



## Elmer Ray Frey

April 2, 1938 - March 27, 2021

Elmer Ray Frey, 82, passed away Saturday March 27, 2021 at his home in Joplin. He was born April 2, 1938 in Carthage, MO to Elmer and Guyline (Slack) Frey. He worked at Hercules in 1964 and retired from dyno-noble in 1998 where he was a nitroglycerin supervisor. Elmer was united in marriage to Theresia M. Lack on February 16, 1957 in Iola, KS

Elmer served in the United States Air Force and was a former member of the Shriners for 50 years. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and shooting guns. Elmer loved his family trips to the lake and most of all he loved his wife, kids, grandchildren, and great grandchildren very much and would do anything for them. He loved all of his nieces, nephews, and all of his good friends.

He is survived by his wife Theresia Frey of Carthage, Missouri; one son Michael Frey(Rebecca) of Webb City, Missouri; two daughters, Debbie Rusk of Carterville, Missouri, Connie Altman(David) of Joplin, Missouri; one brother Roger Frey of Houston, Texas; nine grandchildren, Jackie(Brandon), Brittany, Eric(Molly), Tara(Tyler), Lindsey(Scottie), Kenna(Kris), Kelsey, Lil Mike(Marilyn), Chase; and 12 great-grandchildren Reegin, Brantley, Brinley, Braylee, Owen, Griffin, Lawson, Harper, Kynlee, Knox, Leilynn, Mia.

Elmer was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters Phyllis Lewis Cundiff and Barbara Gourley

A celebration of life visitation will be held from 2:00-4:00 P.M., Friday April 2, 2021 at Ulmer Funeral Home in Carthage, Missouri.

Online Condolences can be made at [www.ulmerfuneralhome.com](http://www.ulmerfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Ulmer Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Going to Uncle Elmer and Aunt Theresia's house to visit from Springfield was always a good time. I remember Uncle Elmer being the auto enthusiast and having pigeons galore! Most of all I can remember his voice and the way that he laughed from his gut! A life well lived. Prayers of peace and comfort to my Aunt and cousins who will miss his presence deeply.

Paula Nienhueser - March 30, 2021 at 04:45 PM

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“ What a wonderful man I had the opportunity if knowing growing up. Prayers for the entire family during this difficult time.



Heather Ellison (Richardson) - March 30, 2021 at 09:23 AM

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“ I have so many fond memories of Elmer, He and Theresia were the first ones to baby sit Chris after I had to return to work after having him. We we became more than just friends and neighbors, we became family. My parents bought a place at the lake and we would go there with the Freys and camp at my parents. Elmer loved the lake and bought the place right next to my parents so we kinda became double neighbors, they lived 2 houses from us for several years and then next to my parents at the lake. He love going out in the boats thru the day swimming, skiing, and just having a great time, we spent many hours fishing and noodling for the BIG one. Elmer always treated us like his own kids and Chris became another grandson to him. He was such a fun, loving, and great man to be around. It is so hard to believe he is gone, but I know he is going to be spending some time again with "the Park Ranger" and "the Ol'Coot" that was his nicknames for my Dad and Mom. I don't know how to express my gratitude to the family for sharing such a wonderful person with us. I will miss him very much, Elmer always gave me a big hug when I seen him, sure wish I could get a few more of those from him. Love you Elmer, have fun fishing and keeping the "the Park Ranger and "the Ol' Coot" in line until we meet again "Ol' Fuddy duddy"  
Love ya  
Diana Tandy

Diana Tandy - March 30, 2021 at 01:35 AM

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“ Love ya Fudd. R.I.P. Bud.....  
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**Roger S. Frey** - March 29, 2021 at 01:11 PM