



## Dr. Lorry Drue Nero

September 30, 1951 - November 10, 2015

Dr. Lorry Drue Nero, of Mesquite, Texas, was born on September 30, 1951 to Lorry and Drusilla Delilah (Erwin) Nero in Weatherford, Texas. He went to be with his Lord on Tuesday November 10, 2015 in Sweetwater, Texas.

Lorry graduated from Jacksboro High School in 1970 as their Valedictorian and he also was Who's Who in Math, 1st chair for the All-Region Band and received the Arion Music Award. He received his Bachelor of Science in Biology from North Texas State University where he graduated Summa Cum Laude in 1974. He was "Outstanding Senior Man" in Biology and listed in Who's Who among Students in American Colleges and Universities. He attended medical classes from 1974 to 1975 at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School as well as education courses leading to teaching certification in Biology and Chemistry. Lorry was a teacher for Azle High School from 1977-1981. He went on to graduate Magna Cum Laude from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1985. (known now as the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth, Texas). He received a four year health professions scholarship from the US Army, was on the National Dean's List and received the Sandoz Award (ranking third in his graduating class) while he attended Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. And obtained his Texas Medical License in 1986.

Dr. Nero served his country proudly in General Practice Medicine in the US

Army from 1986-1990 as a Captain at Reynolds Army Community Hospital in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He then became a staff physician for Presbyterian Hospital as well as Family Physician at Primacare Medical Centers in Dallas. He is a member of American Osteopathic Association, Texas osteopathic Medical Association, American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, Texas Chapter of ACOFP and Sigma Sigma Phi (Honor Society of Osteopathy).

Loury accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, July 1962 at Joplin Baptist Church and was baptized at Gibtown Baptist Church, July 29, 1962. He received his Master of Divinity with Biblical Languages degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas on May 7, 2004 graduating with a 4.0 GPA and being on the National Dean's List as well as Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. He was licensed to the ministry at First Baptist in Joplin in 2000 and ordained to the ministry in 2002 there as well. He was their associate pastor from 2001 to 2003 and then their pastor in 2003 until his death.

Loury married Freda Gayle Reeves on June 15, 1985. Together they loved and nurtured their children James Kyle Reeves and Crystal Jo West. He was a loving, kind, dedicated husband, father, friend and pastor. He will always be remembered for his willingness to serve and love his Lord Jesus Christ.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Dr. Nero will be remembered by his wife Freda of Mesquite, Texas; his son James Kyle Reeves and wife Cynthia; daughter Crystal Jo West and husband James; grandchildren Brooklyn, Alek, Kylie and Mason Reeves; Kathryn Steel and husband Tyler; Christopher Hoadley; Adrian and Mia Smith; great-grandchildren Kennedy, Kyndal, Alexis and Ethan; and many other extended family and friends.

If so desired memorials may be made to:  
Joplin Baptist Church

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

190 Joplin Fairview Cemetery Road  
Bridgeport, TX 76426

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 13. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Coker Funeral Home  
152 State Hwy 148  
Jacksboro, TX 76458  
(940) 567-3778  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Loury Drue Nero*

October 09, 2023 at 04:16 AM



“ *Dr. Loury Drue Nero*

January 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *love and miss you forever big pawpaw*



**Mia** - October 13, 2021 at 11:32 AM



“ *Condolences to the family, and I'm sorry these comments are so late. . When Mr. Nero (to us back in the day) took his break from medical school to teach high school chemistry and calculus, he raised the bar for Azle schools and students. He was so gifted and was not only willing to share his knowledge, he was the best teacher many of us ever encountered even through college. I was blessed to have known him.*

**Jayne Miller** - April 16, 2016 at 10:41 PM

WM

“ I lived with Loury from 1974 to 1975 while the two of us were freshman at Southwestern Medical School. We lived in a 10 ft by 55 ft Chickasha mobile home that he bought and had moved to the location just off Harry Hines Boulevard. He had an amazingly sharp intellect. More importantly, he was one of the nicest and kindest people I have ever known. I am very sorry to hear he passed.  
*William R. Sheldon, Jr. M.D.*

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**William R. Sheldon, Jr. M.D.** - February 15, 2016 at 04:31 PM

DM

“ I have very fond memories of our high school days of Loury. His great wit and personality made him pleasant to be around. My sincere sympathies for your family at this time and prayers for God's comfort now and in the days ahead.



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**Danny Morris** - November 13, 2015 at 05:06 PM

GB

“ I worked many years with Dr. Nero and remember him only as a dear, kind and gentle man. He will be missed by all.

*Ginger Pomara Buschardt*

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**Ginger Buschardt** - November 13, 2015 at 07:23 AM

BF

“ Dr. Nero was one of a kind. He showed compassion and stopped to listen to his patients. That's an attribute that's long lost. Not only was he kind and compassionate to his patient, but also to all that worked with him. He will be missed. The world lost a great man but heaven has gained an angel.



Brandy Foster - November 12, 2015 at 10:56 PM

RB

“ Ronda Beene, purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Loury Drue Nero.



Ronda Beene, - November 12, 2015 at 08:40 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Loury Drue Nero.



November 12, 2015 at 06:32 PM

TW

“ Dr. Nero was a sweet man and wonderful doctor. He will be missed by many!



Tasha Wright - November 12, 2015 at 03:59 PM

JM

“ *Judy & Bill McRoberts lit a candle in memory of Dr. Loury Drue Nero*



**Judy & Bill McRoberts** - November 12, 2015 at 03:25 PM

AS

“ *Andy Spencer purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Loury Drue Nero.*



**Andy Spencer** - November 12, 2015 at 01:11 PM

AS

“ *Loury Drue loved Joplin and her people. He returned to be the minister of the church where he grew up. He preached the funerals of the people that he personally knew. He helped each one of their families in their grief. If he had one regret I believe it would be that he cannot preach the funeral of the few of the greatest generation from Joplin that remain. Loury Drue was dealt many hardships in his life yet I never heard him complain, not once. He overcame every obstacle to become a physician and minister so that he could serve others. This was a man of God who truly followed his Lord Jesus to the end. About 6 weeks ago I visited him in the hospital in Ft. Worth. I believe he knew he would not last long. But, he told me he was not done yet and, "If I could get him a laptop he could type out prayers with his left hand. That was our Loury Drue. We will miss him.*

**Andy Spencer** - November 12, 2015 at 12:57 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



Coker Funeral Home - November 12, 2015 at 10:29 AM

DK

*What a wonderful video. I enjoyed seeing the wonderful memories. Thank you for sharing*

danna kessler - November 12, 2015 at 11:44 AM

BH

*Great Tribute...*

Bobby and Nicole Haynes - November 12, 2015 at 06:20 PM

RB

*Wonderful to watch & see the many sides to Dr. Nero*

Ronda Beene, - November 12, 2015 at 07:22 PM

SP

*My parents, Howard & Ava Elenburg had a special place in their hearts for Dr. Nero throughout his years in Jacksboro area. He usually made it to special times in our life. He was admired by our whole family.*

Sue Peterson - November 18, 2015 at 06:17 PM

CL

“ Cecilia Luxardo lit a candle in memory of Dr. Lory Drue Nero



Cecilia Luxardo - November 12, 2015 at 10:20 AM

AA

“ *Ann Amburn lit a candle in memory of Dr. Loury Drue Nero*



Ann Amburn - November 12, 2015 at 10:20 AM

DK

“ *Danna Kessler lit a candle in memory of Dr. Loury Drue Nero*



danna kessler - November 12, 2015 at 10:06 AM

D(

“ *Danna Kessler (PrimaCare) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Loury Drue Nero.*



Danna Kessler (PrimaCare) - November 12, 2015 at 08:06 AM

JC

“ *Jackie Clayton lit a candle in memory of Dr. Loury Drue Nero*



Jackie Clayton - November 12, 2015 at 07:55 AM

TJ

“ Theresa Johnson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Loury Drue Nero



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**Theresa Johnson** - November 12, 2015 at 07:50 AM

DK

“ Dr Nero was a great Dr and patients loved him. We will miss him. He worked hard . Our prayers are with his family Danna Kessler

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**Danna Kessler** - November 12, 2015 at 07:11 AM

DK

“ Debbie King lit a candle in memory of Dr. Loury Drue Nero



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**Debbie King** - November 11, 2015 at 07:52 PM

LP

“ Love, Sis, Dan, David, Debbie, Dale and Paul purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Dr. Loury Drue Nero.



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**Love, Sis, Dan, David, Debbie, Dale and Paul** - November 11, 2015 at 06:49 PM

LM

“ Leo & Carla Marley lit a candle in memory of Dr. Loury Drue Nero



Leo & Carla Marley - November 11, 2015 at 06:07 PM

YV

“ Yvette And Randy Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Dr. Loury Drue Nero



Yvette and Randy Vaughn - November 11, 2015 at 02:55 PM

YV

*We love you all so much. we are here for you all if you need us.*

Yvette and Randy Vaughn - November 11, 2015 at 02:59 PM

JM

“ JR & Melba Mower lit a candle in memory of Dr. Loury Drue Nero



JR & Melba Mower - November 11, 2015 at 02:44 PM

HS

“ *Heather Simpson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Loury Drue Nero*



Heather Simpson - November 11, 2015 at 02:43 PM



“ *Pauline Dunham lit a candle in memory of Dr. Loury Drue Nero*



Pauline Dunham - November 11, 2015 at 01:41 PM

DC

“ *Dionne Collins lit a candle in memory of Dr. Loury Drue Nero*



Dionne Collins - November 11, 2015 at 10:38 AM

BH

“ *Bobby And Nicole Haynes lit a candle in memory of Dr. Loury Drue Nero*



Bobby and Nicole Haynes - November 11, 2015 at 06:41 AM

DB

“ Doyle & Cindy Browning lit a candle in memory of Dr. Loury Drue Nero



Doyle & Cindy Browning - November 11, 2015 at 05:00 AM

DH

“ Donna Hensley lit a candle in memory of Dr. Loury Drue Nero



Donna Hensley - November 10, 2015 at 06:24 PM

GS

“ Gary & Martha Southard lit a candle in memory of Dr. Loury Drue Nero



Gary & Martha Southard - November 10, 2015 at 05:39 PM

SH

“ Sondra Hensley lit a candle in memory of Dr. Loury Drue Nero



sondra hensley - November 10, 2015 at 04:42 PM

GC

“ GRACE RISLEY HALL CLAY lit a candle in memory of Dr. Loury Drue Nero



GRACE RISLEY HALL CLAY - November 10, 2015 at 04:15 PM

BD

“ Bobby Damron lit a candle in memory of Dr. Loury Drue Nero



Bobby Damron - November 10, 2015 at 01:59 PM

CC

“ Clint And Cristy Cook lit a candle in memory of Dr. Loury Drue Nero



clint and cristy cook - November 10, 2015 at 12:43 PM

CC

I am so sorry yall are in my prayers.

clint and cristy cook - November 10, 2015 at 12:44 PM

JW

“ James And Jannie West lit a candle in memory of Dr. Loury Drue Nero



James and Jannie West - November 10, 2015 at 10:43 AM

JW

Crystal,  
We are so sorry to hear of your dad's passing our hearts hurt for you.  
We will keep you and all the family in our prayers during this difficult time. May God give you and your mom strength and comfort during the months ahead. Sending our love your way.  
Jannie and James

James and Jannie West - November 10, 2015 at 10:49 AM

BW

“ Becky Whitney lit a candle in memory of Dr. Loury Drue Nero



Becky Whitney - November 10, 2015 at 10:11 AM

LC

“ Larry And Rita Culwell lit a candle in memory of Dr. Loury Drue Nero



Larry and Rita Culwell - November 10, 2015 at 09:20 AM