



## Ernal Meister

May 3, 1942 - May 18, 2025

Ernal Meister, 83, a lifetime resident of Carthage, Missouri, left the pain and suffering of this world to be in heaven with his loving wife, Wilma, on Sunday, May 18, 2025.

He is survived by his daughter, Julie and her husband, John, of Carthage; one son, Steven (Jill) of Dallas, Texas; two granddaughters, Jennifer (Jo) of Springfield, Missouri, and Ashley (Scott) of Springfield, Missouri; one great-granddaughter, Opal of Springfield, Missouri; and one sister, Nancy Fonville. Ernal graduated from Carthage High School in 1960 and earned an electrical engineering degree from NEO College in Miami, Oklahoma. He was a proud member of IBEW Local 95 of which he was a member of over 57 years. After the passing of his wife, Ernal became a gentleman farmer, enjoying raising alpacas and chickens. He took great pride in the homestead that he and Wilma made together with an abundance of flowers and trees. He was a talented furniture maker, which is evident in each family household of which will become family heirlooms.

Ernal was preceded in death by his loving wife of 55 years, Wilma, his parents Vernal and Ella Meister, brother and sister-in-law Buck and Linda Meister, nephew, Vernal David Meister, and brother John Vernal Meister.

A visitation will be held from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, May 23, 2025, at Ulmer Funeral Home in Carthage, Missouri. A graveside service will follow at 12:00 p.m. at Red Oak Cemetery in Red Oak, Missouri.

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

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

# Cemetery Details

## Red Oak Cemetery

County Road 2032  
La Russell, MO 64848

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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

## Graveside Service

MAY **23**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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County Road 2032  
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# Tribute Wall

SA

“ *What sweet memories of your mom & Dad. So sorry for your loss. Sure miss your Mom.* ”

Shirley Albright - May 21, 2025 at 01:27 PM

SB

“ *Ernal you were a kind man you were my wifes uncle and I remember today we came out there to buy some eggs from you you sold us a lot of eggs and you gave us a tour of your farm out there and showed us your elpackas it was a joy just being around you he r n a l he will be truly missed what a godly man what a kind man what a nobleman what an honorable man may you rest in peace* ”

Steve Barlow - May 20, 2025 at 03:26 PM

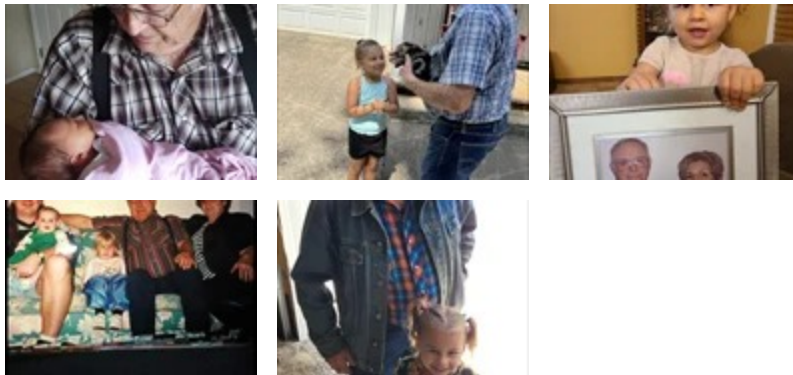
SH

“ *Condolences to the Meister Family, Godspeed Ernal on the next portion of your incredible life's journey.* ”

Sid Hiatt - May 20, 2025 at 05:21 AM

JM

“ *12 files added to the tribute wall* ”



Jennifer Meister - May 19, 2025 at 11:19 PM

JM

“ My grandpa taught me the importance of hard work and how important a trade was in life. My love of flowers and the country lifestyle came from them. I was so sentimental and saved everything in curio cabinets like my grandparents did. Including one of my prized possessions, the hand made curio cabinet from my grandpa for my first apartment when I was 21. My love from plants and random plant facts came from this man and my grandma. They were the best grandparents ever and I was so lucky to have them as long as I did and so grateful Opal got to experience my favorite place- Grandma and Grandpa Meisters magical land in the country ❤️ I spent many summers and holidays with them and am so happy my daughter got to experience this with us and grandpa the last 5 years. Grandpa, thank you for all you taught me over the years, the amazing furniture you hand made me, the hard work you in-stowed in me and showing me anything is possible❤️ you will be so missed. Opal will be checking the girls for you 🐣🐣🐣🐣🐣🐣

Jennifer Meister - May 19, 2025 at 11:16 PM

JM

We will miss Ernal so much and all the good times we've had at his and Wilma's home. It was a special day when our son John married Julie and joined this family. He loved his In-Laws. Rest in peace Ernal ❤️

Jerry and Marva Van Meter - May 21, 2025 at 11:15 AM