



## Blondie Butler

March 16, 1929 - January 8, 2025

Blondie Butler, 95, passed away Wednesday, January 8, 2025, in Joplin, Missouri. Blondie was born March 16, 1929, in Sutton, West Virginia to Preston Green Butler and Bertha Ethos (Rogers) Butler. He had been a resident of Carthage since the early 1970's. Blondie was a mechanical engineer and retired after 25+ years with Leggett & Platt. He was an active member of Center Point Christian Church, never met a stranger, had a great sense of humor, and loved to make people laugh. Blondie stayed busy with many passions. He enjoyed painting (landscapes mostly), creating stained glass projects, and gardening (mainly keeping up with his apple trees). Blondie was an avid model train builder and took up painting to help create his own backgrounds. He was a gifted musician and bluegrass enthusiast. Blondie could play the banjo and mandolin; however, he could also play the guitar and the fiddle if needed. Blondie was proud to have served his beloved country during the Korean war in the U.S. Army. Blondie was united in marriage to Frances Westfall on July 3, 1954, at the Methodist Church in Sutton, West Virginia; she survives. Blondie is survived by his wife, Frances, of 70 years; one son, Brad Butler (Mandy) of Carthage, Missouri; three daughters, Debbie Jennings (Allen) of Reeds, Missouri, Kim Baldwin of Joplin, Missouri, and Tina Snyder (Lenny Robertson) of Carthage, Missouri; nine grandchildren, Daniel (Brooke), Dustin, Darren (Angela), Kerrie (Austin), Grant, Grace, Erin, Clay, and Blake; and eight great grandchildren, Trigg, Issac, Payton, Zak, Taylor, Harley,

Maddox, and Lennox.

Blondie is preceded in death by one son, Craig Butler, his parents, Preston and Bertha Butler, and 12 siblings.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 11, 2025, at Center Point Christian Church in Carthage, Missouri. A visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until service time. The burial will be at Fasken Cemetery in Carthage, Missouri.

Contributions may be made to Center Point Christian Church Building Fund in care of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at [www.ulmerfh.com](http://www.ulmerfh.com).

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Ulmer Funeral Home in Carthage, Missouri.

# Cemetery Details

## Fasken Cemetery

Carthage, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

Center Point Christian Church  
11995 County Rd. 80  
Carthage, MO

## Funeral Service

JAN 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Center Point Christian Church  
11995 County Rd. 80  
Carthage, MO

# Tribute Wall

BY

“ I grew up at Center Point Christian Church and am blessed to have been touched by Blondie Butler! He was born 6 days before my dad and in many ways they were birds of a feather! Blondie always has a smile and everyone is his friend. In an age where many famous people are concerned about their legacy Blondie is a "real" person with a real legacy! His fingerprints, blood, sweat, tears and his incredible mind are evident throughout the building at Center Point. His legacy is incredible from the echo of his music, to his artistic creativity in the stained glass and the fact that he has been the house architect in the design and expansion of the building for about 5 decades! I am not aware of him ever preaching behind the pulpit but he has lived out the gospel before our eyes in so many other ways. I hope his grandchildren understand how great his legacy is! Thank you Blondie! I look forward to seeing you and many others again some day!

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**Bill Yoes** - January 11, 2025 at 09:00 AM

KC

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Frances and family. Blondie was always joking around with me on Sunday morning before service started on Sunday mornings at Center Point! I can hear Frances scolding him, thinking he would upset me! But ,no I loved his humour and loved visiting his workshop! He was talented at many things. Frances and Blondie entertained us on Sundays playing together!  
Praying for Gods comfort for the family!  
Kay Chorum.

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**Kay Chorum** - January 10, 2025 at 08:45 PM

DH

“ I always enjoyed my interactions with Blondie. A true gentleman and valued partner at Leggett & Platt. A great guy!!  
*Dave Haffner, retired Chairman and CEO, Leggett & Platt, Inc.*

David Haffner - January 10, 2025 at 01:43 PM

EM

“ I never remember a time I encountered Blondie without out a smile on his face. My prayers for peace & comfort to all the Butler family as he will be sorely missed.

Elizabeth McDaniel - January 09, 2025 at 08:33 PM



“ A dear friend who worked at Leggett & Platt , sweet Blessed Blondie , Peace now in Gods Hands 11



Sandy Higgins - January 09, 2025 at 02:37 PM

JB

“ My prayers are with you all. I have many fond boyhood memories with Uncle Blondie when he would spend time at our place on Trace Run. I always excited when I heard he was coming. Loved his amazing talents. May God's comfort rest upon you all. In Christ's Love, John and Kathy Butler

John Butler - January 09, 2025 at 12:00 PM

SH

“ To the Butler Family, I offer my sincere condolences on the passing of Blondie. Godspeed Blondie on the next portion of your incredible life's journey. From an old L&P friend.

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**Sidney A. Hiatt** - January 09, 2025 at 05:52 AM