



John Leonard Kukal

October 15, 1924 - September 12, 2016

John Leonard Kukal, age 91, of Bolivar, Missouri, passed away on Monday, September 12, 2016, at Parkview Healthcare Facility, in Bolivar.

John Leonard was born on October 15, 1924, the son of Edward and Josie Kukal. He grew up west of Bolivar, where he learned to farm with his dad. He was known for showing registered Duroc hogs from 1938 to 1948, and won the first FFA American Farmer Degree in Bolivar.

In 1942, after serving in the Army, in Japan, he and Atilee Hagerman were married. After they were married they started a dairy and grain farm. In 1995 they retired and moved to Bolivar, where John Leonard was known for his woodworking and gardening.

John was a member of Barren Creek, Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and later transferred to First Baptist, in Bolivar.

You would see John Leonard around town always ready with a joke, and always wearing his Stetson hat. He will be missed greatly by his family and friends.

John Leonard is preceded in death by his wife, Atilee; his parents; two sisters, Leona Kukal, and Anna Mae (Kukal) Pope; several aunts, uncles, and

cousins.

He is survived by two daughters, Linda Lee (Kukal) Rice, and her husband Gene, and Kathy Ann (Kukal) Overcast; three grandchildren, Gelin (Rice) Douglas, and husband Pat, of Bolivar, Steven Gallivan, and wife Sara, of Halfway, and Russell Gallivan, and wife Ami, of Thornton, Colorado; eight great grandchildren, Josie and Cy Douglas, of Bolivar, Sloan, Sammi, Shane, and Sterling Gallivan, of Halfway, and Madison, and Brody John Gallivan, of Thornton Colorado; as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, and other family members.

A visitation will be held one hour prior to service time, from 9:00 – 10:00 am, on Friday, September 16, 2016 at the Butler Funeral Home Chapel, in Bolivar.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 am, on Friday, September 16, 2016, at the Butler Funeral Home Chapel, in Bolivar, with burial to follow at the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, in Aldrich.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Ridge Cemetery

South 33rd Road
Aldrich, MO 65601

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Leonard Kukal*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *John Leonard Kukal*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Linda and Kathy, I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. He was one of the first individuals that I can even remember. I will always be grateful for knowing him and the constant smile that he always had on his face. Jerald Andrews*

Jerald Andrews - September 16, 2016 at 05:05 PM



“ *I have enjoyed seeing John Leonard out around town for many years. It was always so nice to hear his laugh and see his wave. He always had a smile! He will be greatly missed.*

Karren Bruce - September 16, 2016 at 10:29 AM



“ *Condolences from Billy Copeland of the Olen and Bertha Copeland family. John Leonard was certainly a big part of growing up at Barren Creek Church. Great memories of a great gentleman.*

Billy Copeland - September 14, 2016 at 02:21 AM

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“ *Pelletier Family purchased the Stately Lilies for the family of John Leonard Kukal.*



Pelletier Family - September 13, 2016 at 12:39 PM