



## Robert Neal Stafford

December 4, 1936 - September 18, 2022

Robert "Bob" Neal Stafford, 85, of Joplin, Missouri, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, September 18, 2022. Bob was born on December 4, 1936, in Fidelity, Missouri, to George Riley Stafford Jr. and Hattie "Narramore" Stafford. Bob was a longtime resident of Jasper County and was employed as the dispatcher for Carthage Water and Electric for over 27 years and retired in 1996. He served in the United States Air Force for over nine years and in June of 1964 he was given the title of Staff Sergeant. He was a brother of Carthage Masonic Lodge #197 AF and AM, he belonged to the Valley of Joplin Scottish Rights, the Abou Ben Adhem Shrine Mosque of Springfield, the Carthage Train Crew, and a lifetime member of the Carthage VFW Post #2590.

Bob was united in marriage to Elizabeth "Betty" Bradshaw on September 11, 1965, at the Scotland Church in Scotland, Missouri; she survives.

Bob is also survived by four sons, Tony Stafford of Joplin, Bobby Joe Stafford of Joplin, Jon Scott Stafford of Oklahoma, and Robert Stafford Jr. of Oklahoma; his daughter Tina Stafford and fiancée Mike Deivernois; two brothers, Larry Stafford of North Kansas City, and Loren Stafford (Barbara) of Webb City; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and a special niece, Beth Ann Stafford.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Terry Anne Stafford; one granddaughter Denise Burrus; two brothers, George "Bill" Stafford, and John Stafford; and one sister Joyce Wood.

The family of Bob Stafford would like to extend a special thank you to Integrity Hospice for the care and comfort provided during this time.

A graveside service will be held for Bob at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 24, 2022, at the Fullerton Cemetery in Carthage, Missouri. There will be a visitation along with Masonic Rites beginning at 10:00 AM on Saturday, September 24, 2022, at Ulmer Funeral Home in Carthage, Missouri. Burial will follow the graveside services at Fullerton Cemetery.

Condolences can be posted online at [www.ulmerfh.com](http://www.ulmerfh.com).

In lieu of flowers the family would like contributions to be made to the Masonic Lodge #197 Carthage, or Abou Ben Adhem Shrine Mosque local transportation fund of Springfield.

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

# Cemetery Details

**Fullerton Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

SEP 24. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

### Graveside Service

SEP 24. 11:30 AM (CT)

Fullerton Cemetery

# Tribute Wall

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“ I miss you every day daddy you are always in my heart ❤️ and I cherish every moment I had with you and I'm so proud to be your daughter,love always your little boy wanner

Tina Stafford - September 28, 2022 at 10:13 PM

LM

“ Betty- My sincerest condolences for you at this time, may you find peace and comfort in the days to come. Jon Page

LeAnn Morgan - September 24, 2022 at 01:29 PM

JL

“ Betty & family, we are so sorry for your loss. We are praying that God will comfort you and grant you peace now and in the days ahead. John & Sharon Lewis

John & Sharon Lewis - September 23, 2022 at 10:32 PM

LC

“ Betty\_\_So sorry to hear of Bob's passing...will have you and the family in our prayers. Larry and Karen Catron

Larry Catron - September 22, 2022 at 05:37 PM

BS

“ Miss Betty and family so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family. Brenda from Goodwill



Brenda Stark Seckman - September 21, 2022 at 08:51 PM

JS

“ Betty and family we are so sorry to hear of Nob's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

john Stevens - September 21, 2022 at 03:07 PM