



Gerald Lyle Crawford

July 21, 1942 - February 21, 2026

Gerald (Jerry) Lyle Crawford was born to Phyllis and Lyle Crawford in Davenport, IA on July 21, 1942. He had a younger brother, Joe, who died in Vietnam in 1970. Jerry was closest to his Grandma Cozy (her actual name), who read him dog stories, bought him a special, divided plate for his food, and taught him about flowers.

Jerry held a Bachelor's Degree from Western Illinois University and a Master's Degree from the University of Illinois. He taught world history, geography, civics, European history, economics, and other courses for over 40 years. He also led IT support and was the Director of Curriculum at Metro Christian Academy. Additionally, he ran a full-time lawn and landscape business for 25 years. He was a small town boy with a personable nature and professional drive.

He was also the treasurer of Bread of Life Church for 30 years. He and his wife, Ann, moved in 1978 from Illinois to Oklahoma to be part of the church, and their faith was central to their lives.

He was married to Ann Marie in 1968, and their daughter Beth (Marie) was born in 1970. Ann died in August, 2025, and at the end, Jerry kept saying he wanted to see Annie. He died on February 21, 2026. They are reunited and survived by Marie.