

## Michael Dean Bear

September 22, 1949 - January 16, 2017

Michael (Mike) Dean Bear, 67, of Carthage, Missouri, passed away on January 16, 2017 after a hard fought battle with cancer. Mike was born in Peoria, Illinois on September 22, 1949. He graduated from Limestone High School in Bartonville, Illinois before serving his country in the Vietnam War.

Mike was married to Beverly L. Bear on May 3, 1969; they were married 47 years.

Mike worked as a maintenance supervisor for ConAgra until he was disabled by a massive heart attack, resulting in a heart transplant in 2007.

More than anything he enjoyed spending time with his family. His grandsons were his pride and joy; he spent time with them almost daily being involved in their education, as well as their extracurricular activities, such as sports and other school functions.

Mike is survived by his wife, Beverly Bear; his three children, Tricia Bear, Troy Bear, and Kelly Bear; his two grandchildren Toby Baldwin and Lucas Flynn-Bear; his brother Robert Bear; his nieces and nephews; and the rest of his family and friends.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents, Wilbur Bear and Francis Bear; as

well as his sister, Nancy DeGood and his brother Thomas Bear.

The family of Mike Bear wishes to thank all of the doctors and nurses of the Veterans Affairs, Barnes-Jewish Hospital, and Freeman Hospital for making miracles happen in the past and the Palliative Care Staff of Freeman Hospital for helping us in our most difficult time. We would also like to thank again the donor family for providing us with that most precious gift one could ever receive . . . almost ten years ago today.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, January 20, 2017 at Ulmer Funeral Home in Carthage. A private family service will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to Donate Life America or American Cancer Society 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.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **20**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ulmer Funeral Home  
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Carthage, MO 64836  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dear Troy and Family,*

*I am deeply sadden to hear about your father's passing. I've enjoyed the stories you've shared about your father being a quiet and kind man. Driving hours to pick you up from the airport after being rerouted due to the airlines. I'll be thinking about you and praying for you during this time.*

*Sydney Jenkins*

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**Sydney Jenkins** - January 29, 2017 at 06:04 PM

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“ *Mike was a dear friend and neighbor to Roger and I for many years and we will always remember his kindness and helpfulness!*

*May the Lord cover and comfort his dear family and friends.*

*Matthew 5:4*

*Roger & Catherine Hibdon*



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**Catherine Hibdon** - January 20, 2017 at 06:09 PM

TB

*Thank you.*

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**Troy Bear** - January 29, 2017 at 10:32 AM

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“ When I got married in 1975 the one thing I wanted was for my grandparents (Mike's grandparents also) who were 86 and 83 to be there. However they lived in Peoria which was about an hour away. The day of my wedding when I walked down the aisle I saw them sitting there - thanks to Mike and Bev Bear who drove them from Peoria. I will be always grateful.


Debbie Stevens - January 18, 2017 at 12:08 PM

DL

“ Deanna Lee lit a candle in memory of Michael Dean Bear



Deanna Lee - January 18, 2017 at 08:38 AM

  
Rhonda  
Elkins

“ Rhonda Elkins lit a candle in memory of Michael Dean Bear



Rhonda Elkins - January 17, 2017 at 08:45 PM