



Delton Eugene Nihart

October 24, 1941 - September 12, 2019

Delton Nihart, 77, of Bolivar, MO passed away Thursday, September 12, 2019 at his home in Bolivar, MO.

Delton was born in Kansas City, MO on October 24, 1941 to Harold and Evelyn Nihart. Over the course of his life, Delton spent much of his time perfecting his skills as an auto body and mechanic. If it had an engine, Delton could fix it. His love of engines translated into a deep love of racing. Delton was a devoted NASCAR fan, and could more easily identify the drivers he didn't care for than the drivers he liked.

Delton also enjoyed many outdoor activities. He loved boating, fishing, skiing, and was a regular at the Red Fox Marina. After retirement, Delton took up golf, and especially loved to go to the course in Buffalo.

Delton spent his career as a firefighter in Kansas City. After devoting 25 years of service to the city, Delton offered his knowledge again as a volunteer firefighter for Climax Springs. It was there that he served for 12 years, including as the stations Chief. Delton's life as a firefighter was a physical representation of his character: helpful, loving, and protective.

Delton was a dear friend, a loving husband, and a caring father. Those who knew him were truly blessed.

Delton is survived by his loving wife, Joy Nihart, as well as his daughters: Gayla Whittle and husband Bruce; Lisa Keeney; Tammy Ellis and husband Brian, and Jill Shortell. He is also survived by his brother, Glenn Nihart and wife Janet, as his grandchildren: Brandon Whittle, Wyatt Whittle, Timothy Davis, Patrick Davis, Ryan Davis, and Jonathon Davis, Taylor Shortell, Karli Shortell, Kayla Thomas, Parker Ellis, Hunter Ellis, and 12 great grandchildren, as well as his faithful silky, Gidget.

Memorial services for Delton Nihart will be held Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 2 PM at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, MO. Memorial Contributions can be made in Delton's honor to the Open Hearts United Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Celebration Of Life

SEP **17**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
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<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Delton Eugene Nihart*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Delton Eugene Nihart*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Fred and I remember many good times at the lake and at Red Fox. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Fred and Ann Dean*

Ann Dean - September 17, 2019 at 11:22 AM



“ *Joy, so sad to hear about Delton. We have many good memories being your neighbors in Texas. Prayers are to you and family. Sonny and Barb Paulson*

Barbara Paulson - September 16, 2019 at 07:45 PM



“ *Green Hills Animal Shelter Board and staff purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Delton Eugene Nihart.*



Green Hills Animal Shelter Board and staff - September 16, 2019 at 12:15 PM

BW

“ Dear Joy and family, Our deepest sympathy to all of you. Delton and you were great neighbors when we lived in Climax Springs. We could always count on Delton if we had any questions about the house or cars, etc. He was always so helpful and we sure appreciated him. Loved the video. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless. Love, Brian and Judy

Brian and Judy Weaver - September 16, 2019 at 10:05 AM



“ Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Delton Eugene Nihart.



September 16, 2019 at 10:02 AM

BW

“ Brian And Judy Weaver lit a candle in memory of Delton Eugene Nihart



Brian and Judy Weaver - September 16, 2019 at 10:00 AM

PL

“ This is my second try at this. If the first one appears, I apologize. Although Delton and Joy were wonderful before, it was when they married 49 years ago that their happiness in life became apparent, a happiness they joyfully extended into the lives of the next generation and the one after that. Delton was gifted in all things mechanical and could fix anything. He was always making things better. This attribute extended to people, too. Everyone got better and happier with him around, most especially Joy. He leaves behind a loving family and a world with the parts he touched better for him having lived. There is no finer legacy than that.

Paul T. Lyon

Paul Lyon - September 14, 2019 at 04:19 PM

BH

“ 1 file added to the album *Delton Nihart*



Butler Funeral Home - September 13, 2019 at 05:06 PM

SB

Wonderful video!

Sandy Bradford - September 13, 2019 at 10:56 PM

TS

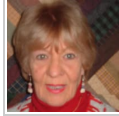
*We really enjoyed the video, so many memories to remember. Sorry we will miss the service, you will be in our thoughts and prayers.
Dick and Trudy Skaggs*

Trudy Skaggs - September 13, 2019 at 10:57 PM

JJ

A beautiful tribute to a wonderful man.

Judi Jewell - September 14, 2019 at 12:21 AM



God bless you, Joy, and your family. I feel blessed to have met you both through the Knights. Delton was always fun to be around. God will be with you through the grief.

Judi Jewell - September 14, 2019 at 12:29 AM

SK

What a beautiful tribute to our dear friend, Delton RIP until we meet again.

Sandy and Bill Knight - September 14, 2019 at 11:31 AM

TS

“ Dick and I send our sympathy to all of you. Delton was a wonderful friend and we always enjoyed our time with him. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Dick and Trudy Skaggs

Trudy Skaggs - September 13, 2019 at 02:05 PM

BH

“ Sorry to hear about Delton. Thoughts and prayers for Joy and family. The guys will miss him on the golf course in Texas. It was always fun to have him stop by our house and visit.

Bud and Arlyce Halvorson

Bud and Arlyce Halvorson - September 13, 2019 at 12:56 PM

GS

So sorry, Joy, to hear of Delton's passing. My thoughts are with you.

Gloria Silvers - September 13, 2019 at 08:57 PM

CL

“ So sorry for your loss! Prayers for you Joy and the family. Delton will be missed by all who knew him! Jim and C.J.Layman

C.J. Layman - September 12, 2019 at 09:28 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Delton Eugene Nihart.



September 12, 2019 at 08:48 PM

JH

“ sorry to hear this news Delton was a great guy and I enjoyed the time I spent with him on the golf course in South Texas. Wendy and I send our deepest sympathy to Joy and the family. They don't make em like Delton anymore. John and Wendy Hill. Calgary.

John hill - September 12, 2019 at 04:08 PM

AR

“ Our deepest sympathy. Joy & Delton were great friends while living in Mission Texas. So sorry to hear this sad news.

Allen & Judy Rohne - September 12, 2019 at 02:46 PM

MR

“ We ar very sorry for ypur loss and we will surely miss seeing him on his scooter, Marty and Bev Risley at valley view estates in missin tx

Marty & Bev Risley - September 12, 2019 at 12:33 PM