



Harold Dean McMillin

March 29, 1931 - December 11, 2016

Harold Dean McMillin, 85, passed away Sunday afternoon December 11th in his home. He was born in Dade County, Missouri to Troy and Hazel (Thomason) McMillin. He started his education going to various schools while his dad worked in the oil fields in Texas and finished elementary school in a one room school at Hampton Near Everton, MO. He graduated from Greenfield High School in 1949 and so enjoyed keeping in touch with classmates. While there he was proud to say he was part of the football team playing in the Ozark Bowl.

After being employed on several jobs he enlisted in the Air Force, serving a year in Korea and finishing his tour of duty at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. He kept in touch with several guys with whom he served.

On May 23, 1953 he was united in marriage in Greenfield to Nancy Grace Stapp. Their first home was in Florida but they returned to Greenfield upon his discharge. He was then employed with Empire District Electric Company and worked in the line department for over 30 years working many wind and ice storm outages in Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma. He retired as foreman here in Bolivar.

Dean and Nancy were blessed with 2 children, son Steve of Paris, Tennessee and Cheryl (Tony) Bowers of Bolivar who both survive. He also leaves 3

grandsons; Brian and Shelby McMillin of Paris, Tennessee, Jarrod and Deidra McMillin of Mayfield, Kentucky, and Chad Bowers of Colorado, and 3 great-grandchildren-Steven, Ivy, and Oliver McMillin of Mayfield, Kentucky. He is also survived by 2 brothers; Van and Vickie McMillin, Chester and Donna McMillin and a sister-in-law, Glendora Mahnken all of Springfield, Missouri, nieces and nephews and many friends.

He was a member of the Bolivar First Christian Church and was chairman of the Property Committee for many years and continued helping with any physical labor needed in the church. He belonged to the American Legion and was a member of the Masonic Lodge for over 60 years.

Dean had many hobbies including caring for a beautiful yard and lovely rose garden, doing woodworking, reading, and shooting black powder rifles. With Nancy he traveled to 48 of the United States and visited many Civil War parks.

He was always close to extended family members and all children in the neighborhood. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 10:00 AM in the Butler Funeral Home Chapel with burial at 1 :30 PM in the Pennsboro Cemetery south of Greenfield, MO under the care and direction of the Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Harold Dean McMillin*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Harold Dean McMillin*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *We wish to extend our sympathy to the McMillin family. Especially to Cheryl, with whom we are friends. The time never seems long enough but we will always have the precious memories, because this is the way God blesses us.*

Carolyn and John Spiegel

Carolyn Spiegel - December 18, 2016 at 03:53 PM



“ *You have our deepest sympathy. It was always a joy to visit Dean when we were in the neighborhood. He was a blessing to our grandchildren. It was a privilege to know such a kind man!*

Wilmer and Diane Wynia - December 14, 2016 at 01:32 PM



“ *Dean and Nancy live across the street from where my son and family lived for many years. They both became like grandparents to their 3 kids. Andrew especially would say every day at least once.. "I'm going over to see Dean", beginning as soon as he could talk. He was a special man.*

Linda Ashley - December 14, 2016 at 10:02 AM

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“ *When we joined Bolivar First Christian Church, I remember that Dean was always at Church fixing something, or moving tables, or doing whatever was needed.*

Kathy Long - December 13, 2016 at 12:41 PM

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“ *I worked with Dean at Empire in the 1970's. I remember him as one who would always take time to help me and give advice to a young lineman. I admired him very much. He will be missed. My prayers are with you all.*
Allen Hines

Allen Hines - December 12, 2016 at 11:51 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Harold Dean McMillin.*



December 12, 2016 at 06:54 PM