



Art Stiles

December 3, 1943 - December 27, 2018

Arthur "Jerry" Gerald Stiles was born on December 3, 1943, in Camden, Arkansas. He was raised in the Fort Smith area and graduated from Northside High School, Class of 1961.

Shortly after graduation he enlisted into the Air Force and was stationed in the Philippines. When his tour of duty was up, he moved to Fayetteville to begin a long career in the food industry. It was at this time he learned the fine art of the burger, something he would become locally famous for in the future. He spearheaded the food truck movement in Arkansas, long before it was the fashionable thing to do. He and his brother, Bill, served the fraternities, sororities, and dormitories all over campus at the University of Arkansas. Like his mother Grace, he too worked in kitchens and catering, Baldwin Piano, and Hearns Electric.

He met his future wife, Cheryl, and they began a marriage and business partnership that would last the next 40 years. They ran many businesses in the Northwest Arkansas Mall in the 80's and early 90's, including Tacos n Spuds, Good Stuff, Jerry's Hickory Pit, and Soup, Salad and Subs. Mall rent increased substantially in the mid 90's and Art and Cheryl decided to venture into new territory, the bar business. Art's Place was born in 1995 and still survives and thrives today. Art's place is known for its famous burgers, reasonable prices and tight-knit clientele. Art loved Fayetteville, the Hogs, playing cards, enjoying libations with friends, and being generous with anyone who was in need.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl; brother, Bill; Sister-in-law Julia and Charles Holiday; children, Scott, Sheri, Slate and Jerry; grandchildren, Forrest, Callie, Becca, Mattie, Stephanie, Randall and River; and too many family members to name, by both blood and relationship.

Visitation will be 4:00-6:00 PM, Wednesday, January 2, 2019, at Brashears Funeral Home in Huntsville. The service will be 2:00 PM, Thursday, January 3, 2019; in the chapel with Michael Sanchez and Brandon Brasel officiating.

Cremation is entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville.

Tribute Wall

WL

“ Jerry, was one of those friends you could call in the middle of the night and ask him to meet you too help load and help dig the hole. He will be missed by many people! Great Burgers 🍔 Brother!



WC Litzinger - January 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I'm so sorry, Cheryl ! If you ever need someone to talk to, please call me.

Donna Masterson - January 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers and hugs.

Charlinda Reeves - January 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Cheryl, little Jerry and family. He was so proud of River. Every time I would see Art we would share grandson pics. Art we will miss you. Cheryl we love you



Scott steinsiek - January 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Charles and Betty Jo Gurley - January 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SZ

“ Art(papa bear) you were always such a kind and generous man..loving and sweet... You and mom Sheryl were there for me..threw some ruff times in my life... And finally i got to work at arts after years of asking:) 20 years ... Of friendship and veteran of arts place..to this day i still send everyone i know to arts place...and haven't had a disappointed person... Lit bit sherry sends her love as well papa bear... We love you.. You Will be in my heart always and forever... I love you mom... RIP papa bear... Gone but never foegotten :(I thank you and mom for opening a place that i could feel comfortable at.. And meet so many incredible friends that i now think of as family... I love you all... We were truly blessed to know such a wonderful man... Thank you

Sabrina zalsman - January 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ My dear friend may we get A's on the turn.
Bless your family at this time.



Bruce Bradshaw - January 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss. Art was a great guy!

Jeff Whitmer - January 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Condolences to all the family. Art always was so kind.



Carla Parker - January 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Cheryl- I am so sorry we won't be able to make it to Jerry's services as we are out of state on business. He was one of a kind! I've always thought of both of you as good friends even though we didn't see each other as often as we would have liked! Know that we are thinking about you!! - Rande and Alice Walker

Rande Walker - January 01, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ When I worked at Elks Lodge, he would come in there and always make me smile laugh... I looked forward to it! So unpredictable yet sincere his stories where oh, I will always remember and it will make me smile!



Stephanie Maurer - December 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ When I first moved to Fayetteville, my girlfriend took me to Arts for a burger. That was ten years ago. I still prefer Arts for meeting friends enjoying good times. I'm saddened by the loss of a dear friend and wonderful man. Jerry Arthur Stiles was loved by so many. His laughter brightened the room. His generosity was legendary. His passing leaves us stunned and very sad. Sending love and prayers to Cheryl, his beautiful wife, and his family.



Sandy Hubbard - December 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Jerry was a kind and generous man. I've been a regular at Arts for 18 years, and as everyone knows, I don't even drink. I just love the place and the people. Art thanks for the memories.

Bruce Schlegel - December 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ Please accept our sincere condolences for the loss of your husband, Art. You're in our thoughts and prayers at this very hard time.



Woodrow and Debra Harmon - December 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Farewell to a local legend. Thank you for being a great neighbor and friend to my family. You will be missed.

Jeff Harkson - December 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ He will be missed,he was one of the few people in my life,that I would trust him with my life.he was one of a kind. We go back to 1990,we both had business's in the Fayetteville mall! We r both the same age,our wife's were the same age,our youngest boys were the same age and our most recent Grandsons from our youngest boys r same age!! He will be missed and remembered the rest of my life! R I P Jerry



Tony catroppa - December 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ I have fond memories of our growing up in the same family - we were cousins with mothers who were sisters. Jerry lived with us his senior year in high school, rather than move with his parents to a new school. It was fun having a 'brother' if only for a year!

Cissy Crampton Rose - December 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ I have never met Art, but have heard many loving things said about him. He was good to my nephew, Matthew Lawhon, who loved and worked for him for many years. My prayers are with his wife, children and grandchildren may God keep you close at this time.
Gwen Green (Cindi Lawhon's sister)

Gwen Greenlee Green - December 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ So sorry for all family & friends. God bless & comfort you.



Damita & Raymond Grigg - December 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Art you will be missed by all. We love ya! Have a blast in heaven!*

Brenda Butler - December 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *Cheryl, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Jerry at Baldwin Piano. Was always friendly and a nice guy. I know this is a difficult time for each of you. May the Lord hold each of you tight in His arms of love and compassion. Prayers for each of you.*



Alvin L Herrington - December 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *Cheryl and "Little" Jerry so sorry for your loss. Jerry was a bigger than life person and had a huge heart. He was a friend to so many good people because of the person he was. Love to you both.*



Patt & Mike Walker - December 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *You are in my thoughts and prayers during this time of your loss.*

Margaret (Mrs. Austin) Smith - December 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM