



Billy Joe Belcher

December 3, 1938 - March 21, 2026

Billy Joe Belcher, 87, passed away Saturday, March 21, 2026, surrounded by his family at home in Joplin, Missouri. Billy was born December 3, 1938, in Nevada, Missouri, to George Washington Belcher and Effie L. (Dyer) Belcher. He graduated "Class of 1955" from Nevada High School and went on to join the U.S. Army to service the country he loved. Billy was a railroad engineer with Missouri Pacific Railroad, which eventually merged and became Union Pacific Railroad. He trained many future engineers and other railroad workers throughout his career. Billy retired after 50 years of service. He enjoyed spending time fishing and playing pool. Billy collected ball caps and was an AVID St. Louis Cardinals FAN.

Billy was united in marriage to the love of his life, Connie Lynn Belcher on March 2, 1969, in Carthage, Missouri; she survives. They have just celebrated their 57th anniversary.

Billy is survived by his sweetheart, Connie; one son, Monty Kyle Belcher of Joplin, Missouri; one daughter, Stacy Lynne Starkey of Webb City, Missouri; four grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and lots of nieces and nephews. Billy is preceded in death by his parents, George and Effie; five brothers; and three sisters.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at Ulmer Funeral Home in Carthage, Missouri. There will be a visitation from 10:00 a.m. until service time. Burial will be at Park Cemetery, also in Carthage, Missouri.

In Lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Good Shepherd Hospice in care of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at www.ulmerfh.com.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Park Cemetery

801 South Baker
Carthage, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ulmer Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

MAR 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

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“ Family Memories from August 2024!!!



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“ Dad and Uncle Bill are reunited together in Heaven! You will be greatly missed uncle bill!



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