



## Marvin Graves

March 4, 1943 - September 8, 2021

Marvin “Lon” Lonzo Graves, 78 of Morrisville, Missouri, passed away at his residence on Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

He is preceded in death by his father and mother Marvin and Glenda Graves and a grandson Zachary Lytle.

He is survived by his wife Paula of Morrisville, Missouri, his sister Sandra Johnson of Beaverton, Oregon, 2 daughters Lisa Graves and Sheree Graves of Nixa, Missouri, 4 stepdaughters, Amy (Des) Hoorn, Sarah (Tim) Choate, Megan (Jason) Morrison and Buffy (Jason) Starkey. Also surviving are his 4 grandchildren, Christopher, Trinity, Ryan and Portia, along with his 7 great grandchildren and his 7 step grandchildren: Dawson, Carson, Ezekiel, Rowan, Alina, Finley and Haskell.

Lon was an Air Force veteran who loved his country and proudly served in Vietnam. He retired as Federal Officer with the Bureau of Prisons. He also served as a councilman for the City of Morrisville after his retirement. Lon was also a member of the Masonic Lodge #195 of Bolivar.

His real passion other than hunting with his beagles, fishing, restoring old cars and working in his wood shop was music. He played the guitar and sang starting at a young age. In high school he had a band named “Lonnie Graves

and the Rebels”, he then went on to join the “Countdowns” in which he opened at Gas Light Square in St. Louis for Ike and Tina Turner along with numerous other stars. He then was apart of “Lonzo and the Magic Rubber Band”, touring in several states.

After his retirement, he played with “2 Wheel Dolly”, writing and recording music in his home studio. He loved to listen to Cardinal baseball on his deck at home and have his cocktails. Lon was a true conservative and kept up on all of the news and world happenings until the last final week of his life.

Services for Marvin "Lon" will be held 10:00 AM on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery located at 5201 South Southwood Road in Springfield, Missouri.

A visitation will be held on Monday, September 13, 2021 from 5 to 7 PM at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his honor to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital or Seasons Hospice, who took excellent care of him.

# Cemetery Details

## Missouri Veterans Cemetery

5201 S. Southwood  
Springfield, MO 65804

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **13.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Graveside

SEP **14.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Missouri Veterans Cemetery  
5201 S. Southwood  
Springfield, MO 65804

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marvin Graves*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Marvin Graves*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *I remember going with my Grandma Graves to buy stuff to send Lonzo when he was in Vietnam. Big packets of something like Koolaid, but with Bugs Bunny on it, to help give the water over there some taste. When my Uncle Lon came home from Nam, he brought me an Air Force toy plane. I was probably 3 or 4. He caused all my subsequent ear trouble by pouring 7 -Up into my ears as a kid lol, and filled my footed pajama pants with old white building blocks! I loved that he was in bands, hung around drag racers and other interesting people. From when they lived in Ohio, to Missouri or Oklahoma, it was always fun visiting him and my communist cousins.*

*I pulled into El Reno in the summer of 81 in a Plymouth Satellite with blown out mufflers . He found me a good muffler shop to make the drive back to VA bearable.*

*He was one of the funniest guys I ever knew. We could sit and talk about guns, bad guys and cars forever.*

*I will miss him alot.*

*Nephew Scott Johnson  
Oregon*

Scott Johnson - September 15, 2021 at 05:08 PM

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“ I was a musician who worked with Lonnie in several bands and we traveled to many venues throughout Missouri and Illinois together. We first worked together in the Rebels at Seven Holy Founders teen dances. The band changed it's name to The Imperials with the same musicians. I then went to work with the Countdowns. When their original singer decided to quit, I recommended Lonnie. Eventually, we both left the Countdowns due to personal conflicts. I formed a band called the Spectres with Rebels/Imperials alumni. Lonnie joined us on the guitar and vocals. Lonnie and I had some great times and adventures. We were single-minded conservatives and emailed each other back and forth regularly. I will miss him. May he rest in peace.



Marty Bonin - September 12, 2021 at 06:17 PM



Well said Marty.

Bill Bixler - September 14, 2021 at 05:50 PM



I worked with Lonnie and Marty in both of those bands through the 60's. Lonnie joined the Air Force in 66 and I got drafted into the Army in 67. I lost contact with Lonnie until I got a phone call one morning about 20 years ago and the voice on the phone said this is Lonnie Graves, the last person I thought I would ever here from again. That phone call renewed our friendship and saw me going down to Morrisville to jam with Lonnie in his studio and going over to Lake Stockton to bass fish in his boat. Rest in peace Lonnie, it was great to have you back in my life again.

Bill Bixler - September 14, 2021 at 06:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Marvin Graves.



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September 10, 2021 at 07:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Marvin Graves.



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September 10, 2021 at 11:26 AM



“ *Sacred Garden Spray* was purchased for the family of Marvin Graves.



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September 09, 2021 at 06:43 PM