



## Derrick McGatha

December 3, 1971 - February 22, 2022

Derrick McGatha, 50, passed away Tuesday, February 22, 2022 in Joplin, Missouri. Derrick was born December 3, 1971 to Donald McGatha and Dolores Weaver. Derrick earned a bachelor's degree in General Education and two minors, English and History from Missouri Southern State University in 2016. He was Magna Cum Laude. He worked for Central State Automation as a machinist. Derrick enjoyed black powder guns, blacksmithing, repairing watches and gardening in his spare time.

Derrick was united in marriage to Patricia Pennington July 22, 1989 at College Heights Christian Church; she survives.

Derrick is survived by his wife, Patricia McGatha of Reeds, Missouri; one son, Silas McGatha of Reeds, Missouri; five daughters, Samantha McGatha of Reeds, Missouri, Anna McGatha of Reeds, Missouri; Brittany Dodge (Ben) of Joplin, Missouri, Elizabeth McGatha of Reeds, Missouri, and Rachel Dunn (Mark) of Joplin, Missouri; two grandchildren, Kurtis Dodge and Naomi Dunn; his parents, Donald McGatha and Dolores Thompson; one brother, Danuel McGatha (Misty); and three sisters, Donna Sprague (Geoff), Dallas McDonald (Lynn), and Donnie Durnell (Gordon).

Services will be held 2:00 p.m. Monday, February 28, 2022 at Ulmer Funeral Home in Carthage, Missouri. Burial will be at Reeds Cemetery in Reeds, Missouri.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.



# Cemetery Details

**Reeds Cemetery**

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

FEB **28**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ Prayers to the family Victorian courtyards staff (Dallas)

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**Eddie Stark** - February 28, 2022 at 08:23 AM

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“ Prayers and condolences to the family.ay God's love and peace be of comfort to you all.

*Odell Jackson (friend of Donna)*

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**Odell Jackson** - February 26, 2022 at 08:14 AM

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“ Sending prayers and love to the family.

*Becky Kwasigroch (Beulah's granddaughter)*

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**Rebecca Kwasigroch** - February 23, 2022 at 11:59 PM