

## Reverend Jerry Bill Crenshaw



Jerry Bill Crenshaw, passed into eternal life on December 31, 2020 at his home in Stillwater. He was born October 20, 1941 in Stillwater, Oklahoma to Lewis Edward (Bill) Crenshaw and Gala Lillian Pock Crenshaw. He graduated from Stillwater High School in 1959 and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma State University in 1965. He married Nancy Susann Irwin in 1968, and they have one child, Robert Lewis Crenshaw.

Jerry spent 22 years as an advertising representative with the Stillwater NewsPress, and subsequently as advertising manager with Donrey Media Group. In 1966, he entered Phillips Theological Seminary, graduating with a Master of Divinity degree in 2001. During his seminary studies, he was advertising manager of the Oklahoma State University Daily O'Collegian, where he helped student advertising representatives gain experience in their chosen field. During these years, he greatly enjoyed working with students and seeing their careers develop.

Jerry was ordained into Christian Ministry in July of 2002 at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Stillwater. Rev. Crenshaw served as Pastor of Braman Christian Church in Braman, Oklahoma.

In 1965, he joined the Oklahoma Army National Guard, later transferring to the Army Reserve, 95th Division (Training), serving a total of over 27 years. He retired with the rank of Master Sergeant. He was an active member of the Hanner Sharp American Legion Post 129 in Stillwater and served as Post 129 Commander for 2005-06 and 2006-07.

The Rev. Crenshaw is survived by his wife, Nancy, son, Robert, son-in-law Cory Potter, Sisters-in-law Janet Irwin Fultz, Sharon Cavett Irwin and Marcy Mathis Irwin, nieces and nephews Kevin Irwin, Kristin Irwin Poteet, Sonya Irwin Waldrip, Angela Irwin, Bryan Irwin, Michelle Irwin, Courtney Irwin Firth, Graham Irwin, Saran Fultz Prater, Kimberly Fultz Shenold and Erin Fultz Longest and 21 grand-nieces and nephews. . He was predeceased by his parents, a sister in infancy, brothers-in-law R. Bruce Irwin, David S. Irwin, Thomas A. Irwin, sister-in-law Doris Main Irwin and a niece Amanda Fultz.

A memorial service will be held at a later date, and will be live streamed by First Christian Church.

The family suggests any memorial tributes be made to First Christian Church, Stillwater, OK; Phillips Theological Seminary or your favorite charity.

Jerry Crenshaw was a Paid up for Life (PUFL) member of Hanner-Sharp American Legion Post 129 for 25 years.