



Jerry Ray Boyd

June 6, 1961 - December 2, 2024

Jerry Ray Boyd, 63, of St. James, Missouri, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Monday, December 2, 2024. Born on June 6, 1961, in Purdy, Missouri, to Estes and Mary (Hilburn) Boyd, Jerry lived a life filled with creativity, dedication, and love for his family and community.

A graduate of Cassville High School and the University of Missouri Rolla, Jerry's talents and interests led him through a variety of professions, including machinist, short-order cook, and electronic assembly technician. However, his greatest joy came from being a stay-at-home dad after the birth of his daughter, Libby. Most recently, Jerry was an accomplished author, having penned the popular Bob and Nikki and The Fatman's Gift series, publishing an impressive 52 books.

A man of many passions, Jerry was a gun enthusiast, a skilled card player who especially enjoyed Pitch, and a Scrabble aficionado. He was also a devoted husband, a loving father, a proud grandfather, and a cherished brother, uncle, neighbor, and friend. His warmth, humor, and generosity will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Donna; his daughter, Elizabeth "Libby" (Jerod) Gardner of Midwest City, Oklahoma; his beloved granddaughter, Alice Gardner; his sisters, Jane (John) Saunders of

Washburn, Missouri, and Joyce (Mark) Swinney of Ava, Missouri; and numerous nieces, nephews, in-laws, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother and sister-in-law, Jim (Charlene) Boyd.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 1:00 PM on Monday, December 9, 2024, at the Rolla Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary, with Pastor Mark Swinney officiating. Visitation will take place prior to the service from 11:00 AM until service time at the chapel. Memorial gifts are encouraged in lieu of flowers to a trust fund that the family has set up for his granddaughter, and any future grandchildren. Cards are available at all James & Gahr locations.

Jerry's legacy of love, laughter, and storytelling will continue to inspire all who knew him.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

RO

“ I've been reading Jerry's Bob and Nikki series for years. Today I realized that it had been awhile since I read the last book. Checked my Amazon account and saw I purchased his latest book on November 27, 2024.

Did a search online and was greatly saddened to hear that Jerry had passed away. I am going to really miss reading his books.

Ron - February 17 at 05:15 PM

NO

“ I've been reading Jerry's books for years. It have been waiting for his next Bob and Nikki when I sadly discovered that he had passed. His stories will be missed because they were greatly enjoyed. And I truly hope that his family is coping with his loss and I wish them well

Noel - January 28 at 11:32 PM

DB

Thank you

Donna and Libby Boyd - February 04 at 10:42 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about Jerry's passing. I have read all (I believe) of his fiction books and a couple of his non-fiction, so much so that I really felt like I knew him - a friend that I simply hadn't met yet. His books were among my favorites in recent years, and I was always impatiently looking forward to the next release. Please accept my heartfelt condolences (however belated) and know that his words and works did reach people and did make their lives better.

Frank Caruso - January 28 at 01:49 PM

DB

Thank you

Donna and Libby Boyd - February 04 at 10:42 PM

VS

Have read and re read all of his books. He was one of my favorite authors. Loved the series so much that I bought T-shirts when they first became available. He was an excellent and prolific writer he will be missed. My condolences to his wife and family.

Vonda Sams - March 21 at 10:50 PM

KS

“*My name is Kai Sayson. I did not know Jerry Boyd personally. I knew Jerry thru his Bob and Nikki Sci-fi Series of Books. I have read all 53 of his books and got to know all the characters of his books like family. I just wanted to express how sad I am when I recently discovered that Jerry Boyd my hero passed away . I am so sad and distressingly shaken that Jerry has passed. You are my Hero Jerry, your characters were like real like ordinary people I know. I ride motorcycles as a hobby and have ridden thru southern Missouri and the Ozarks and could see The Holler area where Bob and Nikki and there kids lived when they not in the black. I am going to miss Jerry and his sense of humor and his unusual outlook in life that were reflected in his books. I love you Jerry Boyd and all you brought to your books.*

Kai Sayson - January 16 at 01:00 PM

DB

Thank you

Donna and Libby Boyd - February 04 at 10:41 PM



“ I had been wondering about when Jerry's next book was coming out and then found this obituary. I really enjoyed his books and always looked forward to the next one. He will be missed by his readers as well as family and friends. Sadness abounds.

Elizabeth Justusson - September 23, 2025 at 02:36 AM

DB

Thank you

Donna and Libby Boyd - February 04 at 10:38 PM



“ I have been thinking about Jerry. I had not seen him in years. We worked at Hardee's together back in the late 80s early 90s. To his family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Roy Jacobs - June 26, 2025 at 02:39 PM

DB

Thank you. I do remember Jerry talking about you.

Donna and Libby Boyd - February 04 at 10:36 PM

DB

Thank you. I remember Jerry talking about you.

Donna and Libby Boyd - February 04 at 10:39 PM

DD

“ I am deeply saddened to hear this. Never having met or corresponded with him, I have spent many happy hours in his love story of Bob and Nikki. I wish I had some word of wisdom or comfort to offer his family, but I can only share my sorrow in his passing, and thank you for sharing his time with us.

Dennis Dickinson - June 03, 2025 at 08:18 PM

DB

Thank you

Donna Boyd - June 04, 2025 at 02:50 PM

MI

“ I just heard about Jerry's passing. My condolences to the family. Jerry's books were honest and heartfelt, as I imagine he was as well. I will miss his talent and humor. Jerry, I hope you get to experience all the stories and adventures you wrote over the years.

Mike - April 26, 2025 at 02:19 PM

DB

Thank you

Donna Boyd - April 29, 2025 at 08:56 PM



“ Jerry will be truly missed. He brought myself and my oldest brother closer together just talking about Bob and Nikki series to say I'll have a Bob and Nikki withdrawal will be an understatement. My brother Forest is the same way truly truly sad that he took all those stories with him. Thank you, Jerry Boyd. I will very much read all 52 books again.

Pete Carpenter - April 13, 2025 at 01:06 PM

DB

Thank you

Donna Boyd - April 26, 2025 at 03:28 PM

RM

Feels like Bob died. Jerry's books have a very special place in heart and soul. I only learned of his death today. I work in hospice and his stories gave me a safe place to retreat to each day. I have read every book twice and listed to all the books on Audible several times through. I look forward to hearing and reading the rest of his gifts of words through #52. I am so sorry for your loss. Take care. Randy Macdonald

Randy Macdonald - December 16, 2025 at 09:07 PM

HW

“ *I only just learned of Jerry's passing. His books were to me, what the Harry Potter series were to others. We were within a couple of years of being of the same age and I almost felt like I knew him as there were many similarities between us. He had a talent that few authors had in that he made you feel that you were not just reading his books but were actually part of them. He will be missed.*

Howard Watson

Howard Watson - April 04, 2025 at 06:47 PM

DB

Thank you.

Donna Boyd - April 26, 2025 at 03:27 PM

DW

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Mr. Boyd's passing. These books have been a wonderful diversion and a real joy to read. Thanks for sharing your stories with the world. Fly safe Mr. Boyd!*

Dave Weiss - March 17, 2025 at 11:08 PM

DB

Thank you

Donna Boyd - March 29, 2025 at 10:51 PM

DB

Thank you

Donna Boyd - April 01, 2025 at 01:27 PM

MI

“ I am deeply saddened to learn of Jerry's passing. My condolences for your loss, and the loss to all his fans. Jerry's works were a great pleasure to read, and they must have been a reflection of Jerry himself. I wish I could have met him over steaks and beer on the patio. Requiescat in pace.

Mike - February 07, 2025 at 09:43 AM

JC

Jerry is truly and sorely missed prayers up for him, and for the family thanking him for the wonder of his humor, and his writing always remembered

Jeffery Chamberlin - February 08, 2025 at 02:07 PM

DB

Thank you

Donna Boyd - February 09, 2025 at 09:28 PM

DB

Jeffery Thank you

Donna Boyd - February 10, 2025 at 04:52 PM

SA


“ Jerry brought joy to the masses on Amazon. He was such a good and prolific Author, a book a month, if not two. Both looked for eagerly at least by me each month. He will be missed.

Steve Alkire - February 03, 2025 at 07:09 PM

DB

Thank you

Donna Boyd - February 06, 2025 at 01:31 PM

 Charlie Robinson

“ *Wow! I am so sorry to hear this. To his family, I am so sorry for your loss. If any help, know that he brought a bit of happiness, pleasure and enjoyment to thousands of us he have enjoyed his books. He wa an amazing author and humorist.*

Charlie Robinson

Charlie Robinson - January 29, 2025 at 02:50 PM

DB

Thank you

Donna Boyd - February 03, 2025 at 09:15 PM

SL

“ *I was very sorry to hear of Jerry's passing, I was such a fan of his novels. My condolences to his family.*

Thanks for the books jerry, rest in peace.

Samuel Latham - December 28, 2024 at 01:34 PM

DB

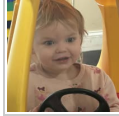
Thank you.

Donna Boyd - January 04, 2025 at 11:14 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear that you had left this world behind, but hope that your family can feel comforted knowing of the joy and escape your writing has been for so many of us around the world.*

B Marie Krieger - December 15, 2024 at 06:30 AM



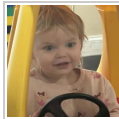
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Donna Boyd - December 17, 2024 at 01:10 PM

BT

“ *Jerry’s books help me get on an even plane while I deal with my wife and her ALZ. The books-which I’ve read at least 5 times-have kept me grounded. I cried when I heard about Jerry leaving this plane ahead of time(ours not his). My heart goes out to the family and friends there are a lot of readers poorer for no more Bob and Nikki and Marks Magic.. I know for certain I am. Bob Tanner. Moody TX*

Bob Tanner - December 14, 2024 at 02:10 PM



Thank you. That's what he wanted. To give people a break from reality.

Donna Boyd - December 17, 2024 at 01:10 PM

JN

Thanks Jerry!

john nabors - December 17, 2024 at 08:13 PM

CP

You know how much I'll miss your art. Farewell, my unmet friend. Fly safe. You'll be forever missed.

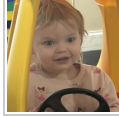
Craig Powell - January 26, 2025 at 09:05 PM

RM

“ *Rene Meyers lit a candle in memory of Jerry Ray Boyd*



Rene Meyers - December 11, 2024 at 02:42 AM



Thank you

Donna Boyd - December 17, 2024 at 01:09 PM



“ *To his nieces and nephews, he was the fun uncle. I remember playing cards with him at family get togethers. His presence brought laughter and light to any gathering. I will cherish my last memory of him playing cards, which was with my sons.*

I had the privilege of witnessing the beautiful wedding between him and his beloved wife, a moment filled with joy, love, and commitment. It was clear to everyone that he adored her with all his heart. Their love was a testament to what true partnership and devotion look like, and it was inspiring to see them build a life together.

I was also privileged to see his family when his daughter was a newborn and as she grew older. He was a devoted father. The way he supported his daughter with patience, wisdom, and care was something to be admired.

We will miss him.

Christa Smith

December 09, 2024 at 02:00 PM

DB

Thank you Christa. Donna, Libby, Jerod and Alice

Donna Boyd - December 10, 2024 at 10:37 PM

SI

“ Jerry, You will be sorely missed. You brought me so much joy with your writing and humor. It was an honor working with you as a beta reader. Have a slice of Snitz pie for me.

Stephen Irvin - December 09, 2024 at 11:00 AM

DB

Thank you. Donna, Libby, Jerod and Alice

Donna Boyd - December 10, 2024 at 10:38 PM

DA

“ Sorry to see you go Jerry.
Thanks for all the books and the laughs.
Condolences to all your family.

Damian - December 05, 2024 at 11:23 PM

DA

Thank you

Donna, Libby, Jerod and Alice - December 06, 2024 at 01:24 PM

DB

Thank you. Donna, Libby, Jerod and Alice

Donna Boyd - December 10, 2024 at 10:39 PM

EP

“ Janie and Family, We are sorry for you loss. May God wrap his arms around you and give you comfort through this very difficult time. You are in our prayers

Eddy and Melissa Poe - December 05, 2024 at 11:06 PM

DA

Thank you

Donna, Libby, Jerod and Alice - December 06, 2024 at 01:25 PM



“ I became a fan of Jerry’s Bob’s Saucer Repair series of science fiction, and his subsequent Fat Man’s Guide series. One day, I decided to reach out to Jerry via Facebook just to tell him how much I enjoyed them. He friended me and we had continuing conversations about his books from then on right up until the day before he passed. Along with many other fans, I will miss his creative writing and storytelling. To Donna and the rest of his family, I can only say how profoundly sorry I am for your loss, and Jerry’s legacy as a great author will ensure he is not forgotten.

Ken Winell - December 05, 2024 at 07:20 PM

DA

Thank you

Donna, Libby, Jerod and Alice - December 06, 2024 at 01:26 PM

WB

He will be missed his books were so funny and cure. When I figured it was time for a book to come out I would haunt Amazon until it came out. I’m not sure what I’ll do without Bob and Nikki book and now Dr Mark books. I am so sorry that this has happened to him and to his family. I send my prayers and condolences to y’all may Ges be with y’all at this difficult time.

Wanda Binz - December 07, 2024 at 04:42 AM

DB

Thank you

Donna Boyd - December 08, 2024 at 11:17 AM

JL

Going to miss Jerry a lot. We go all the way back to the 1980's working at Eclipse Books. Spent a lot of nights playing video games on another friends PC, and lots of days and evenings playing various die roll RPG's. Also going to very much miss the Beta reading for him.

Jeff Leonard - December 08, 2024 at 06:10 PM

SP

Thank you, so much for all your books, and your interaction online with your fans and readers. Jerry was more than we knew, one of very few authors that didn't need to use sex and violence in his work. Condolences to his family, and other fans who claim him as family, once removed.

Shirley Phillips - December 08, 2024 at 08:48 PM

KS

*I never met Jerry in person but when I heard he had died I felt so sad and shocked as if a friend had passed away. I own every book he wrote and like many others waited happily for the next installment in Bob and Nikki's adventures. He always replied to my comments which felt really good to me. I can truly imagine the shock his absence causes as I lost my own beloved husband. There is a void where he once lived and it's taken a long time to be able to remember him with only joy in my heart. May this day of joy come to you as soon as may be. Blessings to you all.
Kathryn*

Kathryn W Slezin - December 10, 2024 at 05:34 PM

DB

Thank you all for the tributes. Donna, Libby, Jerod, Alice

Donna Boyd - December 10, 2024 at 10:41 PM

RM

Fly Safe Jerry, you will be missed by many 😞

Rene Meyers - December 11, 2024 at 02:42 AM

DB

He was too damned young. I'm older than that and I've been a heavy smoker for 40 yrs. I suppose I could start re-reading everything but I'll always wonder about the raccoon people

dale bond - February 01, 2025 at 11:01 PM

DO

I was able to let Jerry know what it was to be a highly favored author of mine. What it meant to me. And to many others. Someone who changes our lives through words, books. He and I shared some very kind words. I will miss him, far too much for words to express. You will be missed my friend. I'll see you again someday. Condolences to those left behind. I'm sorry.

Dan Osborn - February 02, 2025 at 01:05 AM

BB

I was a reader of his books for many years. His books were out almost one-a-month. What an amazing feat to write such fun, intelligent, and looking at the future with a wonderful vision. I will miss his books. And I know you'll miss him too. We all share his life as treasure here on earth, and in the stars he traveled.

Bill Brown Feb 25, 2025

Bill Brown - February 25, 2025 at 04:27 PM

RR

Fly safe Jerry, a whole universe misses you

Ron Rich - March 18, 2025 at 01:06 PM