



## Jeffrey Lynn Tarkington

August 27, 1949 - November 8, 2025

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Jeffrey Lynn Tarkington on November 8, 2025. Born in Searcy, Arkansas on August 27, 1949, Jeff was the cherished son of the late Horace Eugene Tarkington and Edna Baker Tarkington.

Jeff graduated from Searcy High School and went on to earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Memphis. He began his professional life with chapters in New York and Dallas before returning to his hometown to help manage the family business. As the esteemed Vice President of Truman Baker Chevrolet, he was a dedicated and integral part of the local business community.

A man of intellect and kindness, Jeff will be remembered for his thoughtful nature and his passions, particularly his profound love for his dogs, who were a constant source of joy and companionship throughout his life.

He leaves behind a loving family: his brother, James Frederick Tarkington, and sister-in-law, Kim Bates Tarkington; his nephew, James Preston Bates Tarkington, and niece, Terri Lynn Tarkington Milligan; along with a great-nephew and great-nieces. He also leaves behind many cherished friends. He will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

A graveside service will be held on November 12, 2025 at 2pm at Gum Springs Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Humane Society of Searcy, 112 Johnston Road Searcy, AR, 72143 Attn: Pam.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net)

# Cemetery Details

## **Gum Springs Cemetery**

Hwy 267 South & Booth Road  
Searcy, AR 72143

# Previous Events

## **Graveside Service**

NOV 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Prayers for the family during this time of sorrow.

Sharon Scudder - November 15, 2025 at 01:53 PM

MP

“ Jeff was an unconditional friend who will be missed beyond measure. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

Mason Pledge - November 12, 2025 at 03:43 PM

LB

“ I really hate to hear this; I always loved talking to Jeff at the dealership when I'd be there. He'll be missed.



Leah (Faith) Brooks - November 12, 2025 at 10:26 AM

CW

“ Jeff was a good friend for many years while I lived in Arkansas and after I moved away almost 30 years ago. We kept in touch over the years, and I always tried to see him whenever I was back in town. I was deeply saddened when his cousin Nick called last Saturday to tell me Jeff had passed away. I'll miss Jeff's friendship and will always remember him. My condolences to Jeff's family and friends.

*Wishing you eternal peace, Jeff. Thank you for all of the years of friendship you and I have shared. I will never forget you.*

Craig Wenzl - November 11, 2025 at 11:34 PM