



Jerry Vestle Ridge

October 27, 1943 - April 24, 2026

Jerry V. Ridge, 82, died April 24, 2026, at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg after an auto accident. He was born October 27, 1943, in Lubbock, Texas.

Jerry started his life journey as an alcohol and drug counselor when he tried to help his younger brother break free from a severe drug addiction. Jerry admitted to himself that he himself still had issues stemming from his days of drinking. Jerry then spent 40 years helping others who were willing to help themselves break free of drug and alcohol addiction to turn to a positive way of living without addictive substances.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Cherry Brownlee Ridge; his father and mother, Luther Vestle and Venita Perry Ridge; and his brother Larry.

He is survived by his son, Aaron (Virginia) Ridge, three grandchildren, and his great-niece (daughter-in-heart) Elektra Olivares.

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