



Jerry Kenneth Potter

February 13, 1933 - November 6, 2025

Jerry Kenneth Potter, age 92 of Purcell, passed away Thursday, November 6, 2025 in Norman. Born February 13, 1933 in Lexington, he was the 5th of 7 children born to William Marion Potter and Iva Jo (Bivins) Potter. He was raised in Lexington and attended school there, graduating with the Bulldog Class of 1951. By chance, he noticed a young lady named Dorothy Lee Thompson. He was a lifeguard at the Lexington Swimming Pool when he saw her, and he knew she was the one. Jerry married the love of his life, Dorothy on June 24, 1951 in Purcell, and they began their life together. Jerry first worked as a barber in his dad's shop in Lexington, being the youngest licensed barber in the state of Oklahoma. Soon, he was traveling between military bases in Enid and San Antonio, working as a barber. They eventually settled back home in Purcell where they raised their family, son Dick and daughters, Sharon, Jeanie and Mitzie. Jerry worked for Lonestar Gas before joining the family business, McClain Propane. He then opened Jerry's Pawn Shop and operated both businesses simultaneously. For decades, he stayed busy with the day-to-day operations, interacting with his customers and building friendships, before retiring in 2020. Jerry was a family man first, and loved spoiling Dorothy and his children and grandchildren. There were countless memories made at the family lake cabin at Lake Murray, and vacations at Panama City Beach. Jerry loved movies and collected his favorites, and he listened to music from all genres and time periods, knowing lyrics to countless songs that he sang to his family until the very end. His

absolute favorite was the 1970's. He was a gun enthusiast and avid collector as well as being a gun dealer. He loved nature, and enjoyed tending to his gardens, planting and caring for his trees. He was fortunate to travel the world abroad, and he and Dorothy especially enjoyed visiting Egypt and Israel. Jerry was a man of great faith, and longtime member of the First Baptist Church in Purcell where he served as Deacon, Treasurer and wherever needed. He cherished Dorothy, his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and leaves a treasure of memories for all who knew him. He will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by: his son, Dick Potter; infant son, Larry and an infant baby girl; His parents, Marion and Iva Potter and his siblings, Arlene Hopkins, Carroll Potter, Louise Greenwood, Marilyn Hanger, Wanda Michaels, and MaryAnn Griffin; and his beloved mother and father by marriage, Dru and Richard Thompson.

Jerry is survived by: his wife of 74 years, Dorothy Potter of the home; daughters, Sharon Roselius and husband Jerry, Jeanie Potter and Darrell Ford of Purcell, and Mitzie Madden of Purcell; 10 grandchildren, Juleigh Kruger and husband James Kruger, Jennifer Gumerson, Joseph Johnson and wife Jessica Johnson, Jerrad Genson, Ryan Madden, Ashlee Madden, Jordan Genson and Samantha Jones, and Jason Genson; 17 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild on the way, and a host of other family and friends.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Thursday November 13, 2025 at Little's Chapel. Burial will follow at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

HWY 39 West
Purcell, OK 73080

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

Little's Chapel
127 S. Canadian
Purcell, OK 73080
<http://www.wilsonlittle.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ It felt like we were always going to the pawnshop when we were kids, my brother, Frank and I. He was always saving up his money to go look at guns at the pawn shop. Very fond memories of the whole family. They are great people, praying for them all 🙏



Adrienne E. Foshee Lang - November 16, 2025 at 08:20 AM

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I'm sorry to say this is the first time I knew of Jerry's passing, he and your Mom have always been wonderful people, I talked to them about a year ago at Cash Savers, my condolences.

Cynthia Bishop Webster - November 19, 2025 at 02:35 AM

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*Thank you for your kind words.
Sharon Potter Roselius*

Sharon Potter Roselius - November 19, 2025 at 09:19 PM

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“ Jerry was a good man. My daddy would go in the Propane and Pawn Shop and try to always get a better deal, him and Jerry would go back and forth on prices. We've been a customer since we moved to Purcell and still are. Prayers for the family



Tamela Mann - November 12, 2025 at 09:55 AM

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*Thank you for your kind words, Tamela.
Sharon Potter Roselius*

Sharon Potter Roselius - November 19, 2025 at 09:18 PM