

## Hilman "Pete" Kenneth Rushing

August 17, 1931 - January 23, 2022

Hilman "Pete" Kenneth Rushing, 90, of Carthage, Missouri passed away on Sunday, January 23, 2022 at Carthage Health and Rehab following a short illness. He was born August 17, 1931 to Sidney S. Rushing and Nancy Clementine Henson in Jasper, Alabama.

Pete was united in marriage to Wanda June Sooter, of Sarcoxie, Missouri, on August 24, 1952 in Coffeeyville, Kansas. He and Wanda were in the evangelistic ministry with the Church of the Nazarene for many years. Pete was an avid witness for Jesus.

Pete moved to the Sarcoxie/Carthage area in 1989 from Venice, Florida. He was an auto mechanic. Pete, with his son, Ken Rushing, owned and operated Four States Surveillance. They went on to open Rushing Tire and Auto in Sarcoxie, Missouri.

Pete was a Korean War Veteran stationed in Okinawa, Japan from 1950 to 1952. He earned the rank of corporal and was an atrocities photographer with photos in Stars and Stripes magazine.

Pete was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Wanda June Rushing, his son, William Kenneth Rushing and ten siblings.

Pete is survived by:

Daughter, Rowena (Philip) Farley of Carthage, Missouri; two grandchildren, John (Cynthia) Farley, II of York, Pennsylvania and Rebekah (Nate) Farley Bienhoff of Roswell, New Mexico; and five great grandchildren, John Trey, III, KaLee, Ellie, Drew, and Hannah (Scott), and one great-great-grandchild,

Andy.

Daughter, Rhonda (Steve) Seaton of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; granddaughter, Heather Seaton of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; grandson, Jacob (Christy) Seaton; four great grandchildren, Piper, Violet, Silas and Finnegan of St. Joseph, Michigan.

Daughter-in-law, Kathy Rushing of Sarcoxie, Missouri; two grandchildren, Kelly (Wesley) Rushing of Sarcoxie, Missouri and Kyler (Kandy) Rushing of Parsons, Kansas; six great grandchildren, Ethan (Charli), Karter, Brooks, Otto, Hooper, and Abel Rushing; and two great great grandchildren, Addy and Emmilia.

Also surviving is one sister, Jeannette (Dallas) Hardison of Florida and a brother-in-law, Gene (Wilma) Sooter of Tennessee, and sister-in-law, Pat Sooter of Sarcoxie, Missouri.

A memorial service will be held 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 29, 2022 at First Church of the Nazarene in Carthage, Missouri. Pastor John Farley will officiate. Inurnment will be private at Emmanuel Cemetery in Carthage, Missouri

Contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior or Gideons in care of Ulmer Funeral Home.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

## Cemetery Details

### Emmanuel Cemetery

Carthage, MO

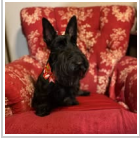
## Previous Events

### Memorial Service

JAN **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Church of the Nazarene  
2000 Grand Avenue  
Carthage, MO 64836

# Tribute Wall



“ *Uncle Pete always made me laugh. He made the best Donald Duck voice ever! I have nothing but happy thoughts when I think of him. May my light sign like his did. He was never bashful about his Jesus. What a reunion he is experiencing right now!! My love to all the sweet family. Love you guys.*

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**Treva Downey** - January 29, 2022 at 09:39 AM

CB

“ *Uncle Pete was first to give you a bear hug. As kids, I fondly remember him counting our ribs and talking like Donald Duck to make us laugh. He was a kind man and full of Jesus. My life is better having known him and Aunt June, both of whom prayed for me in hard times and rejoiced in the good times. Love to his immediate family.*

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**Courtney Boyen** - January 27, 2022 at 04:34 PM



“ *Pete was a wonderful man and he love to tell stories. I know that he is smiling in heaven. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

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**Ann Jones** - January 27, 2022 at 03:43 PM

TP

“ *Pete was such a Sweetheart. He also became good friends with my dad. He was so supportive when my mom passed. He could be quite the character as well. He always knew how to make me laugh. I will miss him.*

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**Tammy Pruss** - January 27, 2022 at 11:41 AM

BM

“ We enjoyed Pete’s humor and vibrant personality. We were blessed to have known him. Enjoy heaven Pete.

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**Betty Meyers** - January 27, 2022 at 07:24 AM

IS

“ Have many beautiful memories of Pete and June dating back to the fifties. Got to visit with him the last time I was able to be in church. A wonderful Christian man with a unique sense of humor.

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**Isabelle.Motley** - January 25, 2022 at 05:12 PM