



Earshel Lee Bays

April 8, 1936 - July 2, 2016

Earshel Lee Bays, 80 of Bolivar MO., passed away Saturday, July 2, 2016, at Citizen Memorial Health Care Facility in Bolivar.

Earshel was born April 8, 1936, in Polk County Missouri, to Jesse and Carrie Dorman Bays.

Earshel and his wife, Carolyn Rea Campbell Bays, moved from Canoga Park, CA. in 1972 with their two daughters: Cari Lea and Carolyn Rea.

Earshel was an entrepreneur having ran several businesses over his career including: 11 Ram's Barber Shops in the San Fernando Valley CA. area, Bays Bait and Tackle in Polk, MO., Bays Bait and Beverage in Aldrich, MO., and Bays Sales that specialized in carpet, western boots and real estate.

He was a member of Fairview United Methodist Church in Huron, MO.

Earshel and Carolyn loved to entertain and cook exotic meals. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and he could play a mean card game of Pitch. He loved to travel, they were known to keep their bags packed by the front door just in case one of their out-of-town friends called with an invitation to dinner or they learned of a slot tournament in Las Vegas, NV.

Earshel was the last of the litter and is proceeded in death by parents; beloved wife of 50 years; Carolyn, his sisters Annie Fitze, Nellie Roberts, Florance Bower and Effie Frazier, his brothers Glen, Charlie, Clarence, Richard and three stillborns.

Survivors include his two daughters, Cari Vega and her husband Richard of Bedford TX, Carolyn Wilson and her husband Darrell of Halfway MO.,

stepchildren Lorne Blanck and Lorene Owens and 38 nieces and nephews. His grandchildren; Mitchell and Alyson Vega, Marcus, Kristopher and Steven Wilson and five great grandchildren. A graveside celebration will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 23, 2016, at the Green Wood Cemetery in Bolivar MO. Family and friends are invited to attend.

Previous Events

Graveside

JUL **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Greenwood Cemetery
S. Dunnegan Ave.
Bolivar, MO 65613

Tribute Wall



“ Earshel Lee Bays

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ Earshel Lee Bays

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ I have always felt it a privilege that Earshel and Carolynn considered me a friend. They were always there with a smile and kind words of encouragement. Both were great neighbors and Christians, always showing God's love to everyone they met. It is impossible for me to think of one of them without the other. They were always such a loving couple, and I know that they are happy to be together again in Heaven. Know that you will all be in our prayers. -Sharon Lightfoot

Sharon - July 23, 2016 at 01:46 AM



“ When I remember Earshel, in my mind I see his smiling face and can almost hear a mischievous laugh - as to say the story will begin shortly! Earshel always had lots of entertaining stories and good advise. But most of all, I remember his love for his family and friends! I am blessed to have known him. Heather Lightfoot Alaimo

Heather - July 17, 2016 at 07:51 PM

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“ In the short time we knew him he welcomed my husband into his living space at CMHCF. We enjoyed his company, his stories and his humor, which was much like my husbands. We will miss him and ask God to care for his family. John and Carolyn Spiegel

Carolyn & John Spiegel - July 06, 2016 at 09:23 PM

JG

“ All of you are in my heart and in my prayers. Earshel Lee was my great uncle. (Youngest brother of my grandmother-Florence Bays.) He and my father (Donald Bauer) were pretty close. We didn't see Earshel often but I do remember him being a very nice man.



Julia (Bauer) Guerrero
Wichita, Ks

Julia Bauer Guerrero - July 05, 2016 at 10:57 AM

CV

Thank you Julia for sharing. I love hearing stories about my dad.

Cari Vega - July 06, 2016 at 12:36 AM

DH

“ Earshel and I have been friends for 74+ years. I will miss him.
David Hutcheson
Charlotte, NC

David Hutcheson - July 03, 2016 at 12:17 PM

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Earshel and I go back along way. 12 yrs. Of school, played football. Played together when were just kids. A good man. GOD bless his family.

*Luke O'Dell
Springdale AR*

Luke O'Dell - July 03, 2016 at 02:51 PM

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Earshel and Carolyn were 2 of our favorite friends. Played lots of pitch games with them.

Freeda Bilyeu - July 05, 2016 at 02:52 PM