



## Jerry Kent Held

April 14, 1961 - October 14, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Jerry Kent Held

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – TAMMS

420 Front Street, Tamms, Illinois

Jerry Kent Held, age 64 of Olive Branch, Illinois, passed away on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

He was born on April 14, 1961 to Jerry L. and Mildred J. (Pettitt) Held in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. February 12, 2003, he married Beverly Henderson.

Jerry had worked for the Illinois Department of Corrections for 30 years. Jerry served his community as a Deputy Coroner for Alexander County, worked as Alexander County EMA Director for many years, served 15 years on the Horseshoe Lake Fire Department and 6 years as Chief. Jerry was a very active member of BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse).

Survivors include his wife, Beverly; children, Bethany (DaJohn) Peters,

Jeremy Held (Shawna Brawley); Kevin McKee, Joshua (Angie) McKee, and Kayla White (Kris Powell); 17 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; his father, Jerry; two brothers, Michael Held and Kevin (Kim) Held; sister-in-law, Teresa Clubb; one niece, one nephew; and honorary son, Frank Blakemore.

Along with his mother, he is preceded in death by his daughter, Jessica Held; Step-daughter, Brandy McKee; brother, Randy Held; step-brother, David Clubb; father-in-law, Ted (Marie) Henderson; and mother-in-law, Audrey Stroud.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, October 17, 2025 at 3:00 PM with Rev. Brent Gordon officiating at Crain Funeral Home in Tamms. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM.

Interment will follow the service at Olive Branch Cemetery in Olive Branch, Illinois.

The family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse). Envelopes will be available at the service.

Crain Funeral Home in Tamms is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Olive Branch Cemetery

Olive Branch, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 17. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Tamms  
420 Front St.  
Tamms, IL 62988  
(618) 833-2176  
crain@crainsonline.com

## Funeral Service

OCT 17. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Tamms  
420 Front St.  
Tamms, IL 62988  
(618) 833-2176  
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## Interment

OCT 17. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (cst)

Olive Branch Cemetery  
Olive Branch, IL



# Tribute Wall



“ *My absolute love to Bev and the family. I loved Jerry with all my heart and will miss him horribly*

Jodi Miller - October 17, 2025 at 01:33 PM



“ *Christy and Andrew Flavin purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Jerry Kent Held.*



Christy and Andrew Flavin - October 17, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Jerry Kent Held.*



October 17, 2025 at 08:07 AM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Jerry Kent Held.*



October 16, 2025 at 09:49 PM

NP

“ *Nicole Petitt purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jerry Kent Held.* ”



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**Nicole Petitt** - October 16, 2025 at 02:19 PM

DH

“ *Debra Lambert & Priscilla Hiller purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Jerry Kent Held.* ”



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**Debra Lambert & Priscilla Hiller** - October 16, 2025 at 11:55 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Kent Held.* ”



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October 16, 2025 at 10:36 AM

KR

“ *Deepest condolences to Jerry' family and friends. Jerry was a wonderful guy. Enjoyed working with Jerry at Big Muddy River and Tamms.* ”

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**Kevin Rousey** - October 16, 2025 at 10:06 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Kent Held.



October 16, 2025 at 09:26 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerry Kent Held.



October 15, 2025 at 02:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry Kent Held.



October 15, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ Carol and Randy George lit a candle in memory of Jerry Held



**Carol and Randy George** - October 15, 2025 at 11:46 AM

TB

“ *The Barnes family (plant goes to Bev) purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jerry Kent Held.*



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**The Barnes family (plant goes to Bev)** - October 14, 2025 at 11:53 PM

RW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Riley Webb** - October 14, 2025 at 11:02 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Jerry Kent Held.*



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October 14, 2025 at 10:53 PM

AI

“ *All Star Team Swing It purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Jerry Kent Held.*



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**All Star Team Swing It** - October 14, 2025 at 10:28 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Jerry Kent Held.*



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October 14, 2025 at 08:11 PM



“ *Beverly and family  
I work at Sam's club in cape  
I was in the pharmacy and always enjoyed waiting on Beverly. So  
sorry for your loss. May your happy memories help heal your broken  
heart  
Jennie Noel*

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**jennie noel** - October 14, 2025 at 07:41 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of  
Jerry Kent Held.*



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October 14, 2025 at 06:54 PM



“ *Sweet Snacks Gift Crate was purchased for the  
family of Jerry Kent Held.*



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October 14, 2025 at 06:08 PM

JD

“ Jerry was always a good friend, as we grew up together and were in the same class in school from Elementary through High School graduation in 1979. He was the quiet sort, but that changed through the years. His family was his priority and he always put them first. Bev was the love of his life and all the kids and grandkids. I remember when I joined the Fire Department how supportive he was of me. I learned a lot about being a good firefighter. He was a great Chief. He served his Community well. He kept us all safe during emergencies and was always available to lend a hand to someone in need, especially kids in abusive situations. His work with BACA made a difference in many kids' lives. He was an all around great guy with a heart for others. I will miss my classmate and friend. My love and prayers go out to Bev and all the family.

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**Julia Duff** - October 14, 2025 at 05:58 PM

SP

“ Big Daddy, without fail, every time I would call you to discuss BACA business you always had the same greeting, "What's Up Stud". You will ALWAYS live on in the Hearts of all your BACA Brothers and Sisters in the Southeast Missouri Chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse.

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**Scott "Poppy" Pullen** - October 14, 2025 at 04:59 PM