



Loyd E. Counts

May 10, 1944 - May 6, 2015

Loyd E. Counts, son of the late Thurman Counts and Beulah (Wisdom) Counts, was born May 10, 1944 in Salem, Missouri and entered into rest with his children by his side, on May 6, 2015 in Salem, Missouri at the age of 70. On October 9, 1965, Loyd was united in marriage to Joyce E. Lundberg, and they became the parents of four children.

Survivors include his children, Sherry Lo and husband, David of Salem, Missouri; Lisa Terrillion and husband Troy of Spring Creek, Nevada; Mark Counts and wife, Amy of Nixa, Missouri; Lamar Freel and wife, Michelle of St. Louis, Missouri; brothers, Bob Counts of Salem, Missouri; Roger Counts of Salem, Missouri; sisters, Violet Fulton and husband, Paul of Salem, Missouri; Marsha Drury and husband, Danny of Salem, Missouri; grandchildren, Chastity, Mitchell, Gabriel, and Daviv Lo; Thea, Taela, Tamera, and Timmothy Terrillion; Chandler Beech and Cody Freel; Colten and Abigail Counts; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Preceding his death were his parents, Thurman and Beulah; wife, Joyce (Lundberg) Counts (2012); brothers, Kenneth Counts, Delbert Counts, and Larry Don Counts ; sisters Connie Nivens and Christina Counts.

Funeral services for Loyd E. Counts will be held 2:00 PM Sunday, May 10, 2015 at the Salem Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary with Pastor Dale Rosette officiating. A visitation for family and friends will be held prior to service from 12:00 PM until service time at 2:00 PM. Interment will be in the North Lawn Cemetery in Salem, Missouri

Cemetery Details

North Lawn Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Loyd E. Counts

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ Condolences to the Counts family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family. Psalms 147:3 says Jehovah God, "heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds." May God bring you comfort and peace.

Williams Family - May 26, 2015 at 09:21 AM



“ I remember Loyd and Joyce when they managed the Starlight Drive-Inn, a favorite date place for my late husband and I back in the 1960s and 70s. Loyd was a great teaser with a wonderful sense of humor and Joyce just smiled and rolled her eyes at his jokes and teasing. I thought they were such a cute couple. As hard as it is to lose our loved ones, I am glad they are together again. Blessings on their family at this difficult time. Linda (Schafer) Uphoff Ocean Park, WA

Linda (Schafer) Uphoff - May 11, 2015 at 08:25 PM

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“ Upon learning that I was dating their granddaughter, not all of the Counts and Lo family members were pleased, and understandably so. But Loyd was the first to show me kindness, and I'll always love him for that.



In our first of many dinners together at his home, he joked with me, showed off his late wife and childhood sweetheart Joyce's collection of baby dolls and collectable dinnerware (the more I hear about her, the more I wish I could've gotten to know her, or at least played her at a competitive round of Atari), and just genuinely seemed interested in who I was as a person.

Loyd was always a fellow jokester, and it pained me to see him suffering the past couple months. But even in the twilight of his life, he never failed to make me smile.

Two weeks ago, the first day he'd come home from the hospital on Hospice, he looked at me and said, with his characteristic calm, existential wisdom,

"I'll be around for one more month, Tyler, and then I'm out of here!"

He didn't mean it bitterly, it was just Loyd's typical sense of humor, on display even in the face of life's most inevitable of hardships, even (or perhaps especially) in the face of the one which concerned himself the most. His always optimistic nature overshoot by a week or two.

Another fond memory, after a recent lengthy, self-pitying diatribe in front of the gathered family, I wrapped up the sob story of my work life with a comment, "Now, does anyone else have any personal neuroses they wish to share?"

Loyd shot back, without a moment's hesitation,

"See? He can be funny when he wants to be."

I loved that. He always had a knack for letting the hot air out of a room. We took turns playing Ed McMahon for each other. He pulled the rudder up quite a few times for me before my lame jokes crashed into proverbial comedy mountain.

"Don't you weep. There is nothing so easy, so lucky, so free," goes a favorite song I always think of at times like this.

You're free, Loyd. And God knows, I know you're happier up there reunited with Joyce than you were down here stuck with us. At least that's how I like to think of you.

But I know, for your family, "easy, lucky and free" isn't in the equation – not for some time. We've got plenty of memories, though, to pull us through. We'll make it, and we'll see you soon.

I told you Sunday night that I was proud of you, the last exchange we ever had. I'm not sure if you heard me, but I think you nodded through the fentanyl haze, which I was overjoyed that they finally talked your stubborn 'ol self into getting some relief. But just in case not, and on the off chance that they have the Internet in heaven, I want you to know I was proud of you and how you handled your last days. I hope that I can take the transition to the other side with such levity, humor, wit, calmness and compassion.

The look you gave Chastity when she came to see you in the hospital I will never forget. It's looks like that one which keep me from losing faith in humanity, and whatever it is we're doing down here, which I think you had figured out more than me. There's still time!

Either way, we'll kid each other again soon enough, and you can instill a little more of that wisdom in me that I always treasured.

And you still owe me that round of golf.

Sincerely,

Tyler McConnell

P.S. - Tell Joyce hi for me. I've never heard an ill word about that lady, and I can't wait to meet her. I think we'll get along just fine.

Tyler McConnell - May 09, 2015 at 10:59 AM

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“ *Joe Guelbert, Karen, Nick & Mark and the Night Hawk staff. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Loyd E. Counts.*



Joe Guelbert, Karen, Nick & Mark and the Night Hawk staff. -
May 08, 2015 at 11:27 PM

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“ *Reginald M. purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Loyd E. Counts.*



Reginald M. - May 08, 2015 at 11:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Loyd E. Counts.*



May 08, 2015 at 10:57 AM



“ *Uncle Lloyd was my favorite uncle and I always looked forward to visiting him each summer as a child. He was a kind and caring man that will always be dear to my heart.
My father, as did I, loved him very much. I hope he is now reunited with aunt Joyce and all of his other family members that have passed before him.*

Natalie (Counts) Magolan - May 08, 2015 at 09:51 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Loyd E. Counts.*



May 07, 2015 at 12:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Loyd E. Counts.*



May 07, 2015 at 12:05 PM

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“ Uncle Lloyd was the best man I knew next to my Popp. I remember him pushing me on the swing in the basement. And all the Fourth of July times at the old house. He will be missed and always in our hearts. Love, Lori, Devin and Dawson Lewis

Lori Lewis - May 07, 2015 at 10:50 AM

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“ To all of the family, I am sorry to hear of the passing of Loyd Counts. It has been an honor and pleasure to know the Counts, Wisdom, Fulton, Lunberg, and related families over the many years. May God bless and comfort each one of you.

Ken Fiebelman - May 07, 2015 at 09:21 AM