THOUGHT AND  
PRAYERS.*

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**SUZAN PATE** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *My prayers are with you in your time of sorrow. Remember God  
doesn't put anymore on us than we can bear. Weeping may endure  
for a night, but Joy cometh in the morning. Jennifer lean on your  
family and friends for help, and hold those two beautiful angels tight.  
God Bless*

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**Tamara Turner-Thomas** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

V(

“ *Dearest Jennifer And Children~*

*May God be your comfort in this time of need. You and your family  
and your children are in our prayers.*

*Mark Vicki and Boys*

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**Vicki Mcelhenney (Barber)** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Jennifer, Hayley, and Trey; I was so sorry so hear of your loss. Know that you and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers. Trust in God.  
In His love,  
Meredith Raines

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**Meredith Raines** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Jennifer, Hayley & Trey,  
I am so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful person. Every time we spoke about our families I could see in his eyes how much he loved you all. I will keep you in my prayers.  
God bless you.  
Cheri

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**Cheri Moody** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Jennifer,  
  
We are so sorry to hear of you and your family's loss. I pray for you and Jerry and that you may be able to find peace with this. Though I would never say this is God's will, I do feel sure that He will bend it to His will and you will survive this. I will pray for you and your family and for Jerry. I wish we could have been there for you at this time. I would like to leave you with my prayers: May God's grace and peace be bestowed on you, your family and Jerry at this time and may His peace, which surpasses all understanding, come upon you and strengthen you during this dark time. May He grant eternal rest and peace to Jerry and admittance into his loving kingdom. I will keep you all in my prayers and wish you only the best.

*Danny, LouAnn and the girls*

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**Danny Matous** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ You will always be missed, but never forgotten. Rest well my friend.

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**Scott Estes** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ Jennifer,  
Having lived through one of these life tragedies myself, know that--- while it does not "go away"--it does get easier to deal with over time. Our 'work family', along with your beautiful and loving family will help you when you think you cannot do it. You are a strong and devoted Mom...but all the people on this list are willing to step in when you need us to help if you want. We all love you, Hayley and Trey dearly and pray for peace and comfort for the family. Hugs,  
Angie

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**Angie Eubank** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Semper Fi, Jerry could never be any other way. He was admired and respected as a dedicated father, husband, and American. Too bad his dedication and honor aren't embraced by more people in today's world. I am glad I knew him and will always remember and respect him. If I can be of service please do not hesitate to let me know. David Childers, Sgt. USMC

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**David Childers** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ My sweet, sweet Jenn. Words can't express. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Should you need an "old-time" buddy to talk to just give me a call. I love you.  
Tracy

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**Tracy Woodall (Dennis)** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Jennifer, My prayers are with you and the kids at this very difficult time in your lives. I just found a picture the other day of Katie and Trey sitting in a tree together back in 2002. They were SOOO young. You were all on my mind before this tragic event took place. You are a very strong woman and the Lord will help you all through this. God Bless.

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**Donna (Warren) Jeffreys** - June 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM