



Jerry Allen Guse

December 16, 1939 - March 8, 2026

Jerry Allen Guse passed away suddenly on March 8, 2026. He was 86.

Jerry was born on December 16, 1939, in Portland, Oregon, to Jean and Henry Guse. He attended Wilson High in Portland, Oregon and earned a BS in Business Administration from Portland State University. He was employed for thirty years as a budget analyst for the U.S. Forest Service.

For the past 50 years Jerry lived in Yreka, California. His kindness, athleticism, and gentle good humor will be sorely missed by his family and a very large circle of friends who were all certain he would outlive them. Jerry was active in the YMCA, Dodge Range (Yreka Rifle Club), Shasta Valley Pickle Ball, The Elks Club, and Fairchild Hospital Auxiliary.

Jerry was a life-long motorcycling enthusiast who toured throughout the Western U.S. and Canada with family and friends. He was an avid runner for much of his life, competing in many marathons and ultra-marathons including the notorious Western States 100, earning silver belt buckles that he often wore proudly.

Most recently, Jerry was instrumental in introducing pickleball to the Yreka/Montague area and he enjoyed playing the sport several times a week with Shasta Valley Pickleball Club. He was quick to welcome new players and to share his enthusiasm and expertise.

Jerry was predeceased by his beloved wife of 47 years, Sandie Coleman Guse. He is survived by his sister Jeanie Craddock (Terry); three children, Kym Guse Grey (Tom), Kyle Guse (Jennifer), and Kurt Guse (Lorah); seven

grandchildren: Elsa Grey Kudas (Igor), Nate Grey (Courtney), Taylor Coleman Higgins (Max), Garrett Kyle Guse, Theodore Wilcox (Tim), Chance Frazier and Jake Frazier; two great-grandchildren, Aiden Kudas and Leon Kudas; and numerous extended family members.

A private celebration of life will be held by the family. As per Jerry's wishes, his ashes will be combined with those of his beloved wife Sandie and spread on the Oregon Coast.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions in Jerry's memory be made to the following or a charity of donors' choice:

YMCA: <https://siskiyouymca.org/campaigns/> 350 North Foothill Dr., Yreka, CA 96097

Shasta Valley Pickleball Club: c/o Kathy Koon, 1101 Harry Cash Road, Montague, CA 96064, or c/o Meredith Miller, 721 North 9th Street, Montague, CA 96064

Yreka Rifle Club: PO Box 564, Yreka, CA 96097

Tribute Wall

YS

“ Jerry and Sandie were the best neighbors I could have had. Always willing to help. Taught me how to enjoy crab dinners!

Yvonne Steinbring

Yvonne Steinbring - March 27 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Our condolences....Kurt, Lorah and family,
Your Dad was a wonderful, kind man...and he raised a wonderful,
kind man.

Rest in peace, Jerry

Judy and Terry Baker

Judy Baker - March 21 at 12:00 AM

JR

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Jan D. Ravenscroft - March 19 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Joan and I send our condolences to Kym, Kyle and Kurt. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Ted and Joan Lewis - March 19 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Jerry was so kind to me at the ymca Yreka as a visitor. I played pickleball 2 times with him the week before he passed and we had such good conversations and friendship. I will miss him. Rest in peace my friend and sympathies to his extended family.

Elaine Revall Stillwell - March 18 at 12:00 AM

BY

“ My wife and I met Jerry and Sandie when we entered a country western dance class offered at the Yreka Community Center. That meeting led us to becoming members of the Cowboy Country Dancers exhibition group to promote country western dancing. Jerry and Sandie were instrumental in teaching many of the dance team members. They were a wonderful couple to know. Jerry was a fellow motorcyclist and he and I traded stories of our trips and escapades. My condolences to his family. Bob Young, Yreka, Ca 1990-2016.

Bob Young - March 18 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ So sorry Kurt. Sending good vibes

Marcy Watson - March 18 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I knew Jerry from many years of Rotary meetings and seeing him at the Y, and having friendly conversations together. I was so impressed that he ran several hundred mile marathons, which I can hardly imagine. He was a great man! I will miss him.

John Richter - March 18 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ I met Jerry through pickleball at the Yreka YMCA. I was visiting from Seattle since 2019 and he was so welcoming to me . I stayed connected to him thru pickleball when I visited and played with him twice the week before he left us. I asked him about his wife and we had a long conversation about her. He thanked me for asking about her and said, we will see each other next time you come to Yreka. I am so sad to hear of his passing and thankful to have met him and get to know him , even for a short time. Rest in peace Jerry,

Elaine Stillwell - March 18 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

A Memorial Tree was planted for Jerry Allen Guse - March 17 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Condolences to his family. Such a nice man

Linda Keno - March 17 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ I am so sorry. Sending you strength and courage ...

Deanne Terry - March 17 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Such a friendly and good man. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Delores Jean Barton - March 17 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Such a nice man! I will miss him. My condolences to the Guse Family.* 🌸

Charlene Broce - March 17 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Such an amazing nice man. I loved to hear the happiness in his voice every morning at the YMCA. Every day sounded like a good day just in his voice.*

Jennifer Cota - March 17 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Very sad, my condolences to the Guse family. Jerry was a great man and will be missed.*

Joel Sandager - March 17 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *Kurt, I'm so sorry to hear about your Dad. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Stacey Echard - March 17 at 12:00 AM