



## Jerry Mooney

May 8, 1940 - January 5, 2020

Mooney, Jerry Richard, age 79, of Columbiana, went home to be with Jesus on January 5, 2020. The visitation will be from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursday, January 9, 2020 at Columbiana United Methodist Church. The funeral service will follow at 1:00 p.m. at the church with Rev. Buster Timmons officiating. Burial will follow at Johnson Cemetery. Bolton Funeral Home is directing.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents: Ruby Seale and Richard Eugene Mooney; brothers: Carl Mooney and Robert Mooney; brother-in-law: Ronny Conn; and sisters: Linda Chandler and Jeanette Spradlen. He is survived by his sister: Sara Conn; cousin: Fran Seale; nieces and nephews: Jean Ambrose, Terry Zoppina (Tony), Shannon Chandler (Bridgett), Angie Nash (Chris), Michele Faulkner (Wade), Ali Payne (Chris), and Beth Horton (Brandon); many great nieces and nephews; and numerous special friends from the Columbiana Senior Center including his best friend: Gerrie Jarnigan.

Jerry had a traumatic brain injury in a car accident at the age of 11 and was paralyzed on his right side. After the accident he had to relearn how to do even basic tasks but he never once complained and was determined to live as if the accident did not happen. He taught himself to ride a bicycle and delivered newspapers. He loved bicycles and later in life had a garage full "in case" a child needed one. He graduated from Shelby County High School in

1959 and then worked for the State of Alabama Highway Department. He spent his free time watching his nieces and nephews (and their friends) play sports and taking them on many fun (and often dangerous) adventures. He became "Uncle Jerry" to many during this time and chances were always good that he was going to buy everyone a piece of candy before the day was done.

Jerry retired in 1992 and spent his retirement drinking coffee and playing Rook with his friends at the senior center. He could often be found sipping coffee at Jacks or McDonalds or walking one of his dogs while riding his bicycle.

Jerry was a dedicated member of Columbiana United Methodist Church, where he had perfect attendance in the Luther Fowler Sunday School class for 50 years. He drove countless people to church over the years and continued to do so until his recent hospitalization.

Jerry was compassionate and always saw the best in others. He was fearlessly determined and faced every obstacle head on and with a smile. He was the epitome of Jesus' definition of love; patient, kind, humble, and honorable. Jerry will be dearly missed. May we all strive to live out our faith the way he did.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Skillet Byrd Toy Ministry at Columbiana United Methodist Church (P.O. Box 676, Columbiana, AL 35051). Donations made in Jerry's memory will be used to purchase bicycles for children at Christmas.

Please sign online condolences at [www.boltonfuneralhome.com](http://www.boltonfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Johnson Cemetery

1400 County Road 5  
Wilsonville, AL 35186

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Columbiana United Methodist Church  
200 N Main St  
Columbiana, AL 35051

## Funeral Service

JAN 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

Columbiana United Methodist Church  
200 N Main St  
Columbiana, AL 35051

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ *Mr Jerry was a Big inspiration to me. Seeing his determination. He always had a beautiful smile. I will never forget him.*

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**Kathy Morris** - January 09, 2020 at 02:44 PM

SP

“ *Steve Pierce lit a candle in memory of Jerry Mooney*



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**Steve Pierce** - January 08, 2020 at 03:09 PM

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“ *Jerry was such a corageous man.Had many friends and was an inspiration to many and never feared trying things some others would not.*

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**Freida Barnes Prrry** - January 06, 2020 at 08:43 PM

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“ *I will always remember Jerry seeing him walking his beloved little dachsund, he was just such a fixture in and around Columbiana! My prayers and sympathies go out to the family, and I'm sure he will be missed!*

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**Bonney Williams** - January 06, 2020 at 06:31 PM

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“ Well I’m honored that I got to play a few games of checkers with Jerry a month or so ago. I think he won the first one - I won the second - and he won the tie breaker. Tough to beat a man that always has the King on his side.

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**Anthony Zoppina** - January 06, 2020 at 05:57 PM