



Jerry Nelson Hawley

March 10, 1942 - September 29, 2015

Jerry Nelson Hawley, 73, of Poca passed away Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at his home.

Born March 10, 1942 in Poca, he was a son of the late Gilmer E. and Emma Mae Thomas Hawley.

Jerry was a 1960 graduate of Poca High School and was a member of the Nitro Masonic Lodge # 170 AF & AM, Scottish Rite Bodies, Beni Kedem Shrine Temple, Charleston, Nitro Antique Car Club, and a charter member of Scarlet Oaks Country Club. He was the owner/operator of Carpet Craft Corporation Floor Covering, Rock Branch for over 55 years, a company he started shortly after high school graduation. As the company grew to serve customers throughout Putnam and Kanawha Valley, it was continually awarded certificates and titles of distinction in the industry.

Well known in the Poca area, and considered a pillar of the community, Jerry was very involved with Poca Schools activities and sports. From following his own children, then his grandchildren, there was never a more proud follower than Jerry. He could always be found in the stands supporting his Poca Dot teams. Poca Little League Baseball Field is named in his honor. He continued to fellowship with Poca Alumni through monthly breakfasts at Bob Evans with his graduation class, and the annual Alumni Dinners held each June. Jerry

proudly won 2nd place in the Poca Heritage Day car show last Saturday for his 1951 Carpet Craft Chevrolet truck. He was also an ardent fan of West Virginia University Athletics.

Jerry was an avid golfer and spent many days on the links with his best friends Donald Jones and Phil Meeks laughing and hoping to “hit em’ straight”. Jerry also owned and operated heavy equipment and loved to excavate. Considered by everyone who knew him, the hardest working man they know and a workaholic, he couldn’t wait for the day to begin so he could go to work. Always described as kind, funny, so very generous and giving, he touched the lives of all ages.

Surviving are his wife, Donna Dailey Hawley; his children, son Chip, and wife Grindl Hawley of Poca, daughter Kim, and husband Jeff Watts of Poca; grandchildren, Sabrina Hawley Hager and her husband Justin of Poca, Jade and Brett Watts (who starts on the current Poca Varsity Football and Baseball Teams); his sister, Carolyn Harrison (Treva) of Cross Lanes; his brothers, Delbert Hawley (Anna) of Hurricane, Dennis Hawley (Peggy) of Poca, several nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, all who loved him immensely, as well as an expected great-grandson baby boy Hager, whom he was so excited to meet.

Jerry would also want to thank his employees and customers he had throughout his career, and his dedicated employee of several years Chuck Lipford.

A service to celebrate his life will be held at 2pm Sunday, October 4, 2015 at Rock Branch Independent Church, 133 Cross Lanes Drive, Nitro WV 25143, with his brother, Delbert officiating. You may visit www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com to share sympathies with the family. In keeping with his generous nature, Jerry donated his body to the Human Gift Registry of West Virginia University.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions should be made in his honor to the

Poca High School Athletic Fund, 1 Dot Way, Poca, WV 25159.

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3624 Winfield Road, Winfield is honored to serve the Hawley family.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

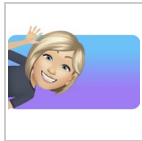
Rock Branch Independent Church
133 Cross Lanes Drive
Nitro, WV 25143

Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry Nelson Hawley*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Barbara Bubar lit a candle in memory of Jerry Nelson Hawley*



Barbara Bubar - October 04, 2015 at 08:25 PM



“ *Donna, I only met Jerry a few times but he always seemed like the nicest person. I believe he is one of the few people I have ever know of in my life that I never, not even once, ever heard a bad word about. That certainly says a lot about him and your happy spirit says a lot about your marriage. I hope the memory of the wonderful years you had together can sustain you in your grief.*



Barbara Summers Barnes

Barbara Barnes - October 04, 2015 at 03:39 PM



“ *Donna, Carolyn and family My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. He will always be with you in your hearts.*

sue story - October 04, 2015 at 11:22 AM

TS

“ I am praying for all of you. I know how difficult it can be to suddenly lose a father and grandfather. My heart goes out to all of you. Just trust in God to hold you and carry you through all those times that seem unbearable.



tiffani smith - October 04, 2015 at 09:39 AM

JC

“ What a Great Man. Always had a kind word an ready to help. I remember fishin with him at Myrtle beach as a young boy. He was loved by many an will leave a footprint on the Poca Community. May Our God Bless Donna Kim Chip an all the family thru this time. Wish I could be there. John Michael

John Arthur 2nd Cousin - October 04, 2015 at 09:37 AM

TS

“ Tiffani Smith lit a candle in memory of Jerry Nelson Hawley



tiffani smith - October 04, 2015 at 09:36 AM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Jerry Nelson Hawley.



October 03, 2015 at 06:41 PM

BL

“ *Becky and I want to express our sincere sympathy to Donna and the family. Jerry was a friend and one of the most generous and giving persons I have ever seen. Everyone loved Jerry and we did too. Many of my fond memories of Jerry came on the golf course. He was a competitor. He would downplay his abilities but make no mistake he could play well. He loved the game , the competition and his fellow-competitors. We have lost a good friend and will miss him.*
Bob and Becky Lemley

Bob Lemley - October 03, 2015 at 04:32 PM

JK

“ *Jerry will be so missed; he was always on the go lending a hand to whomever needed help. Donna, please know you and your family are in our prayers.*
Blessings, Jim & Kim

Jim & Km - October 02, 2015 at 08:18 PM

SB

“ Hello Donna and family, my name is Sue & Steve Burford, (Cecil & Dorothy's son), we would like to send our heart felt sympathy to you. We loved Jerry, my husband, sons Eddie & Troy would play golf with him at Scarlot Oaks CC, some years back. Jerry was a friendly person and loved golf. He will make heaven a happier place, God is good and loves his children. Steve is going out of town to work on Sunday, and we won't be able to attend the service. We loved Delbert also - as we attended church with Mr. & Mrs. Burford at times. I trust that God will send his healing touch to you and your family. My son Troy will try to attend the service, Eddie is a Charleston Firefighter/medic and will be working that day. Each of these boys loved Jerry. As he watched them grow up to play golf. We purchased carpet from you. Gods GRACE IS SUFFICIENT. JUST LEAN ON HIM. We would just love to say how sorry we are. May God help you thru this difficult time.

Sue Burford - October 02, 2015 at 05:56 PM

JS

“ Donna we r so sorry to hear of Jerrys passing. May you have many good memories of your life with him. Our condolences to your family.



Judy and Steve - October 02, 2015 at 11:01 AM

DW

“ Debbie Wileman lit a candle in memory of Jerry Nelson Hawley



Debbie Wileman - October 02, 2015 at 07:27 AM

RW

“ I've known Jerry since I can remember, (he worked with my dad-Frank). He was always the first one there to help in any way he could. So funny and energetic- I always called him Firecracker! I'll miss you Jerry, God bless and keep your family during this sad time. -Renee



Renee Wheeler - October 01, 2015 at 09:10 PM

 Erica Whiting

We are deeply saddened by the news of the loss of Jerry. Please accept our heartfelt condolences, words cannot begin to express the sadness God gained another angel in heaven and may you take comfort knowing that you have an angel watching over you... If you need anything Chelsea or myself and Jerry's little buddy Zach are here for you anytime! Prayers for the extended family and friends - Chelsea, Erica Whiting and Zach Hawley 🙏??

Erica Whiting - October 02, 2015 at 05:01 PM

MK

“*Rest Sweet Angel, for God has called you home, but you we are Heart Broken and miss you. So while Jesus holds you in his Arms, we will always hold you in our Heart!*”



No Finer Man have I ever known, his Sister Carolyn baby sat with me and my brother, we played with his nephews Ronnie and Jeff. When I was saved at Rock Branch Church of God Mission, his brother Delmar handed me my bible.

He was the UNSUNG Hero of those in need. He and Chuck and his others through the years, some with him in heaven, laid carpet, tile and so much more. Never a harsh word nor a complaint. I hope his Wife and Children and Siblings can take comfort, he was more than just a business person.

13 Years ago, times were so good, Great Job and we were able to write big checks. Then with no warning as I became disabled, we discovered it is the little guy who has his own business who remembers you when you can't write the big checks any more. Before I had my knee replaced, he was so concerned about the tub/shower combo, he insisted on putting in a Walk In Shower for me in our home. and so much more. He was truly the scriptures of Jesus, When I was Sick, You took Care of me, the crowd said, When Lord did we do this and Jesus said When you do it to these the Least of them, You do it unto me!

I know he was an ANGEL to many and despite his Cancer, he was the pure picture of Energy and Vitality. Never missing work and always on the go. His joy as he would tell me about his Grand Children and going to watch them play sports. He was so proud of al of his family.

To Mrs. Hawley and his Children and Grand Children, my heart aches but not 1/4 as I know all of you are in this time of Grief. Those we love, we never ever want to let to go. I lost my Father 8.5 years

ago. Your Father was like a Father to me. If there is any good thing about him going home, is that God blessed his labor and his goodness by simply taking him way on the wings of angels with no struggle or great suffering.

Our most sincere sympathies to you all. If we can be of service, day or night, we are always here to help.

Sincerely,

*Michael and Neal Kerley
102 Shan LN
Hurricane, WV 25526
304-757-2613*

Michael and Neal Kerley - October 01, 2015 at 08:06 PM

BD

“ *Terribly sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers. Baron and Daphne Dobert*

Baron Dobert - October 01, 2015 at 04:42 PM

LP

“ *Kim and Donna, I am so sorry for your loss. I know how crazy about Jerry you all were and my heart is broken for you. I am praying for super natural strength at this time of grief. I love you all! 💔*

Leigh Ann Parsons - October 01, 2015 at 03:55 PM

SA

“ *Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.
Rusty & Stephanie Arthur*

stephanie arthur - October 01, 2015 at 12:40 PM

KE

“ To Sabrina, Grindl, Kim and Jade, I'm so sorry for your loss.. I know Mr. Hawley was the icon of Poca. He was always so giving to The Poca community. He always had a smile on his face and was so proud of his grandchildren. Many prayer and hugs coming your way. Love you all. - Kelley Rogers



KelleyRogers - October 01, 2015 at 12:37 PM

AL

“ All my love to you all, I am thinking of you and wishing you comfort in this time. I know it has been so hard but Jerry was such a good person that he leaves a wonderful legacy behind.
With my sincerest sympathies,
Michelle Legg and Family

Annette Michelle Legg - October 01, 2015 at 11:23 AM

BA

“ With Deepest Sympathy. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.
Bridget (Gibson) Adkins & Family

Bridget Adkins - October 01, 2015 at 09:20 AM

PM

“ Donna Kim&Jade:Jerry's legacy will go on & on because of his kindness, goodness & honest ways.My prayers r with u all .
Sincerely Pamela McGrew

Pamela McGrew - October 01, 2015 at 08:11 AM

TO

“ *When I lost my Dad, Jerry was one of the first people to come over and help my family. Jerry was always like that and I grew to consider him to be like a father to me. He really helped me when I needed someone in my life and I will never forget him for that. Peace, prayers and love to the Hawley family.*

Tim Olive

Tim Olive - September 30, 2015 at 02:01 PM

MD

Delbert, I know what it is to lose a brother. My prayers are with you as well as the rest of his family.

marilyn davidson - October 02, 2015 at 01:41 PM