



Gerald "Yogi" Patrick

September 21, 1953 - April 27, 2026

Gerald "Yogi" Patrick, 72, of Carthage, Missouri, passed peacefully from this life on April 27, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family.

Born on September 21, 1953, Gerald was the eldest son of Gene and Dorothy Patrick. He was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by ten brothers and sisters, along with a large extended family who loved him dearly. A lifelong resident of Carthage, Gerald was known by many and loved by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Gerald worked for many years as Maintenance Supervisor at Steadley Manufacturing until the company sold in 1997. Prior to that, he worked at Country Pride Turkey Plant, where he earned the nickname "Yogi". In retirement, he continued serving others as a taxi driver for the City of Carthage until fully retiring in 2017. More than any title or occupation, Gerald will be remembered for the life he lived and the people he loved. He was a coach, a father, a big brother, a deacon, a Papa, and a faithful friend. He was the kind of man people ran to in hard times, because he brought peace, wisdom, and steady strength with a little humor mixed in. His name became known for honesty, integrity, generosity, and hard work.

Gerald loved the Lord with all his heart and treasured the Good Book, whose pages guided his life and anchored his faith. Through trials and blessings alike, he remained steadfast, trusting God every step of the way.

He shared a beautiful love story with his wife, Joyce, of fifty years. Gerald was a devoted father to his three sons and their wives, and a proud Papa to eighteen grandchildren. He was also blessed with three great-grandchildren (with two more on the way.) Being Papa was one of his greatest joys. He always made time for each child, whether it was finding baby turtles, starting maple trees, looking through “mo-car” magazines, and simply making ordinary moments unforgettable.

He loved us all for a lifetime long, and he leaves behind a legacy of faith, love, strength, and family that will continue for generations.

He fought the good fight,

He finished the race,

He kept the faith.

Any contributions in honor of Yogi may be made to Servants Church in Webb City, in care of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at www.ulmerfh.com.

The funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Monday, May 4, 2026, at Fairview Christian Church in Carthage. A visitation will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 PM on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at Ulmer Funeral Home in Carthage. The burial will take place at Fasken Cemetery in Carthage immediately following the service.

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

Cemetery Details

Fasken Cemetery

Carthage, MO

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Ulmer Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

MAY 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Fairview Christian Church
Carthage, MO