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Jerry Don Cranford passed away peacefully on July 29, 2025, just days shy of his 81st birthday. A devoted husband, loving father, proud grandfather, great-grandfather, veteran, and public servant, Jerry leaves behind a legacy of integrity, service, and unwavering love for his family.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Carla Gene Quinn Cranford; his sons Michael Cranford, Randy Cranford (Torey), and Kellea Cranford (Kim); his grandchildren Jeran Cranford (Natasha), Mariel Cranford, Nicholas Cranford, Emaleah Davis (Ethan), and Misty Brown; and his great-grandson Maverick Davis. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Annie Cranford, and his son, Jerry Don “JD” Cranford, Jr.

Jerry was born on August 2, 1944, and graduated from Elfrida High School. Shortly after, he proudly enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving as an aircraft fuel specialist during the Vietnam War. He was part of the 37th Combat Support Group, stationed at Qui Nhon Army Airfield in the Republic of Vietnam from April 7, 1967, to February 6, 1968.

Following his military service, Jerry worked as a deputy with the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office before settling in San Simon, Arizona, where he began work with Redding Pump and Well Service. It was there he met the love of his life, Carla.

Jerry spent over 30 years with the Arizona Department of Agriculture, Plant Services Division, where he became known for his dedication, work ethic, and knowledge. He retired from the State of Arizona with the respect and admiration of his colleagues and community.

Jerry's life is marked by service – service to his country, his state, his community, and most of all, his family. He was a quiet strength, a steady presence, and a source of wisdom and wit. He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

A private family service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you honor Jerry's memory by showing kindness, or sharing a good story, just as he would have.

Tribute Wall



“ Our most sincere condolences, Carla, Mike, Randy & Kellea. He was a great man, very kind. Our prayers are with you.

Miguel & Vickie Romero



Vickie - August 06, 2025 at 07:37 PM

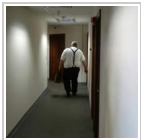


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Vickie Reza Romero - August 06, 2025 at 07:32 PM



“ Jerry was a good man and he will be missed.



Caleb Wagner - August 04, 2025 at 09:30 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers to you, Carla. Wonderful people. Joan and Craig Bull.

joan bull - August 04, 2025 at 02:20 PM

TM

“ *Shug was a very kind and gentle man. He will be missed. Condolences to the family. The Medlins*



The Medlins - August 03, 2025 at 11:13 PM

CF

“ *Our deepest condolences to Carla, the boys and the rest of the family! Sending prayers for comfort and healing during this time of loss. Shug will be missed by his family and many more!*



Chuck & Pati Fickett - August 03, 2025 at 05:43 PM

GO

“ *Gladys Danielson Olsen lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cranford*



Gladys Danielson Olsen - August 02, 2025 at 06:34 PM

Jl

“ *All of our deepest heart felt sympathies in your loss*

Jim and Kathy Cook

James B Cook II - August 01, 2025 at 07:57 AM

LV

“ *Shut was such a wonderful man. My condolences go out to his family. He'll be greatly missed. Lee Ann Vehstedt*

LeeAnn Vehstedt - July 31, 2025 at 10:40 PM

CM

“ *Jerry was a kind person who was always a pleasure for me to be around as a young man my time with him always brings a smile to my heart god speed Jerry* ❤️

Curtis Mahan - July 31, 2025 at 10:08 PM

BK

“ *Bill Kimberling lit a candle in memory of Jerry Cranford*



Bill Kimberling - July 31, 2025 at 09:15 PM

CL

“ *Shug was a wonderful person who gave so much to so many. My family and I are blessed to share many memories of him and his family. God speed, Shug.*



Chris & Heather Lentz - July 31, 2025 at 07:27 PM

HL

“ *Henrietta Lackner lit a candle in memory of
Jerry Cranford*



Henrietta Lackner - July 31, 2025 at 03:28 PM