



Jerry Lamar Henderson

October 7, 1969 - January 13, 2026

Jerry Lamar Henderson, 56, of Tallahassee, passed away on January 13, 2026. A lifelong resident of the area, Jerry graduated from Wakulla High School and proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Gulf War. Following his service, he attended Lively Technical College, where he earned his LPN license and devoted his career to caring for others. Jerry had a deep love for gardening and cooking — especially baking homemade bread, which he often shared with family and friends. His free spirit, sense of humor, and generous heart will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Jerry was preceded in death by his mothers, Janice Thompson Robbins, and Linda Linton Henderson. He will be remembered by his fathers, Lamar Henderson, and Jim Robbins; his beloved wife of 30 years, Melissa Henderson; his siblings, Jordan Peters (Curt), Tommy Henderson, and Sandi Samms (Bobby); as well as several nieces and nephews who adored him. A celebration of Jerry's life will be announced at a later date.

The family is being assisted by Skip and Trey Young, along with Paula, Heather, and Amanda of Young Family Funeral Home, Crawfordville (850-926-5919).

Tribute Wall

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Jordan Peters - January 29 at 11:00 PM

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“ I met Jerry more than 10 years ago on a small website. We exchanged pleasantries online, and we eventually discovered we lived 25 minutes away from each other. We met face to face at a small sandwich shop and had a beer together. He called me *The Old Hippy* and we shared many laughs together. Jerry could tell stories, and he was happy to share them.



We got to fish together and to watch a partial eclipse of the sun in our backyard. It was fun to be around his curiosity and desire to learn new things. His culinary skills were much appreciated.

Some years ago I had some serious health issues and surgeries. My friend Jerry stepped in to assist me with my recovery. He comforted and encouraged my wife while I was recuperating. He was a most excellent nurse.

He was resolute, positive, and determined to recover his health. He left us much too soon. I will miss him, and I weep for him.

Godspeed, Jerry

Nicholas - January 19 at 12:33 PM

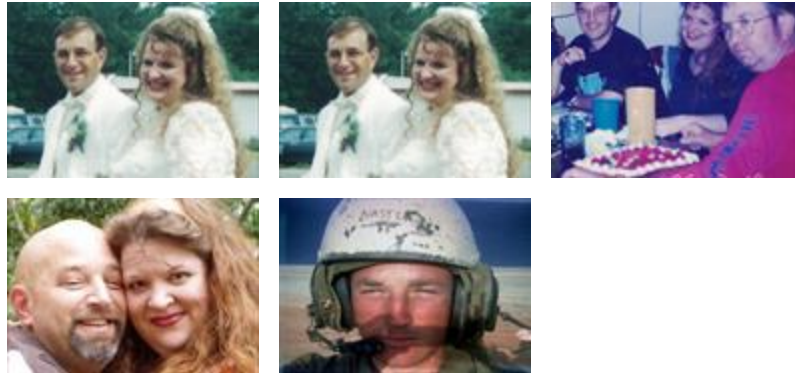


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Jerry Henderson - January 17 at 02:03 PM



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Jerry Henderson - January 16 at 10:05 AM

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“ Ah man - this one hurts. So, I drove from SW Florida to Tallahassee to be the featured musician at my favorite Uncle’s funeral. I’m re-acquainted with my cousins and then moments later I get to meet my second cousins. Cousin Melissa introduced me to Jerry – covered in tattoos sporting a shaved head and no beard at that time. I just sort of kept my mouth shut and documented what would become a most interesting experience.

During a large evening meal, it was not long before I was asked if I had been obligated to reschedule some choral rehearsals in order to be with the family for this funeral. I explained that I did have to cancel a rehearsal with a gay and lesbian group that I was in charge off. Almost immediately Jerry piped up and said to his wife, “Hey we missed a meeting tonight too” and then went on to say it was a support meeting for gay and lesbian local events.

It was 100% apparent that I had mis-read what I had scene – I had to skip the tats and shaved head and look at “the man”. I liked Jerry starting that very moment.

When I got a cancer diagnosis in 2023 – one of the first people I notified was Jerry. He had walked in those shoes and so he knew what to tell me.

Jerry – I will never forget you and hope I can emulate your no-nonsense approach to this world.

Stephen E. Brittain - January 16 at 09:28 AM



Thank you, Stephen. He adored you, as I do, and always wished we had gotten back to visit you more.

Jerry Henderson - January 16 at 10:02 AM



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Jerry Henderson - January 15 at 07:34 PM