



Jerry Bob Register

October 20, 1942 - March 27, 2025

Jerry Bob Register, 82, of Huntsville, Texas, passed away on March 27, 2025. A beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Jerry was also a decorated U.S. Army veteran, accomplished athlete, and dedicated attorney who practiced law for 53 years.

Born in Lufkin, Texas, on October 20, 1942, to Claude and Minnie Withers Register, Jerry was one of seven children. He graduated summa cum laude from Lufkin High School in 1961, where he was an All-State baseball player. At ten years old, he played PONY Baseball, and from that moment on, he did nothing but win titles. His first of three national championships came in 1957 in Washington, PA, at the PONY League World Series. He hit five home runs in four games, setting the record for most home runs in a single series. His home run records stood proud and untouched for 56 years.

Two years later, in 1959, he won his second national title playing graduate ball. He continued his baseball career at Sam Houston State University, where he was a catcher and outfielder for the first and only SHSU baseball team to win a national championship in 1963. He not only won another national title but also earned several individual accolades. In 1964, he was an NAIA Honorable Mention All-American, leading his team in batting average. Playing on the national championship baseball team remained the highlight of his college years. He graduated in 1965 with a B.S. in Mathematics and was named in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

In 1965, Jerry was pinned with second lieutenant bars and served for five years in the U.S. Army, ultimately attaining the rank of Captain. He served for a year in Vietnam, earning a Bronze Star Medal, but it was while stationed in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, that he had an experience that helped shape his future. As a headquarters battery commander with the 45th Artillery Brigade, a Nike Hercules missile unit, he was called upon to testify in a military court proceeding on behalf of one of the soldiers under his command. "That trial piqued my interest in law school," he later recalled.

After his military service, he used his GI Bill benefits to attend Bates College of Law at the University of Houston, earning his Juris Doctor degree in 1972. After graduating, he became an Assistant District Attorney in Harris County, and his years as a prosecutor were some of the most enjoyable of his career. After leaving the DA's office, he worked for

a Houston law firm and also as a solo practitioner for several years until, in 1980, he established his own law practice in Huntsville, Texas. He was later admitted and qualified as an Attorney and Counselor of the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, on September 25, 2000.

Jerry was honored at the 2022 DSGPLWS Opening Ceremony. PONY was a significant part of his life, partly because of his mother's deep involvement in youth baseball. "PONY had a special place in his heart. His mother was hugely involved in kid baseball." He was accompanied by his brother, Joe Lee, on his trip to Washington, PA. The brothers donated countless items to the PONY Museum, where they remain on display. Jerry was honored during the Opening Ceremony on Friday, August 12, 2022, in front of the crowd at Lew Hays PONY Field.

A lifelong supporter of SHSU athletics, Jerry was inducted into the Sam Houston State University Hall of Honor in November 2021. One of his prized possessions was a baseball bat commemorating the 50th anniversary of SHSU's national championship baseball team.

An avid golfer, Jerry was a longtime Elkins Lake Country Club member and had the rare distinction of making two holes-in-one. He also earned a Club Championship at Elkins Lake. He was known among friends as an avid storyteller and a devoted Houston Astros fan, eagerly anticipating their Opening Day in 2025, which happened to be the day he passed away peacefully with his family by his side.

Jerry's advice to young kids just starting out in the sport was simple yet profound: "If you can't love it, don't mess with it."

Jerry is survived by his wife of 45 years, Mary Sue Register; his sons, Christopher Lynn Lara and wife Jeannie Williams Lara, Heath Lara and wife Kristi Renee Lara; and his daughter, Karen Ann Lara. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Darian Sable Williams, Cali Elizabeth Hollers, Peyton Thomas Lara, Christian Kennedy Lara, Cruise Thomas Lara, Katie Nicole Aden, and Gavrielle "GG" Grayce Flisowski; great-grandchildren, Easton Scott Womack and Everli Brooke Hollers; and his siblings, Joe Lee Register and wife Barbara Register, Joyce Lynn Burnett, Claudia Luce, and Charlotte Arnold and husband Johnny, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Rita Wheeler, and his brother William Charles Register. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville. Visitation will begin at 10:00 A.M., followed by the service at 11:00 A.M.

Jerry embodied the Code of Sportsmanship throughout his life:

"Play fair. Honor your team. Keep your composure. Train hard. Stand tall in loss. Stay humble in victory. Live with integrity, strength, and purpose."

Now, Jerry is playing all the golf and baseball again in Heaven.

We will deeply miss our hero, Jerry Bob Register, here on earth, but we know he is watching over the family he left behind. We will carry on his legacy.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in honor of Jerry Bob Register to PONY Baseball and Softball League or a future endowment account for the Baseball Program and ROTC at Sam Houston State University, to be set up by the Register family in the near future. Memorial condolences may be made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

The services will be available to view by live stream at the following link, approximately 10 minutes before the service: <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/a25043990560064>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340

Celebration Of Life

APR 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Jerry Bob Register*



Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - April 10, 2025 at 06:19 PM

TL

“ *Uncle Jerry you will be sorely missed. We will pray for your family in their time of need. Now you with daddy and Rita mam maw and paw paw and Connie rest in peace we love you*

Theresa Lyles - April 11, 2025 at 11:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jerry Bob Register.*



April 08, 2025 at 08:04 PM

ET

“ *Edd & Terry sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerry Bob Register*



Edd & Terry - April 06, 2025 at 09:27 PM

CE

“ *Charlotte Efird lit a candle in memory of Jerry Bob Register*



Charlotte Efird - April 05, 2025 at 06:23 PM

AM

“ I worked for Mr. Register for the past few years. When we started his FaceBook account it took me a while to get him to let me take this picture of him and post it. I will always remember him on Mondays he would check on me and see how my weekend went and then roll right into something funny to say to start our Mondays off just right. He loved to go across the street in the mornings and grab us each a coffee at one of his favorites the Texan Cafe. And before he left for lunch with his wife everyday he would always turn to me and say well have a good evening and I'll see you in the morning! I will miss his sweet smile and sense of humor. Rest peacefully Jerry 🙏💜



Amanda - April 04, 2025 at 11:05 PM

SW

Such a great picture of Jerry. You have to love that smile of his.

Stephanie Way - April 07, 2025 at 09:44 AM

EC

We send our most sincere condolences. Jerry was a fine man and well respected what an attribute.

He now will continue his work on the other side.

Earl and Sherry Carter

Earl and Sherry Carter - April 07, 2025 at 06:32 PM

DH

“ Rest in Peace Jerry. Strength to the family.



Dianne Roberts Harmon - April 04, 2025 at 10:08 PM

TP

“ Terry Dennis Peters lit a candle in memory of Jerry Bob Register



Terry Dennis Peters - April 04, 2025 at 07:44 PM

TP

I known Jerry for over fifty years we saw each other often as we both enjoyed the world of law I found him to be fair and honorable he will be missed!

Terry Dennis Peters - April 04, 2025 at 07:49 PM

TS

“ *The Cafe Texan Staff purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Jerry Bob Register.*



The Cafe Texan Staff - April 03, 2025 at 12:27 PM

TS

“ *The Cafe Texan Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Bob Register.*

The Cafe Texan Staff - April 03, 2025 at 12:27 PM

JJ

“ *So very sorry for the loss of Jerry. My prayers are with the family during this difficult time.*

Jeannine Jacoby

Jeannine Jacoby - April 03, 2025 at 12:25 PM

DC

“ *Doug & Charley lit a candle in memory of Jerry Bob Register*



Doug & Charley - April 02, 2025 at 05:58 PM

DC

A great guy. He will be missed. Sending prayers to Sue and all the family.

Doug & Charley - April 02, 2025 at 06:00 PM

DM

“ *Diana McRae lit a candle in memory of Jerry Bob Register*



Diana McRae - April 02, 2025 at 03:17 PM

CL

“ *Charlotte Langley lit a candle in memory of Jerry Bob Register*



Charlotte Langley - April 02, 2025 at 09:27 AM

NC

“ *Prayers for the family*



Nancy Collum - April 01, 2025 at 11:58 PM

BM

“ *Bob And Linda K. Moore lit a candle in memory of Jerry Bob Register*



Bob and Linda K. Moore - April 01, 2025 at 04:09 PM

MF

“ *Marvin Hyvl & Family lit a candle in memory of Jerry Bob Register*



Marvin Hyvl & Family - April 01, 2025 at 12:27 PM

JD

“ Jerry Bob and I go back a long way. Played a lot of golf over the years. He gave me a set of ping irons because he didn't like the ones I was hitting at the time. He and Sue Bob are good friends.

Jack Douglas - April 01, 2025 at 11:51 AM

CN

“ Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Jerry Bob Register



Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb - March 31, 2025 at 11:29 PM

GK

“ Gayle Kelly lit a candle in memory of Jerry Bob Register



Gayle Kelly - March 31, 2025 at 05:34 PM

SK

Lost a good friend and man

Steve Kerr - April 04, 2025 at 09:24 PM

LC

Rest in Peace, Jerry. Thank you for your U.S. Army service to our beloved country- both as a Military Officer and for being a Bronze Star recipient during your combat deployment in Vietnam. You were a true gentleman and such a kind loving soul. From a fellow Sam Houston State University (Class of '89), U.S. Army ROTC Graduate, and fellow-combat Veteran, rest well on behalf of a grateful nation. My sincere and heartfelt condolences to your entire beautiful, loving, and extended family. Larry

Larry C. - April 12, 2025 at 08:01 PM