



## Chalmer Ray Morris

February 14, 1935 - April 15, 2024

Chalmer Ray Morris of Salem, Missouri passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Monday, April 15, 2024 at the age of 89. Chalmer was born in Douglas County, Missouri on February 14, 1935, a Valentine gift to his parents, the late Russell and Doshie (Collins) Morris.

After graduating high school, Chalmer proudly served his Country in the United State Army during the Korean War. It was while he was home on leave that he met the love of his life, Miss Gail Longnecker, they were united in marriage on April 14, 1960. This union was blessed with two children. Chalmer worked for MODOT for over 30 years. During that time he also had many "side jobs" working on cars was something he not only did for the extra money, but it was something that he really enjoyed, he not only enjoyed the mechanical aspect, but he loved body work as well. He totally rebuilt a 1928 Model T Roadster pickup truck from scratch, finding the pieces one at a time in remote areas even going to Arkansas and bringing the truck bed home in the trunk of Gail's car. Chalmer also enjoyed working in the yard and having a big garden. Every spring he would plan out the garden, buy the seeds, and with help from Gail, they would get the garden planted. Watering, weeding, and waiting for the first ripe tomato of the season, Gail would can, and freeze the bounty for the winter months ahead. What they didn't put up for themselves, they proudly shared with friends, neighbors, and family. Chalmer was a man of faith, attending Church regularly and making sure that his

children were brought up in Church. He was a loving and devoted husband of 64 years and 1 day, to Gail, a loving father to his children, and beloved brother, uncle, and friend. Chalmer will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved him.

Chalmer Ray Morris is survived by his wife Gail, of the home; daughter, Deborah Ann Morris Cook, of Rolla, MO; son Edward Morris and partner, Dennis Enloe, of Rolla, MO; sister, Patricia Kurtz and husband Ian, of Pomona, MO; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. In addition to his parents Russell and Doshie Morris, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Reva Morris Loring, and an infant sister.

Funeral services will be held Friday, April 19, 2024 at the Salem Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary with Pastor Billy Anderson officiating. Interment will follow at Northlawn Cemetery. Visitation for family and friends will be held at the Chapel prior to the service from 11AM until service time.

# Cemetery Details

## North Lawn Cemetery

Hwy 19 North  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-3117  
dcjames@fidnet.com  
<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com>

# Previous Events

## Military Honors

APR 19. 1:00 AM (CT)

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## Visitation

APR 19. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem  
103 West Center  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-3117  
jgsalemmo@hotmail.com  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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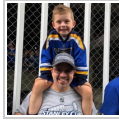
“ *He never met a stranger. He was great to his family as well as those in his extended family. He will be missed!* ”

Dennis Enloe - April 24, 2024 at 12:19 PM

  
Edward  
Morris

“ *He was a great man and a great Dad. I'll miss him* ”

Edward Morris - April 22, 2024 at 01:41 AM



*Eddie: So sorry for your loss.*

Bruce Volner - April 23, 2024 at 07:28 AM

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*Yes Eddie, Your Dad was definitely a great man.*

Chester Reed - April 23, 2024 at 05:50 PM

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“ *Chalmer was a wonderful man. He always had a smile, handshake, and a hug every time I seen him.* ”

*If I ever needed his help, he would be there for me. I'm so thankful for the memories I have. May peace and love surround his wonderful family.*

*Sending my love and prayers to each of you.*

Deborah (Hogan) McFadden - April 19, 2024 at 09:49 AM

JG

“ Chalmer was a wonderful man and a dear friend. We never saw Chalmer without a smile on his face. Jim and I will miss him so very much. Gail you are your family will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers now and in the days ahead.

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**Jim and Sue Gash** - April 18, 2024 at 12:47 PM

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*Chalmer the person you were talking about when you say “He was a great American”. .  
He worked hard ,was honest and he loved his family. If you happen to be one of his friends you were truly blessed.*

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**Chester Reed** - April 22, 2024 at 10:07 AM