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Jerry Birch age 68 of Farmington was welcomed into his heavenly home on May 23, 2014 after his valiant two year battle with cancer. He was born May 31, 1945 at Downey, California, the son of James Glen and Dorothy Helen Woods Birch.

Jerry was a Member of the First United Methodist Church of Prairie Grove where he was very active in the youth's ministry and Missions. He was a 1963 graduate of Lincoln High School where he was an all-star Basketball, Football, and Baseball player. He served four years in the National Guard. After college he played Minor League baseball and later fast pitch softball. He coached Girls Softball at Farmington for many years. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and golfer. He retired from Barnhill Poultry in 2005. He loved his family and especially his grandchildren with whom he spent many special years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Norma Nichols, one nephew Michael Curtsinger, and one step son Lance R. Bottom.

Survivors include his wife Shelia K. Birch; two daughters, Kelly Penn and husband Ernie and Karen Whitfield all of Farmington. One brother, James Birch of Little Rock; two sisters, Dorothy Powell and husband Bruce and June Garriott-Daniels all of Fayetteville. Four grandchildren, Alexis Beasley, Matthew Thomas, Jordan Bottom, and Kylan Whitfield.



**Jerry Birch**

May 31, 1945 - May 23, 2014

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**APPRECIATION**

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

**Luginbuel Funeral Home**

**Prairie Grove, Arkansas**

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We little knew that morning  
that God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
in death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you  
You did not go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories,  
your love is still our guide,  
Through we cannot see you;  
you are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken,  
and nothing seems the same,  
As God calls us one by one,  
the chain will link again.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors  
through him that loved us.  
For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor  
principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,  
Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature,  
shall be able to separate us from the love of God,  
which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:37-39

Happy Birthday Jerry!  
We Love You

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**CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF**  
Jerry Birch

**DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE**  
Saturday, May 31, 2014 - 11:00A.M.  
Prairie Grove United Methodist Church  
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

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**ORDER OF SERVICE**

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**Prelude Music**

**Opening Statement**

**Matthew Johnson**

**Opening Prayer**

**Scripture Readings**  
Matthew 25:21  
Romans 8:37-39

**Testimonies of Jerry's Life**

**"Amazing Grace"**

**Rager Moore**

**Homily**

**Family Memories Video**  
"Centerfield"  
"Grandpa Told Me So"  
"Lead Me Home"

**"I'll Fly Away"**

**Closing Prayer**

**Postlude Music**

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**FINAL RESTING PLACE**  
Farmington Cemetery

**PALLBEARERS**  
Rick Gregory - Troy Loula - Jim Ferguson  
Jim Pickett - Bud Phillips - Mike Remington - Wade Thomas