

Wendell Fred Roberts

July 24, 1940 - November 30, 2017

Wendell Fred Roberts, 77, passed away Thursday, Nov. 30, in his home. He was the husband of Gayle Pendleton Roberts. They shared 57 years of marriage.

Wendell was born at Polk at his parents' home July 24, 1940. Son of Fred and Mabel Roberts, he had a strong attachment to the family farm his entire life.

He attended Inglis School and later Bolivar High School where he graduated in 1958. A graduate of Southwest Baptist College and the University of Missouri, Wendell went on to earn his Master's Degree in Agronomy from the University of Missouri.

After teaching vocational agriculture and serving as an FFA instructor at Green Ridge for several years, he was a county extension agent with the University of Missouri for 33 years. Based in Versailles, he served farmers in Morgan, Moniteau, Laclede, Miller, Camden, Benton and Pettis Counties.

An avid hunter, Wendell enjoyed raising Walker coon dogs for many years. Breeding puppies to ship around the United States was often a family affair.

With his parents' failing health, he became a weekend farmer maintaining cattle and a few crops on their farm. Upon his retirement in 2000, Wendell and

Gayle permanently re-located to Bolivar where they enjoyed being amongst longtime family and friends.

Wendell was saved at an early age at Sentinel Missionary Baptist Church. He and Gayle were involved with the family in church activities throughout their married life.

Preceded in death by his parents, Wendell is survived by his wife Gayle; daughter Susan Prewett (Kevin), Richmond, Va.; son Tim (Melissa), Bolivar; and brother Denzil (Donna Jean), Bolivar.

Wendell greatly loved his grandchildren and delighted in their love, stories and accomplishments. They are: Emily Pearson (Tom), Richmond, Va.; Garrett Prewett, Black Mountain, N.C.; Addison Prewett, Waco, Tx.; Sarah Kate Prewett, Richmond, Va., Elijah Roberts, Bolivar; and Rhyan Roberts, Bolivar. Great-granddaughters are Felicity and Elizabeth Pearson, Richmond, Va.

Survived by the families of his nephew, Ronnie Roberts (Lori) and niece Cheryl Hinkle (Ronnie), along with a large family of cousins, Wendell will be missed by a host of family and friends in both the Bolivar and Versailles communities.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Payne Cemetery or the American Cancer Society.

Visitation for Wendell Roberts will be Monday December 04, 2017 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., with services to follow at 2:00 p.m.

Burial will be at Payne Cemetery in Polk, Missouri.

Cemetery Details

Payne Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

DEC 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wendell Fred Roberts*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Wendell Fred Roberts*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wendell Fred Roberts.*



December 04, 2017 at 11:07 AM



“ *Gayle, Susan, and Tim - I was sorry to hear this news. My deepest condolences for you and your family during this difficult time.*

Sean Concannon - December 04, 2017 at 09:40 AM

DL

“ GALE , I'm so sorry for your loss. I was a member of Wendell's first Green Ridge vo-ag freshman class. He was my teacher for my first two years until we moved to Steelville. With his guidance , he helped cultivate my mechanical and creative interests for life. His expertise in crops and livestock helped me to understand agriculture. Also when I see , albeit not often seen , A 61' Chevy ; I comment that my Ag teacher had a white 61' convertible. DAVID B. LIKELY IRONTON ,MO.

DAVE LIKELY - December 04, 2017 at 09:30 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Wendell Fred Roberts.



December 03, 2017 at 05:49 PM

VH

“ Many wonderful memories of pets, church activities, Ice Capades, farmimg, and just spending time at each others house. We are the kind of friends that become family and we have lost Wendell and Dad now, but we will be together again. Love you and praying for you.

Vinita Henry - December 03, 2017 at 12:14 AM

JD

“ I had the pleasure and great fortune to have shared many of my formative years with the Roberts family. Many a weekend was spent at MU football games, at church, or in the home of this man, where we held hands and prayed at each meal at a table that always had a seat for a visitor. I have so many fond memories but suffice it to say that I have the utmost respect for this man, father, husband. He was a second father to me and this world has lost a good man. What I do know is that Wendell is in Heaven and we will meet again in glory. My condolences to Gayle, Susan, Tim and the family.

Johnny Dunham - December 03, 2017 at 12:04 AM

HG

“ Gayle and family we have you in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time in your life. Sorry for your loss. The Gallatins



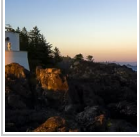
Harlie, Nancy, & Morgan Gallatin - December 02, 2017 at 05:59 PM

PH

“ So sorry to hear of your loss our family's thoughts and prayers are with you all .love penny ,bill and no patton



Penny haile - December 01, 2017 at 05:40 PM



“ *As always I wish I had more pictures but alas we were having too much fun for pictures. He was a good man, a coon hunter who loved his family & he was much loved!*



Diann Prescott - December 01, 2017 at 03:43 PM

MM

Wendell was the best neighbor anyone could ask for. Always there to help me and to share his long stories, loved them. will really miss you my friend.

Marty Martin - December 01, 2017 at 09:28 PM

JP

Wendell and I spent many years coon hunting together, lots of cold nights. Thanks Wendell, love you like a brother. Jim

Jijm Petty - December 01, 2017 at 09:57 PM

KL

So sorry to read this. Wendell was a great boss, friend and a wonderful storyteller! Karen

Karen Long1 - December 02, 2017 at 06:54 AM