



## Jerry Pat Pruitt

April 21, 1940 - June 12, 2020

Jerry Pat Pruitt was born on April 21, 1940, in Mountainair, New Mexico, to Walter Pat Pruitt and Gracie Thelma Beevers and passed away in Roswell, NM, on June 12, 2020. Please take a moment to share a kind thought or memory with Jerry's family at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com).

Jerry spent his school years in Melrose, NM, graduating from Melrose High in 1958. He married Patricia McCutchen in 1959 in Clovis, NM. To this marriage was born Tom, Bill, and Jerry Neil.

His career started in heavy equipment construction first with his dad and then with his brother Neil, building reservoirs for the ranchers and roads in Utah and New Mexico. Soon after, Jerry built trails for seismic crews in the oil field, which led to seismic exploration drilling in Utah, Wyoming, Nevada, Colorado, and New Mexico. He and Pat settled in Moab, Utah, in the late 1960s. Jerry went on to be owner/operator of Jerry Pruitt Drilling, with his son Bill joining in the endeavor. Jerry and Pat later divorced.

Later, Jerry met Janice Clark in 1992, and they married in June 1994 in Moab, Utah. From this union, he was blessed to gain two more children, Steven and Todd Pfnister. Jerry and Janice then moved back to his beloved New Mexico later that year. He started doing heavy equipment construction again building locations and doing reclamation work with his partner Robert Chaves.

In 2003, Jerry retired, leaving behind a career of many experiences and 43

years of exceptional work, his word was better than any document. He enjoyed playing horseshoes, fishing, visiting friends, playing dominos, and helping others. Jerry helped many people in need without expecting anything in return or anyone knowing. His kind, gentle, and generous heart was known to many, especially his family.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife, Janice; sons: Tom (Jeanne) Pruitt, Bill (Ellen) Pruitt, Jerry Neil Pruitt, Steve Pfnister, and Todd (Petenia) Pfnister; brothers: Mickey (Alice) Pruitt and Terry (Tina) Pruitt; grandchildren: Cameron, Chase and Rylee Pruitt, Stephanie Christopherson, Michelle Kujaczynski, Caitlin Riddle and Megan Pfnister; nine great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Jerry in death are his parents, Walter Pat Pruitt and Gracie Thelma Beevers; grandson, Christopher Pruitt; siblings: Peggy Laney, Neil Pruitt, and Keith Pruitt.

Services for Jerry will be held at Waymaker Church in Roswell, New Mexico, on Friday, June 19, 2020, at 10:00 AM, followed by a Graveside Service in Melrose, New Mexico, at 3:00 PM.

Jerry's tribute was written in his honor by his family.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN **19**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Waymaker Church  
202 S. Sunset  
Roswell, NM 88201

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry Pat Pruitt*

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December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *My dear friend Jan, I am very sorry to hear of your loss. Know that I think of you often and that I will be praying for you and your family. Until I see you again, I will be with you in spirit during this time. God bless you and I love you dearly. Your friend, Carol Brady PHX AZ*

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**Carol Brady** - June 18, 2020 at 03:25 AM