



Marlin Dean Vestal

January 30, 1943 - November 5, 2025

Marlin Dean Vestal, 82, passed away peacefully on November 5th, 2025, in Independence, Missouri.

Marlin was born January 30th, 1943, in Dearborn, Missouri to June C. and Mildred A. Vestal, and was the 5th of 10 siblings. He graduated from Winston High School in Winston, Missouri, and loved to joke that he graduated 10th in his class...out of 10! His first marriage produced two daughters, Kathy Lynn and Leisa June.

Life led him to Grandview, Missouri, where he married again and had two sons, Christopher Eric and Ryan Andrew. He worked in sanitation and in 1984, they started their own trash company, R.C. Sanitation, in Independence, and remained in business for 20 years before selling.

In his personal life, Marlin enjoyed hunting, finding the perfect walnut or cherry wood for his next custom rifle stock, and making his own charcoal to use in his meat smoker. He will be remembered for his sense of humor and spirit of generosity.

Marlin is preceded in death by daughter Leisa, sisters Mary June, Lillian, Betty, and Evelyn, brothers Jim, Bob, Danny, and Ronnie. He is survived by his brother Marvin Vestal of Springfield (Adria), daughter Kathy Neth of

Winston (David), sons Chris Vestal of Lone Jack (Kelly) and Ryan Vestal (Jess) of Sugar Creek, Grandchildren Krissy (Jase), Scott (Kristy), Tyler (Aimee), Eric (Cheyenne), Kelsey, Drew, Devin, and Kirsten and 9 great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind many friends and extended family members.

"Words are like nets - we hope they'll cover what we mean, but we know they can't possibly hold that much joy, or grief, or wonder." Jodi Picoult

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In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to KC Pet Project or your local animal shelter.

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