



Leon Decker

April 2, 1943 - April 28, 2015

Dale “Leon” Decker, 72, Bolivar, MO, passed away Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at Cox South Medical Center. Leon was born on April 2, 1943, in Greenfield, MO, the son of Elmer Decker and Evelyn (Wilson) Decker.

Leon was a member of the Arcola Christian Church all his life and served as a deacon and elder, and was involved in several church activities and community events. He enjoyed working with several organizations such as Chapel Hills and Arcola Volunteer Fire Departments, Lions Club, Cattlemen’s Association, Western Equipment Dealer Association and spent many years on the school board in Stockton, MO.

On August 19, 1967 Leon and Nancy “Kay” Headlee married in the Arcola Christian Church and they had two wonderful children, Jeff and Luci.

His honesty and helpfulness will always be remembered by family and friends as well as his innovations and humor--he loved practical jokes and no one

was exempt. He was a pioneer in introducing big round hay bales to Southwest MO. He was awarded numerous sales and service awards from many companies, including the top dealer for Vermeer in the United States in 1993. He built many trailers (none alike, but all heavy) for both business and personal use.

He was dedicated to family activities for his children and grandchildren and tried not to miss any of their events. He loved car racing, traveling near and far, the St. Louis Cardinals, but most of all Bailey and Kyla's games.

Leon is preceded in death by his beloved father and mentor, Elmer.

Surviving him is his wife, Kay; daughter Luci Ewing and husband Rex of Bolivar, MO; his son, Jeff Decker and wife Deb of Grand Rapids, MI; his mother, Evelyn Decker of Springfield, MO formerly of Stockton; his sister, Linda Danley and husband Jim of Springfield, MO; his brother, Jay Decker and wife Lora of Rogers, AR; two beloved grandchildren Bailey Kay Ewing and Kyla ReAnne Ewing; three nieces Kristen Taylor, Courtney Danley and Melissa Doss and one nephew; Brian Decker.

Visitation will be held 6:00-8:00 PM Thursday, April 30, 2015 at the Butler Funeral Home, Bolivar, MO.

Funeral Services will be held 2:00 PM Friday May 1, 2015 at the Arcola Christian Church, Arcola, MO. Interment will be in the Stockton Cemetery, Stockton, MO.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22718 Oklahoma City, OK, 73123-1718.

Services are under the care of the Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar, MO. Friends may leave online condolences at www.butlerfuneralhome.com.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Leon Decker*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Leon Decker*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Kay we share in your sorry. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family at this time.*

Larry and Janis Decker - May 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in treasured memories.*

Barbara Hunter - May 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Thinking of all of you with the loss of Leon. I now realize what a privilege it was to have men like him in my life while growing up.*

Buster Crutcher - May 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Your loss is Heaven's gain. We have you in our thoughts & prayers.*

Ed & Carolyn Beck - May 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Both my grandparents lived in Arcola and my dad and mom moved to Arcola when dad retired. Leon used his big tractors to set mom and dad's trailer after they lost their home in a fire. When dad got home from Kansas City he tried to pay Leon. Leon said no way he had fought their house fire and felt too bad because they could save anything. Leon told dad he felt it was the least he could do for another Arcolan. I know Leon will be missed he did a lot for Arcola and always called it home.

Taleah Wilkinson - May 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ We are holding your family in our prayers. Leon was a rarity and we will miss him!

Max & Kalia Orr & family - April 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I'm sorry.

Janice Chism - April 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for you all.

Tiffany Hunt and family - April 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Jeff, so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you all in the days to come.

Courtney Bass - April 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our prayers!

Jan and Eric Schreibman - April 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ I have very fond memories of Leon while spending the night with Linda at the family farm. He would always make Linda and I laugh at the funny things he did and said. My thoughts and prayers are with Kay and all the family.

Elaine Rickman Bailey - April 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ So sorry for your loss. Leon was a good man and will be missed so much. Kay if you need anything at all please let me know.

Charlotte Haden - April 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Sorry for your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Kelly Johnson & JoAnn Cheek - April 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ So sorry for your loss. Neal remembers all the times he enjoyed visiting with him at Mini-Mart. I always think of your family when I drive past the house on S HWY39.

Alisa Bough - April 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Kay & family,
So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sharon & Bob Williams - April 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ *Kay and family,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss.*

Nancy graham - April 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *Kay, prayers for you and entire family for your loss. Leon will be missed my so many. So very for you and your family's loss.*

Gail Hufferd - April 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss.*

Harry & Norma Beckley - April 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Your family is in our prayers, so very sorry for your loss.*

Scott & Caroline Beckley - April 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Kay and family,
We were sorry to hear about Leon. He will be sadly missed by all who were lucky enough to know him. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Cherish your wonderful memories and your guardian angel who is now watching over you.*

Carl and Sherrie Simpson - April 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM