



Danny G. Hensley

February 27, 1942 - May 28, 2026

Danny G. Hensley, 84, passed away at home on Thursday, May 28, 2026, surrounded by his family in Carthage, Missouri. Danny was born February 27, 1942, at McCune-Brooks Hospital in Carthage to Jollie G. and Martha Mae (White) Hensley.

He was actively involved in JROTC and FFA during high school and graduated from Carthage High School with the Class of 1959. He owned National Livestock Commission Company at the Joplin Stockyards for many years. He was first elected Eastern District Commissioner in 1984 and later served as Jasper County Presiding Commissioner until 2002. Danny coached Little League baseball for more than 30 years. He and George Becker co-owned White Oak Auction Service for nearly 30 years. He was a proud patriot who loved hunting and was honored as Carthage Citizen of the Year. Danny was a member of Fairview Christian Church for more than 50 years.

Danny was first united in marriage to Sheryl Anderson on June 4, 1964, in Miami, Oklahoma and she preceded him in death on March 23, 2023. Then he was united in marriage to Stephanie Cearnal on October 18, 1989, in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, she survives.

Survivors include his wife, Stephanie Hensley; his son, Brent Hensley (Karensue) of Joplin, Missouri; his daughter, Shelly Deruy (Kurt) of Joplin, Missouri; his son, Sean Johanson (Elizabeth), of Joplin, Missouri; one brother, Mike Hensley (Cindy) of Covington, Georgia; his aunt, Selba Hill (Bob) of Cartwright, Oklahoma; eleven grandchildren, Kaleb Hensley, Noah Hensley,

Jonah Hensley, Wyatt Hensley, Ali Nichols, Kennedy Deruy, Gunnar Johanson, Garren Johanson, Riley Johanson, Kaeden Morris, and Addison Bridges; seven great-grandchildren; and a host of extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jollie G. and Martha Mae Hensley; two brothers, Tommy Hensley and Johnnie Hensley; and his first wife, Sheryl McKelvy, and many family members and friends.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at Fairview Christian Church in Carthage, Missouri. Ministers Boyce and John Mouton will officiate. To watch Danny's service via livestream, please go to fairviewchristian.net. A visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at Ulmer Funeral Home in Carthage, Missouri. Interment will follow at Dudman Springs Cemetery, southeast of Carthage. Pallbearers will be Kaleb Hensley, Noah Hensley, Jonah Hensley, Wyatt Hensley, Gunnar Johanson, Garren Johanson, and Kaeden Morris.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Carthage Little League 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

Dudman Springs Cemetery

8713 Cedar Rd.
Carthage, MO 64836

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JUN 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Fairview Christian Church
Carthage, MO

Tribute Wall

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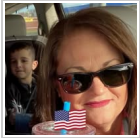
“ *My sympathy to the family. Pete Mitts*

Lois Mitts - June 04 at 01:34 PM

BB

“ *I've always felt great admiration for my cousin Danny. My dad, his Uncle Delbert Hensley, thought the world of him. I'm so sorry, his last years on this earth, were so difficult. I have great admiration for his wife and family, for taking such good care of him. Rest in peace, dear Danny. You will be missed. I'll forever hold sweet memories of you in my heart.*

Barbara Hensley Bolling - June 04 at 11:11 AM



“ *Stephanie, It breaks my heart that Danny has left us but knowing he is planning another Midwest Gathering of the Artist with Bob and Lowell gives comfort. We loved him so very much. Many prayers to you and your family.*

Alice Chorum - June 02 at 09:38 AM

MH

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Danny's passing. Our thoughts and prayers for the family. Mary and Harold Hensley*



Mary Steele Hensley - June 02 at 08:14 AM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of Danny’s passing. You all are in our thoughts and prayers 🙏.

John and Mary Jane Stevens - May 30 at 09:43 PM

JT

“ Danny was a gift to us all. He was my Little League coach, my mentor, and my friend. I know he is in a better place now, and I am sorry I am not able to attend the visitation or the funeral. I wish I could be there to celebrate Danny’s wonderful life. - Jay Thompson

Jay Thompson - May 30 at 09:14 PM