



Harvey Lue Rector

August 26, 1942 - August 31, 2018

Harvey L Rector, 76, of Bolivar died August 31, 2018 at Cox Medical Center in Springfield after a long struggle with health issues. Family and friends were by his side.

He was born at the old homestead near Omaha, Arkansas, on August 26, 1942. Harvey grew up in Hollister, Missouri. During his childhood, Harvey and his father shared many interests. He learned much of what he knew by following his father around. Harvey graduated from Hollister High School in 1960. He joined the Air Force three years later and was stationed at MacDill Air Force Base, near Tampa, Florida. During his service, he was an honor student at the Air Force Technical School and enjoyed working on the F4C Phantom.

After his honorable discharge from the Air Force, Harvey returned to Missouri and joined the Springfield Police Department in 1966. He served the community for 21 years before retiring in 1987

Upon retirement, Harvey continued his love of building and modifying vehicles. A 1938 Chevy and a yellow and black buggy were two of his prized projects. Harvey had the buggy up to 110 MPH on more than one occasion, but no one knew how fast it could actually travel. While Harvey loved to fix anything, he was also content sitting in his shop. He treasured the time he

spent visiting with many friends as they stopped by.

Harvey also loved spending time outdoors. He spent countless hours boating, fishing and hunting. He enjoyed reliving the many trips and memories involving dear family and friends who joined him for those adventures.

In recent years he discovered a love of building custom rifles and gunsmithing. One of his favorites was his 1895 Martini Henry 4570. But his custom projects didn't stop there. He was also very excited when he had the opportunity to build a custom knife. Many of those projects began with scheming during trips to gun shows and swap meets.

As a man of great faith, Harvey was saved at a young age. He reaffirmed his commitment to Christ when he was baptized in the Finley River in 2016 with family members as witnesses.

Harvey was preceded in death by his parents, James (Jamer) and Vina Rector of Ridgedale, Mo. and a brother-in-law, Robert Gross also of Ridgedale, Mo.

He is survived by his wife, Linda, of the home. Four children: Robin Rector and wife, Kelly of Springfield, Mo. Daughter, Melissa Vester and husband Curt of Tuscon, Arizona, Jeff Skidmore and wife, Heidi of Lee's Summit, Mo., and Andy Albin and wife Elizabeth of Halfway, Mo. Three grandchildren, Brittany Rector of Springfield, Mo, Zachary Vester of Tuscon, Arizona and Mary Ann Brazzell of Halfway. Two Sisters: Elnor Gross of Ridgedale, Mo. and Victoria Groves and husband, Dale of Republic, Mo. Several nieces, nephews, other relatives and was blessed with a host of friends.

He will be dearly missed.

Visitation will be held on Monday, September 3, 2018, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM, at the Butler Funeral Home, in Bolivar.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM, on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, with Police Final Call, at the Butler Funeral Home, in Bolivar, with burial to follow, with full Military Rites, at the Cedar Valley Cemetery, in Hollister, Missouri, at 2:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, Harvey requested to have the money spent on your family.

'We will always carry your memory in our hearts'

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
(417) 326-5233
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

SEP 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
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Graveside

SEP 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cedar Valley Cemetery
713 Cedar Valley Rd
Hollister, MO 65672

Tribute Wall



“ *Harvey Lue Rector*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Harvey Lue Rector*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *I first met Harvey when he came to visit Jeff & Heidi in Blue Springs. Harvey and I shared similar interest and we always had fun talking about our latest projects and hunting stories. On several occasions we all went to eat Mexican and had lots of fun. Once I was at a gun show and thought I heard Harvey's voice. I looked around the crowded room, didn't see him, and thought I must've been mistaken. I was taking a second glance and we backed into one another back to back. I didn't even know he was going to be in town. I just found out of his passing and am sorry that I missed his service. Its great that the SPD, Honor Guard, and Veterans escorted him today. Harvey was a great guy and will surely be missed by everyone he knew. My thoughts and prayers go out to Linda, his extended family, and all his friends who I know will miss him dearly.*

*Trevor Elliott
Lees Summit, Missouri*

Trevor Elliott - September 04, 2018 at 10:31 PM

CB

“ We have known Harvey since our kids were in grade school at Pepperdine. We had the privilege of watching Robbie and Missy after school. We have enjoyed our long friendship, and we send our love and condolences to all the family. Frank and Carolyn Bousman.

Carolyn Bousman - September 03, 2018 at 03:53 PM

BE

“ Linda and family,
We always loved your visits in Ellsworth. Harvey was a great guy! We enjoyed talking about the cars, guns and knives. And just visiting with him in general about life and family. He was always smiling and upbeat!! He will be so missed.....He touched a lot of lives over the years and we were blessed to have been a small part of that! We're so sorry to miss the services. Hope to catch up with you soon. Love and hugs sent your way.
Brenda, Chris, Logan and Noah

Brenda Erichsen - September 03, 2018 at 02:09 PM

TW

“ In the late 1960s, early 1970s, I was a reserve police officer with the Springfield Police Department. I knew Harvey and many times rode with him on patrol.

Harvey was really a great guy. I am sorry to learn of his passing. My condolences to all his family members.

Terry Walker - September 02, 2018 at 07:36 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Harvey Lue Rector.*



September 02, 2018 at 07:06 PM



“ *Bill Dowdy lit a candle in memory of Harvey Lue Rector*



Bill Dowdy - September 02, 2018 at 02:09 PM



“ *Uncle Harvey is such a significant figure in so many of my fond childhood memories.
We will miss him!
Our love and prayers of comfort and peace are with the family.
Toni Breshears Smith and Randy Smith*

Toni Smith - September 02, 2018 at 01:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harvey Lue Rector.*



September 01, 2018 at 06:38 PM

RK

“ *Hary always said, "you have to be there by 4:30 before every body gets there."* ”

Ray & Paula Kirtley - September 01, 2018 at 04:50 PM

RK

“ *Ray & Paula Kirtley lit a candle in memory of Harvey Lue Rector* ”



Ray & Paula Kirtley - September 01, 2018 at 04:46 PM