



## Rex LeRoy Lingerfelt Sr.

February 20, 1934 - October 14, 2018

Rex Leroy Lingerfelt, Sr. passed away on Sunday, October 14, 2018 in Bolivar, MO surrounded by family. He was born in Atchison County, MO on February 20, 1934 to Cecil Kelly Lingerfelt and Mary Belle Lewis Cook Lingerfelt. He will be remembered as a Kansas City businessman, community activist, and musician.

Rex lived a life full of music. He learned to play the guitar as a youth and followed that passion throughout his life. He began his career in music in Omaha, NE in the 1950s where he shared the stage with musicians like Jim Reeves and Little Jimmy Dickens as the lead guitarist for Cliff Johnson and the Harmony Boys. Throughout the 1960s he performed in the Kansas City area with his band Rex Lee and the Country Gentlemen. In his later years, Rex performed throughout Missouri and at events in Arizona with Speedy Haworth of Ozark Jubilee fame, both in his own band, Country Sunshine, and in Haworth's Tall Timber Band.

Rex retired to the Humansville, MO area in the early 1980s and was active in political causes, community events, and volunteering. He will be remembered for his music, his wonderful sense of humor, and the countless hours he gave to helping those in need, especially the elderly.

Rex is survived by his wife, Margaret Ellen Lingerfelt; his daughter, Peggy

O'Rourke of Pittsburg, MO; three grandchildren: Jennifer Vinck of Pittsburg, MO, Dana Boatright of Belton, MO, and David Lingerfelt of Kansas City, MO; one great-granddaughter, Claire Lingerfelt of Kansas City, MO; two sisters: Joan Harper of Killeen, TX and Marcine Hannah of Tarkio, MO; and eleven nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Rex Lingerfelt, Jr.

A Funeral Service for Rex Lingerfelt will be held Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 2 PM at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, MO. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Rex's honor to the Big Springs Activity Fund.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rex LeRoy Lingerfelt Sr.*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Rex LeRoy Lingerfelt Sr.*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Rex was a smart man with a good sense of humor. He and wife Margaret opened their home and hearts to the community. I will always remember the great music and hospitality at events they held at their home. At Christmas I would look forward to the wonderful homemade candy they would deliver to each office at the Courthouse. Thank you, Rex, rest in peace. God bless you Margaret.*

**Carol Poindexter** - October 18, 2018 at 11:59 AM



“ *Rex was such a bright spot and unique personality. I've known him for many years. He is missed very much by myself and several of the residents of Big Springs.*

**Sherri Hewitt** - October 17, 2018 at 09:52 PM

BS

“ *Barchey And Michelle Springer lit a candle in memory of Rex LeRoy Lingerfelt Sr.*



Barchey and Michelle Springer - October 17, 2018 at 09:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rex LeRoy Lingerfelt Sr..*



October 17, 2018 at 07:47 PM

DL

“ *6 files added to the album Family Photos*



Dave Lingerfelt - October 17, 2018 at 12:39 PM

PK

“ Peg, Tim, Jenny & Kristin purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Rex LeRoy Lingerfelt Sr..



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**Peg, Tim, Jenny & Kristin** - October 16, 2018 at 10:44 AM

PO

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Peggy O'Rourke** - October 16, 2018 at 09:55 AM

BW

“ I have known Rex for a long time. He was such a delightful man. I could always count on him putting a smile on my face with his jokes he would tell!! How my work will be so different with out him here. He was one of my every day visitors. Prayers are with his family and friends. He will be greatly missed every day.



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**Brandy Williams** - October 15, 2018 at 08:40 AM