



Curtis Gooch

October 15, 1963 - July 21, 2017

Curtis Gooch, 53, of Bolivar, MO passed away Friday, July 21, 2017 at his home.

Curtis was born on October 15, 1963 to Frank and Patsy Starcher Gooch. From an early age, Curtis was always a hard worker. His first jobs, working on the family farm, mowing lawns and working at the gas station, brought him compliments from everyone. His friends remembered him as not only hard-working, but also the moral compass of their group, with a strong sense of right and wrong and a selfless attitude. Curtis achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 1981.

On August 17, 1991, Curtis married the love of his life, Vicky Baker. They formed a life together based on the love they had for each other and the love they shared for Christ. Throughout their life together, Curtis exemplified Christian strength and love. Faith has always been a firm foundation of his life since being baptized on May 10, 1970. With this foundation he strove to serve the Lord daily by loving and helping others.

For many years, Curtis' job as a resource conservationist meant moving around the state. The family would live in Milan, Warrensburg, Warrenton and eventually settled in Bolivar. The family planted firm roots in Bolivar, and Curtis took an active role in doing so. He coached his kids as often as he

could, regardless of his knowledge of the given sport. If he didn't know how to do something, he knew he could learn.

Curtis was an incredibly gifted handy-man. After buying the family house 17 years ago, it has been in a perpetual state of renovation. The downstairs garage was turned into a family room. An entire sunroom and a two car garage was added on. He loved spending his down time fixing something up or building something new. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and son, whose life will always be cherished by those that he touched.

Curtis is survived by his wife, Vicky Gooch, his children, Aaron Clark and wife Rachel of Bolivar, MO, Cara Gooch of Centerton, AR, Aric Gooch of Bolivar, MO, and Carissa Gooch of Bolivar, MO. He is also survived by his six grandchildren, Grace, Logan, David, Kale, Faith and Lily, his parents, Frank and Patsy Gooch of Sedalia, MO and his brother Rodney Gooch, niece Micah McDaniel and nephew JD Gooch from Texas.

A celebration of the life of Curtis Gooch will be held Thursday, July 27, 2017 at the First Baptist Church in Bolivar, MO at 6 PM. A visitation will be held the hour prior.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Curtis's name to the FBC Loving Thy Neighbor Program.

Services are under the care and direction of the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 27. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
316 N. Main
Bolivar, MO 65613

Celebration Of Life

JUL 27. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Morgan Moeller lit a candle in memory of Curtis Gooch*



Morgan Moeller - July 22, 2024 at 10:38 PM



“ *Curtis Gooch*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Curtis Gooch*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Curtis. I'm an NRCS retiree, Polk county native and landowner. Whenever I stopped by the office with a "technical" question I always got good information from Curtis. But, my best memory is of how his friendly, positive attitude made my day better and helped my attitude. Jerry Cloyed*

Jerry Cloyed - August 02, 2017 at 10:28 PM



“ I was very sorry to learn of Curtis' passing. I worked with him in Warrenton many years ago. He was always remained a positive motivated force for conservation despite any negativity that surrounded him. Please accept my sincere condolences. Susan Troxel DeWitt.

Susan Troxel DeWitt - July 29, 2017 at 08:29 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Brian Canaday and I worked on many stream project together with Curtis in Warren County. He was a great man and will be missed by all.

Deepest sympathy, Scott Voney

Scott Voney - July 27, 2017 at 03:54 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked closely with Curtis for many years when he worked for USDA in Warrenton. An incredibly gifted man with a talent for working with people.

Brian Canaday

Brian Canaday - July 27, 2017 at 03:41 PM



“ What a sweet, positive nice man, he would never complain or let on that he was hurting.
Blessings to the family as you adjust to this "new normal" Carol Morris

Carol Morris - July 27, 2017 at 02:06 PM

JJ

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family at this time, we always enjoyed our visits with Curtis at the Cancer Center. His cheerful attitude was always a blessing to us.

Norman and Judy Johnson



Judy Johnson - July 26, 2017 at 06:40 PM

PC

“ I always enjoyed working with Curtis. I will never forget all the times he would go the extra mile while serving on various committees for NRCS. He had a vast amount of knowledge in conservation, and was always willing to take time out to share that with other employees. The world will be a little dimmer with such a good person gone...RIP.

Pamela Cornelius - July 26, 2017 at 03:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Curtis Gooch.



July 25, 2017 at 02:50 PM

GM

“ God blessed me with this families friendship. They brought love and laughter to me. The most precious time was when I was just saw brest cancer. Curtis was fighting his own battle and was in the hospital when Steven and I visited him. He took time to pray for me. In the fight of his life he remembered me and the fight I would have to fight. Thats a servants heart a love for God. I'll be anxious to e him again. Him and his family has changed my life.

Gwen Mierau - July 25, 2017 at 12:59 PM

DI

“ Curtis and I met in the late 70's when I was dating a cousin of his and we became good friends. My family is originally from Sedalia and my brother Joel, and he became great friends as well. I think they worked together for a while at United Suppliers out of Carrollton, if I remember correctly. I KNOW they enjoyed their bachelor days together! Our paths would cross occasionally and when I would see and talk to relatives of his that I live near in Richmond, MO I would catch up on the "goings on" of the Gooch family :-). It breaks my heart for your family's loss. God has called home a wonderful guy to live in His house. Please accept my sincere condolences to the entire family.
Dianne (Richards) McGuire

Dianne - July 25, 2017 at 12:31 PM

PM

“ Our family has always loved your family. Curtis was such a kind man who loved his family so much and will be missed by everyone who knew him. Prayers for all of you and our hearts go out to you all. Love from all the Mirths! 🙏

Paula Mirth - July 25, 2017 at 10:48 AM

TI

“ We regret to hear of the passing of Curtis. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family through this difficult time. -- Richard McConnell and Tina Williams

Tina - July 25, 2017 at 10:32 AM

“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Curtis Gooch.



July 24, 2017 at 10:33 PM

Peggy
Gilcrease
Piekarski

“ Carissa, I am so sorry for your loss. I came across this poem and thought of you.

Peggy Piekarski

God Took Him To His Loving Home

*God saw him getting tired, a cure was not to be.
He wrapped him in his loving arms and whispered "Come with me".
He suffered much in silence, his spirit did not bend.
He faced his pain with courage, until the very end.
He tried so hard to stay with us but his fight was not in vain,
God took him to His loving home and freed him from the pain.*

Peggy Gilcrease Piekarski - July 24, 2017 at 02:34 PM

JA

“ Curtis was always a pleasure to work with

jay - July 24, 2017 at 11:51 AM

 Linda
Noble

“ I remember going to school with Curtis, He always had a calming effect, positive attitude.
My deepest condolences to his family. May he rest in peace.

Linda Noble - July 24, 2017 at 10:57 AM

MC

“ Sorry to hear of Curtis' death. We grew up together at the Calvary Baptist Church in Sedalia. We are praying for his family that they would experience the Father's comfort and strength.

Michael Cooper - July 23, 2017 at 09:33 PM

GH

“ So sorry to hear of Curtiss death. Thinking of the family. Gerald and Betty Holman Sedalia, MO

Gerald and Betty Holman - July 23, 2017 at 05:27 PM

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Gerald and Betty Holoan - July 23, 2017 at 05:24 PM

JW

“ So sorry to hear this. Thinking of the family with Christian Love and prayers. The Wollards and the Trouts

Judy Wollard - July 22, 2017 at 03:49 PM