



## Melbie Ray Bridges

July 26, 1918 - April 6, 2009

Melbie Ray Bridges, age 90, of Overland Park, Kansas, formerly of Halfway, Missouri, passed away at 7:50am, Monday, April 6, 2009 at The Rose Estates Assisted Living in Overland Park, Kansas.

He was born July 26, 1918 in Goodson, Missouri to Joseph Carter Bridges and Irena Jane Carroll Bridges.

He married Zelma Marie Vincent on September 1, 1939 in Bolivar, Missouri.

He was a faithful member of Jericho Missionary Baptist Church in Independence, Missouri for many years. Melbie was an avid fisherman, hunter and all around outdoorsman. He enjoyed spending time with his family and many friends. He was a truck driver for Safeway Stores and retired from the Teamsters Local #955 after 35 years. He was also a dairy and stock cattle farmer for a great portion of his life in Halfway, Missouri and Olathe, Kansas. His strong work ethic was instilled in all of his children.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years; Zelma Marie Vincent Bridges of the home, a daughter; Karen Cheatham and her husband William of Village of Loch Lloyd, Missouri, three sons; Byron Bridges and his wife Linda of Grain Valley, Missouri, Kenneth Bridges and his wife Karen of Overland Park, Kansas, Wayne Bridges and his wife Debbie of Overland Park, Kansas, 12

grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, two sisters; Leona Scurlock of Bolivar, Missouri, Juanita Seiner of Bolivar, Missouri, as well as several other relatives and friends.

Funeral Services will be at 1:00 PM, Thursday, April 9, 2009 at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri with Bro. Jack Brakebill and Bro. Carl DeFreece Officiating. Musical selections will be How Great Thou Art, Where The Roses Never Fade, What A Day That Will Be and Tell Mother Ill Be There by the Jericho Missionary Baptist Church Choir with Juanita Smith playing the piano. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Bolivar, Missouri. Pallbearers will be Grandsons; Brian Bridges, Kevin Bridges, Derek Bridges, Ryan Bridges, Chris Cheatham, and Eric Bridges. Honorary Pallbearers will be Jeff Bridges, Vernon Andrews, Junior Fuller, Jim Moulder and Gary Scurlock. Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at the Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar.

Our Family would also like to thank the staff at The Rose Estates Assisted Living and Heartland Hospice in Overland Park where he was lovingly cared for during the last weeks of his life.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heartland Hospice or Jericho Missionary Baptist Church both in c/o Butler Funeral Home, 407 E. Broadway, Bolivar, Missouri 65613.

Friends and family may sign the guest book or send private condolences at [www.butlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.butlerfuneralhome.com)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Melbie Ray Bridges*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Melbie Ray Bridges*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *I just read what I wrote when signing the guest book earlier and was embarassed that I had hit the wrong keys, misspelling MELBIES name--just an accident I assure you. Also would love to hear from you via email if you would like to do so! Freda*

**Freda Payne Folkerts** - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Zelma & family we send you our deepest sympathy in losing Bemie! I, Freda, have a lot of happy memories of days past spent with you! Love & best wishes,  
Freda & Ray*

**Freda & Ray Folkerts** - April 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ To the Bridges family,

*I was so sorry to hear the news about Melbie. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of you. Although we know he is in a better place, his passing left this world a sadder place.*

*May God Bless you all,*

*Carolyn*

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**Carolyn (Payne) Summers** - April 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers will be with you during this time. I will always be thankful for the good influence that Melbie always provided. He will be greatly missed, but know he is in a better state now.*

*Doyle and Pamela Payne*

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**Doyle and Pamela Payne** - April 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Zelma and family, Please accept our families condolences. We had such good visits when you came to Idaho, and the couple of times my parents, my sister and I got to visit in Mo and Kansas. Donna Baker ( Ed & Naomi's Daughter)*

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**Donna (Vincent) Baker** - April 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *May the peace of our Lord be with you in this time of Sorrow. Melbie is now with his Father and in a wonderful place. Peace.*

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**Mike Keenan** - April 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *May God comfort the whole Bridges Family during this time.*

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**Kathy Combs Roberts** - April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *My deepest sympathies are with the Bridges family and all others who were close to Melbie.*

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**Andrew Gorden** - April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM