



Mr. George M. "Buck" Ritchie

February 28, 1936 - May 18, 2021

George M. "Buck" Ritchie, 85, passed away Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at Freeman Hospital in Joplin, Missouri. Buck was born on February 28, 1936 in Carthage, Missouri to Ray and Emma Rose Ritchie. He attended Monitor Grade School and Carthage Senior High, graduating in 1952.

Buck worked in the Hardware Business most of his working life starting at age 16 at Carthage Hardware, then Carlson Hardware in Joplin. He worked in the flooring industry for a few years and then returned to the hardware business selling for Belknap, Inc. and Orgill Brothers. In semi-retirement he worked for Midway Lumber of Joplin, and Tapjac and Barton's in Carthage.

Buck loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and gardening. He started doing woodworking projects later in life and enjoyed that also.

He loved his family and friends and was always ready to extend a helping hand.

He was a 50 Year Mason and a Shriner.

Buck is survived by his wife, Patty; two children, Donald Wayne and Kyle Ann; three grandchildren; his sister Retah Arthur; several nieces and nephews; and many friends.

Buck is preceded in death by his mother and father; one son, George Alan; and his brother Kenneth.

Buck will lie in state from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM Friday, May 21 at Ulmer Funeral Home and a Graveside Service will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday, May 22 at

Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Senior Center in Carthage or the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Park Cemetery

801 South Baker
Carthage, MO

Previous Events

Open Visitation

MAY **21**. 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Graveside Service

MAY **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Park Cemetery
801 South Baker
Carthage, MO

Tribute Wall

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“ Buck was a good friend and will be missed by many. Our prayers are with Pattie and family. Jerry and Lil oler

Jerry Oler - May 21, 2021 at 08:09 AM

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“ The first time I met Buck, I felt as though I had known him for a long time. His personality was so open and friendly you could not help but love him at first meeting. Buck seemed to always be looking for a way to make you at ease. I have fished and boated with this good friend. Every time was a new adventure just because of Buck's love for life.

I know that he will missed by many in the years to come. Rest in peace, my friend

George Hawkins - May 19, 2021 at 09:25 PM