



Mr. Joe Gayle Berry

January 24, 1939 - October 26, 2025

Funeral services for Joe Gayle Berry, 86, of Henderson, will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home, with David Rudd officiating. Burial will follow at Neeley Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. Visitation will be held at 9:00 a.m. until service time.

Mr. Joe Gayle Berry of Henderson passed away on October 26, 2025 at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler after a brief illness. Gayle was born on January 24, 1939 in Henderson to Forrest (Bill) Berry and Gladys (Wylie) Berry. He attended Henderson High School and graduated from Kilgore College. He retired from GTE after 38 years of service and was a life-long resident on Rusk County. Gayle enjoyed raising cattle, hunting, sharing his blueberry patch and garden with many friends, and watching his great granddaughter Jacie Boothe play softball. He spent countless hours of his life building and maintaining the Whispering Pines Youth Encampment. Every year during camp he manned the "Snack Shack" and became friends with many generations of campers. Gayle was an active long-time member of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Henderson.

Mr. Berry was preceded in death by his wife Patricia (Patty) Berry. His parents Bill and Gladys Berry. His sister Mary Elisabeth Weatherford and husband Jess Weatherford.

He is survived by his sons Stanley and wife Terri Berry, Anthony and wife Angela Berry, Jed and wife Cindy King, Jon and wife Martha King, Chris and wife Linda King, Allen and wife Janet King, and daughter Mandi and husband Ray Burns. He is also survived by a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren. Also, a special niece and nephew Kim Stewart and Kyle Weatherford.

Pallbearers will be Scott Taylor, Kyle Weatherford, Brodrick Burks, Mitchell Stewart, Richard Wallace, and John Davidson.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Whispering Pines Youth Encampment in honor of the many years Gayle dedicated to the camp at P.O. Box 183, Henderson, Texas 75653.

Special thanks to the caregivers at Autumn Leaves Rehab and Hospice of East Texas.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com

Cemetery Details

Neeley Cemetery

FM 839

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 28. 9:00 AM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Service

OCT 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall

SA

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family!!!



Sheila Alford - November 10, 2025 at 06:59 AM

JH

“ Jerry And Carol Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Gayle Berry



Jerry and Carol Harris - October 30, 2025 at 05:30 PM

WR

“ Winnie Ramey lit a candle in memory of Joe Berry



Winnie Ramey - October 29, 2025 at 01:45 PM

RP

“ Many loving and cherished memories of Gayle and church camp. So sorry for your loss.

Rusty and Polly Phipps - October 29, 2025 at 09:07 AM

DB

“ *Damon and Jill Bassett lit a candle in memory of Joe Berry*



Damon and Jill Bassett - October 28, 2025 at 07:54 PM

AG

“ *Alvin & Ann Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Gayle Berry*



Alvin & Ann Green - October 28, 2025 at 01:30 PM

MB

“ *Margaret Green Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Gayle Berry*



Margaret Green Brown - October 28, 2025 at 01:30 PM

BG

“ *Belinda Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Gayle Berry*



Belinda Green - October 28, 2025 at 10:41 AM

DS

“ *May the Heavenly Father grant abundant comfort and peace to this family during this time of sorrow.*



Doyle and Margaret Sumrall - October 28, 2025 at 10:26 AM

JT

“ *John and Melanie Taylor*



John Taylor - October 28, 2025 at 08:13 AM

GK

“ *Gene Kelsey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Gayle Berry*



Gene Kelsey - October 28, 2025 at 07:30 AM

BH

“ *Brent Hale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Gayle Berry*



Brent Hale - October 28, 2025 at 07:17 AM

DK

“ *David & Dianna Kelley*



David & Dianna Kelley - October 28, 2025 at 02:38 AM

TS

“ *Tim & Kathy Storer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Gayle Berry*



Tim & Kathy Storer - October 27, 2025 at 10:12 PM

SC

“ *Scott Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Gayle Berry*



scott crawford - October 27, 2025 at 09:39 PM

KR

“ *From a camper’s perspective, Brother Gayle was a constant at the Whispering Pines snack shack. His consistent dedication the camp ministry in the snack shack and behind the scenes blessed so many in various ways. He will be greatly missed.*

Katy Roche - October 27, 2025 at 09:09 PM

RT

“ *Richard & Debbie Todd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Gayle Berry*



Richard & Debbie Todd - October 27, 2025 at 07:37 PM

MT

“ *Mike Taliaferro lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Gayle Berry*



Mike Taliaferro - October 27, 2025 at 07:02 PM

DC

“ *David And Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Gayle Berry*



David and Jan Crow - October 27, 2025 at 06:41 PM

PS

“ *Paula Sparks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Gayle Berry*



Paula Sparks - October 27, 2025 at 06:03 PM

RS

“ Robert Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Gayle Berry



Robert Stephens - October 27, 2025 at 05:40 PM

CP

“ Connie Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe Gayle Berry



Connie Phillips - October 27, 2025 at 05:39 PM

DA

“ Prayer for the family. I was Mr Berry paper carrier for many years it was always nice to visit with him briefly while he was cutting through on the county road to go check on his mom.
Donna Dorsey Aaron



Donna J Aaron - October 27, 2025 at 04:07 PM

CT

“ Chuck Towe lit a candle in memory of Joe Berry



Chuck Towe - October 27, 2025 at 02:53 PM

CB

“ *Cindy H Belcher lit a candle in memory of Joe Berry*



Cindy H Belcher - October 27, 2025 at 02:19 PM

SH

“ *Sue Henderson` lit a candle in memory of Joe Berry*



Sue Henderson` - October 27, 2025 at 02:14 PM

SG

“ *Steve Green lit a candle in memory of Joe Berry*



Steve Green - October 27, 2025 at 01:31 PM

AR

“ *Alfred and Tami Ritter lit a candle in memory of Joe Berry*



Alfred and Tami Ritter - October 27, 2025 at 12:47 PM

DK

“ On October 14, 1960 I went to work for Southwestern States Telephone Company. On October 15, they put Gayle and me out on the Carthage Hiway putting up iron wire. During the next two years he and I worked in every exchange Southwestern States owned in Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana. Our foreman was Hubert Harris. Gayle taught me everything i needed to know about telephone line construction. Gayle was a super friend and I am saddened that he is gone. God bless the family of Gayle.

Dan Kelton - October 27, 2025 at 12:38 PM

JJ

“ Jake Jordan lit a candle in memory of Joe Berry



Jake Jordan - October 27, 2025 at 11:48 AM

LW

“ Lacy Weaver lit a candle in memory of Joe Berry



Lacy Weaver - October 27, 2025 at 11:40 AM

GW

“ Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Joe Berry



Gary Wilkerson - October 27, 2025 at 11:12 AM

CB

“ Prayers for all the Berry and King families. Gayle was an inspiration to all. I will truly miss the egg plants he planted for me each year and him coming to our monthly lunches. I will never forget our friendship.
Rest In Peace Joe Gayle Berry.

Cleta A Blair - October 27, 2025 at 10:46 AM

SM

“ Shannon Marsh-McKey lit a candle in memory of Joe Berry



Shannon Marsh-McKey - October 27, 2025 at 10:43 AM

CB

“ Cleta A Blair lit a candle in memory of Joe Berry



Cleta A Blair - October 27, 2025 at 10:40 AM

BB

“ *Blake Ballenger lit a candle in memory of Joe Berry*



Blake Ballenger - October 27, 2025 at 07:35 AM