



## Merrell Glenn Jefferies

March 27, 1949 - July 19, 2017

Merrell Glenn Jefferies, son of the late E.J. and Martha Reba (Ashworth) Jeffries, was born March 27, 1949 in Pulaski County, Missouri where he grew up. As a young boy, Merrell attended elementary school at Waynesville and Laquey and graduated from Richland High School.

On December 13, 1968, Merrell was united in marriage to Virginia F. Henry at the home of Rev. Paul Swadley who performed the ceremony. They shared over 48 years together and were blessed with six children: Julie Dawn, Shelia Jean, Lana Jolene, Virgil Roy, Virginia "Ginger", and James Caleb.

At a very early age, Merrell made a profession of faith and continued to serve God throughout the rest of his life as a pastor. He pastored several churches in the Pulaski County area and was a long time member of the New Friendship Church.

In his spare time, Merrell enjoyed being outdoors, whether it was hunting, fishing or working in the garden. He loved to sing with his family at gospel singings in the area and also worked with the local youth by running the Summer and Winter Youth League in Laquey. He was also instrumental in helping start the Laquey Alumni Association.

Merrell went home to be with his Lord on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 in the

Richland Care Center of Richland, Missouri having attained the age of 68 years.

Merrell is survived by his wife: Virginia Jefferies of Richland, MO; six children: Julie Dawn Myres (Gary) of O'Fallon, MO, Shelia Jean Steward (Ron) of St. Peters, MO, Lana Jolene Jefferies of Wichita, KS, Virgil Roy Jefferies of Richland, MO, Virginia "Ginger" Harmel of Round Rock, TX and James Caleb Jefferies of Richland, MO; nine grandchildren; two step grandchildren; two siblings: Garry Jeffries (Debbie) of Richland, MO and Lisa Wideman of Laquey, MO; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Merrell was preceded in death by maternal grandparents: John Joseph Henry Paris and Elizabeth (Robbins) Ashworth; paternal grandparents: Leslie Elbert and Addie (Hill) Jeffries; infant brother: Raymond Leo Jeffries and infant granddaughter: Aarika Myres.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, July 21, 2017 in the Memorial Chapel of Richland, Missouri with Pastor Larry Atkins and Pastor Gary Humphrey officiating. Special recorded music selections included "I Can't Even Walk" and "What a Day That Will Be." Soloist, Zella Wieners sang, "I Won't Have to Worry Anymore" and Meagan Rask sang, "In the Garden." Serving as escorts were Virgil Jefferies, Derek Jefferies, James Jefferies, Clayton Jennings, Christopher Steward, Ron Steward, Austin Myres and Gary Myres. Graveside service followed in Idumea Cemetery, Laquey, Missouri with Brother Jim Minor officiating.

Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapel of Richland.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Merrell Glenn Jefferies and may be left at the funeral home.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Merrell Glenn Jefferies*



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**Memorial Chapels and Crematory** - July 25, 2017 at 04:36 PM



“ *Merrell Glenn Jefferies*

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January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *I just want to express my sympathy to Merrell's family during this sad time. Praying for God's peace and comfort to surround you. Merrel and I were classmates during our senior year. He was always kind and polite. Praying your memories of him will make his loss a little easier. Linda McLean*

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**Linda McLean** - July 30, 2017 at 10:10 PM



“ *the lord gained a great angel have a lot of memories of merrell and they are all wonderful he was a great guy rest in peace your free from pain and suffering now god bless to the family shelia was always a great friend of mine as well*



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**mary bowling** - July 24, 2017 at 07:48 AM

DM

“ *Debby Myers lit a candle in memory of Merrell Glenn Jefferies*



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**Debby Myers** - July 22, 2017 at 09:28 PM

AD

“ *Amee Dumas lit a candle in memory of Merrell Glenn Jefferies*



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**Amee Dumas** - July 21, 2017 at 12:20 PM

BA

“ *To the family of Merrell I am sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Bill Anderson** - July 21, 2017 at 09:08 AM

KC

“ *Most sincere condolence to Virginia and all of the Jefferies family.*  
*Keith Copeland*

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**Keith Copeland** - July 21, 2017 at 08:15 AM

DS

“ Dawn Smiley lit a candle in memory of Merrell Glenn Jefferies



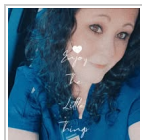
Dawn Smiley - July 20, 2017 at 11:00 PM

SP

“ ShawN And Kim Ponder lit a candle in memory of Merrell Glenn Jefferies



ShawN and Kim Ponder - July 20, 2017 at 10:36 PM



“ Julie Avila lit a candle in memory of Merrell Glenn Jefferies



Julie Avila - July 20, 2017 at 10:23 PM



“ Janice Alexander lit a candle in memory of Merrell Glenn Jefferies



Janice Alexander - July 20, 2017 at 10:06 PM



“ Virginia and family Roy and I wanted to let you know we are thinking of all of you. you are in our prayers.

Janice Alexander - July 20, 2017 at 10:06 PM



“ Steph Breedlove Farmer lit a candle in memory of Merrell Glenn Jefferies



Steph Breedlove Farmer - July 20, 2017 at 08:21 PM



“ Vicki Zwickelmaier lit a candle in memory of Merrell Glenn Jefferies



Vicki Zwickelmaier - July 20, 2017 at 08:20 PM



“ Virginia, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time and in the days to come.



Barbara Thorpe - July 20, 2017 at 07:28 PM

BR

“ *Bill Roam lit a candle in memory of Merrell Glenn Jefferies*



Bill Roam - July 20, 2017 at 05:32 PM

BR

*Sorry for your loss. Many years since I saw Merrell, but always was a pleasure to see and be with him.... God Bless you all.*

Bill Roam - July 20, 2017 at 05:34 PM

MW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this really difficult time. Your dad truly loved all of you, and we know he will be missed. Praying for your strength, your peace, and God's grace to carry you through. Love you, Ginia!*

Martin and Georgia White - July 20, 2017 at 05:30 PM



“ *42 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - July 20, 2017 at 03:53 PM



*Now u got me crying. Uncle Merle, I am glad ur no longer in any pain. Rest In Peace.*

**Roes Gal** - July 21, 2017 at 01:42 AM

BH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.*

*Boyd, Donna and AJ Hendrix*

**Boyd, Donna and AJ Hendrix** - July 20, 2017 at 11:54 AM

KK

“ *Virginia, I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember how he reminded me of taking care of Virgil when he was small. Memories of him goes way back to grade school with him. He always put a smile on my face.*



**Kathy Karr** - July 20, 2017 at 10:10 AM

RY

“ *Roy And Janet York lit a candle in memory of Merrell Glenn Jefferies*



**Roy and Janet York** - July 20, 2017 at 09:53 AM



“ *Kelita Naab lit a candle in memory of Merrell Glenn Jefferies*



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**Kelita Naab** - July 20, 2017 at 09:49 AM



“ *Dannie McDaniel sent a virtual gift in memory of Merrell Glenn Jefferies*



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**Dannie McDaniel** - July 20, 2017 at 09:30 AM



“ *Claudia Myers lit a candle in memory of Merrell Glenn Jefferies*



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**Claudia Myers** - July 20, 2017 at 09:12 AM



“ *Thinking of you all! Lots of Love & Prayers!*



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**Elisha Melendez** - July 20, 2017 at 09:08 AM

PH

“ Gary and Peggy Humphrey, praying for Gods loving arms to hold you and family through this time of loss.



Peggy Humphrey - July 20, 2017 at 07:41 AM



“ Deb Frey lit a candle in memory of Merrell Glenn Jefferies



Deb Frey - July 20, 2017 at 02:59 AM



“ Christy Crossland lit a candle in memory of Merrell Glenn Jefferies



Christy Crossland - July 19, 2017 at 11:12 PM

RG

“ Renae Williams Gregory lit a candle in memory of Merrell Glenn Jefferies



Renae Williams Gregory - July 19, 2017 at 10:31 PM

BT

“ So, so sorry to hear this! Our sincere condolences to all of the family! He is with his blessed Lord now, but has left his precious family here. Prayers for you all! Max and Brenda Thornsberry

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**Brenda Thornsberry** - July 19, 2017 at 10:16 PM