



Billy Joe Stark

June 24, 1936 - December 30, 2025

Billy Joe Stark, 89, passed away Tuesday, December 30, 2025, in Carthage, Missouri. Billy was born June 24, 1936, in Jasper County, Missouri to Everett and Flora (Sanders) Stark. He was a lifetime Carthage resident. Billy was of the Christian faith. He worked at Steadley for 43 years. Billy enjoyed fishing and camping. He would run trout lines up and down Spring River. Billy also loved working with his cattle.

Billy was united in marriage to Gayle Mae Kost on April 1, 1954, in Carthage, Missouri; Gayle preceded Billy in death on August 10, 2022.

Billy is survived by one son, Jeffery Clayton Stark of Carthage; one daughter-in-law, Marsha Stark; two brothers, Elvie and Johnny Stark, both of Carthage; five grandchildren, Candida Parker, Missy Todd (Brett), Laura Canady, Craig Stark, and Joe Stark; fourteen great grandchildren; and five great great grandchildren.

Billy is preceded in death by his wife, Gayle; two sons, Randy Joe Stark (May 3, 2024), and Billy Charles Stark (April 18, 2014); two daughters-in-law, Tabatha Stark (December 8, 2013), and Carol Stark (2019); a grandson, Josh Treadway (2021); his parents, Everett and Flora Stark; four brothers, Wilbur, Lee, Alva, and Ellis Stark; and a sister, Alta Barker.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at Dry Valley Cemetery, located between Pierce City, Missouri, and Wentworth, Missouri. A visitation will be held from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. at Ulmer Funeral Home in Carthage, Missouri, prior to his graveside service.

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

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

Cemetery Details

Dry Valley

Lawrence County Ave.
Wentworth , MO 64873

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Ulmer Funeral Home
1208 S. Garrison
Carthage, MO 64836
(417) 358-2222
ulmerfh@gmail.com
<https://www.ulmerfh.com/>

Graveside Service

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Held at Dry Valley Cemetery between Pierce City, Missouri, and Wentworth, Missouri.

Tribute Wall

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“ Jeff, family, and friends,
Sorry to hear about your dad. We are sending
our love, prayers, and hugs. God Bless.
Love The Moeder Family,
Dana, Anthony, Aurea, Marius ❤️🙏



Dana Moeder - January 07 at 10:51 AM

BS

“ Jeff and family
I loved your Dad very much.
I'm so sorry you had to go through this again.
Love you and your children always. Prayers
🙏❤️❤️❤️❤️ Your cousin Brenda Stark
Seckman



Brenda Stark Seckman - January 05 at 07:20 PM

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We loved uncle Billy very much I enjoyed talking to him I have so many memories of him & Gail come to the house on Sundays for dinner mom would make him what his favorite pie was she always made so many pies .love & prayers Fir Jeff & family. Your cousin karen

Karen Tatum - May 05 at 12:02 PM