



## Monte D. Rife

May 15, 1956 - January 4, 2026

Monte D. Rife 69 of Lincoln, MO passed away Sunday, January 4, 2026 at Citizens Memorial Hospital in Bolivar, MO. Monte was born in Clinton, MO on May 15, 1956 to Betty Sue Findley and Jerry Rife. Monte started playing baseball at the age of nine in Kansas City, MO. He continued playing the game through high school at Hickman Mills High School in Kansas City, MO, then onto trying out for the Cincinnati Reds, the St. Louis Cardinals, the Indians of Indiana and twice for the Kansas City, Royals. He was accepted to play by the Kansas City Royals but did not have the finances to go to Florida and play. He later became a letter carrier for the Kansas City, MO post office. He is preceded in death by his parents, Betty Sue and Jerry Rife and a brother, Mitch. He is survived by wife, Donna Rife, Lincoln, MO, brother, Danny (Lori) Rife, son, Brett (Amanda) Rife, New Port News, VA, daughter, Sophia O'Neal, Lee's Summit, MO, two grandsons and one granddaughter.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Danny & Lori purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Monte D. Rife.*



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**Danny & Lori** - January 11 at 01:23 PM

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“ *this is doug underwood i am very sorry about monte he was a great baseball player and fisherman.we played alot of sports together.he will be missed.by*

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**doug underwood** - January 06 at 05:22 PM

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“ *I'm sorry to hear monte is no longer with us. My brother Doug and I had planned on seeing him this summer. He was loads of fun. I played tons of games and sports with him and always lost! He was a competitor and even married a gal I used to date. I'm trying to let Doug know. I'm sure he'll be sad. Danny and Tim, I'm sorry. You had a great brother! I hope the funeral home will give Yu this. Greg underwood*

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**Greg Underwood** - January 06 at 10:04 AM

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“ *I knew Montey.*

*He had some difficulties a long the way as we all do.*

*He loved fishing, and was damned good at sports.*

*He was a good friend.*

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**Tom Underwood** - January 05 at 05:16 PM