



# Jerry Horne

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**T**he morning of November 25, 2021, Jerry Edward Horne of Ft. Myers, Florida ended his earthly journey after a ten year battle with dementia. Thanksgiving was the perfect day because family and friends are full of gratitude that Jerry's suffering has ended and he has entered eternity with his Savior and Lord. While it was a long goodbye, we are grateful that he retained kindness and tenderness till the end.

Jerry, along with his twin and favorite sister Joan, were born on April 18, 1939 in Detroit to Henry and Myrtle Horne. Jerry graduated from Redford Union High School and briefly attended Kings College before being hired by the college president to run their Christian radio station. He married Delores Steinbach, his high school sweetheart, on September 12, 1959, moved to Holland, Michigan and together they raised two sons, Daniel and David.

Jerry loved technology and was fascinated by the next big thing. He was a pioneer in telephone answering, cellular and paging services. Jerry and Dee took over a fledgling Manpower franchise in the hopes of one day putting their boys through college. In time the business expanded to seventeen offices in West Michigan and put many others through college in addition. Jerry would tell you the secret of his business success wasn't that he was so smart but that he surrounded himself with smart people. However, he did receive an Honorary Doctorate in Business from Taylor University. Sought out for his wisdom and generosity, Jerry served on many boards including Taylor University, Lifeline Family Center now Thrive, and Hiawatha Youth Camp.

Jerry had the courage of a lion, an adventurous spirit and an insatiable appetite for friends and pecan pie. Jerry lived big and had a passion to include everyone in the party. He worked hard ON BUSINESS, buying bigger boats so no one was ever left on the dock. He was generous toward anyone who was in need and especially



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committed to causes that would spread the Good News of Jesus Christ around the world.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 62 years, Dee, his sons, Dan and Crystal Horne and Dave and Dina Horne, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held Friday December 10 at 2pm

The Village Church at Shell Point, 15100 Shell Point Blvd, Ft. Myers, FL 33908

Visitation will follow the service

Officiated by Rev. David Horne and Rev. Dina Horne

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Taylor University Film and Media Department in Upland, Indiana or Thrive in Cape Coral, Florida.




# Events


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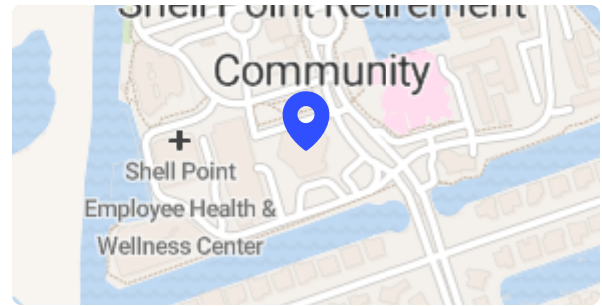
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## Memorial Service

 **Friday**, December 10, 2021

 2:00 PM ET

 **Village Church at Shell Point**  
15100 Shell Point Blvd., Fort Myers FL 33908





**Jack Van Acker** posted:

My wife & I were serving as missionaries in Trinidad, an island in the Caribbean. At the time, 35 years ago, it was somewhat third world. My wife was expecting at the time and had developed some difficulties in the 7th month. Her doctor in Trinidad thought she should return to the U.S. to deliver our daughter as of the expected difficulties she might have. Not positive we wanted to do that, as it was right before the holidays and weren't sure what affect it would have on our other children, etc. Trinidad didn't have all the fancy scanning machines available to really know what was going on, but the doctor there thought things didn't seem right and the baby was in distress. Besides the fact that we didn't have the money to fly the whole family home. We hadn't had a phone in our home (and long before cell phones) so it was not very easy to communicate with anyone. Right around that time the landline we had ordered a year and a half before came up to be installed in our home. We made a few phone calls to let family know we finally had a phone and just a few days later we received a call from a friend back in Michigan that was a successful business owner. He'd called to say he wanted to give us a very large financial gift – to use how we wanted. I told about the difficulties my wife was having and he said right away "so that's why God told me to send you this gift, get her home to the U.S.". This was the beginning of a series of miraculous events that led to the birth of our third child, Janelle (which means God's Gracious Gift). Both my wife and the baby came very close to dying during the ordeal. Doctors told us the baby should not have survived the plane trip, they told us to expect her to be blind and have some degree of disability besides. Because of all her issues the doctors here felt she would not have survived birth – or received the care she needed in Trinidad. God provided, protected and our girl was born whole and pretty healthy. Needed some surgery right away but all went well. Through the support of many, even the staggering hospital bills were completely covered, but we always felt it began with the generosity of one man, Jerry Horne. Even though it was so long ago, it is especially poignant to us that Jerry passed away recently – just before Christmas – right around the time he made that call to us in Trinidad because God led him to. We know God was making a way for us and will always be thankful for His servant Jerry, who listened to the prompting of God. He will forever hold a special place in our hearts. Jack & Donna Van Acker

December 10 at 5:27 AM



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December 1 at 7:42 AM

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**Ann Ballantine** posted:

My deepest sympathy to the Horn family. I had the pleasure to decorate their new home many years ago at Shell Point. He and Mrs Horne were so nice to work for. May he be at peace in his new home again this time in heaven. Sincerely, Ann Ballantine, Ballantine Florist.

December 1 at 7:42 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Jerry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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