



Jerry Dee Gotchall

July 3, 1952 - February 23, 2022

Jerry Dee Gotchall (Torrington, WY) passed away peacefully February 23, 2022 at Davis Hospice Center in Cheyenne, WY. Cremation has taken place. A celebration of Life will be held later at Lake McConaughy, his favorite place on earth. He was born July 3, 1952, in Goodland, KS to Elburtus Dee Gotchall and Mary Faith (McClain) Gotchall-Elliott. Jerry was fond of wrestling and while he never won an award, he was labeled many years later by his coach (Rocky Welton) as the most tenacious wrestler he ever coached. Jerry graduated from Goodland High School in 1970 and worked at the Goodland Redi-Mix with his dad. He managed Captain Hooks Harbor and attended Goodland Vocational Technical School where he graduated with a degree in computer science. In 1974, Jerry began a career for the Rock Island Line Railroad in Goodland, KS. In 1976 he married Ruth Elaine Richers. In 1980, the couple moved to Torrington, WY where he worked for Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railroad as a carman and crane operator out of Alliance, NE and Guernsey, WY. He retired from Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railroad in 2013. Jerry was an avid fisherman and traveler. He enjoyed many outings with his family and friends.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Ruth; daughters, Tammy Welch-Howell and Brandie Welch-Smith; a son, Jason Gotchall; grandchildren, Caylie (Mike) Coffelt-Schulz, Duston Coffelt, Logan Howell and Megan Smith; great grandchildren, Brian Alonzo-Coffelt and Reid Mcnamar; his siblings, Cindi Didier, Dan (Christy) Gotchall, Don (Shelley) Gotchall, Tim Gotchall, Curtis

(Karen) Gotchall and Melissa (James) Burke; his uncle, Don McClain and several cousins; sisters-in-law, Mary Lawrence, Linda (Stan) Orth, Jean Richers and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father and mother, paternal and maternal grandparents, many aunts and uncles and brother-in-law, Kenneth Richers. In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to JD Gotchall Family C/O Colyer Funeral Home to be disbursed at a later date.

Tribute Wall

KG

“ He was such a happy, go-lucky guy that looked on the bright side of everything. I especially remember his smile and sparkly eyes. May the souls of the Faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Karen Goken - June 28, 2022 at 01:17 PM

RP

“ I was fortunate to grow up just down the street from Jerry. We went to school together from kindergarten on. His smile won you over immediately. We spoke at a school reunion many years ago. He lifted my spirit. I care and share your sorrow.

Rochelle Peters - June 15, 2022 at 09:15 AM



“ So sorry for your loss.



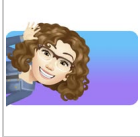
Mariana Ronquillo - March 08, 2022 at 01:35 PM

CG

“ Cathy Grace lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dee Gotchall



Cathy Grace - March 03, 2022 at 01:41 PM



“ *Ginger Barthel lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dee Gotchall*



Ginger Barthel - February 28, 2022 at 05:40 PM

AT

“ *I have many fond memories of Jerry Dee. When we were little we always went to their house for Christmas eve because Santa came there on Christmas eve. With all the little kids, it was a joyous time!!!
RIP COUSIN*

Arlene Towns - February 25, 2022 at 07:00 PM

SS

“ *Sue Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dee Gotchall*



Sue Schmidt - February 25, 2022 at 03:42 PM



“ *Tim Topliff lit a candle in memory of Jerry Dee Gotchall*



Tim Topliff - February 25, 2022 at 02:39 PM



“ Jackie Ritchey lit a candle in memory of Jerry
Dee Gotchall



Jackie Ritchey - February 25, 2022 at 01:07 PM

BH

“ Bob Hellerud lit a candle in memory of Jerry
Dee Gotchall



Bob Hellerud - February 25, 2022 at 10:20 AM

JB

“ Jodi Browne lit a candle in memory of Jerry
Dee Gotchall



Jodi Browne - February 25, 2022 at 10:02 AM

BG

“ Bobbi Kay Giles lit a candle in memory of
Jerry Dee Gotchall



Bobbi Kay Giles - February 23, 2022 at 08:37 PM