



## Marvin Lee Sidwell

September 15, 1945 - April 7, 2026

Marvin Lee Sidwell, of Salem, Missouri, passed away on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at the age of 80.

Marvin was born on September 15, 1945, in Rolla, Missouri, to the late Charles and Julia (Noakes) Sidwell. He was one of twelve children in the family.

Marvin proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Following his service, he dedicated his life to his family and the land he loved so dearly.

A devoted father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Marvin was especially blessed to live on his 29-acre farm surrounded by his family. He took great pride in every acre, spending countless hours outdoors. He enjoyed fishing for white bass at the river with his grandchildren, deer hunting, and working on projects around the farm. Marvin and his grandson Dustin McCurdy shared many special moments building and rebuilding deer stands, with Marvin proudly taking on the role of supervisor during their many adventures. Whether brush hogging or tending to the daily needs of the farm, he found joy in hard work and time spent with loved ones.

Marvin was talented with his hands and had a remarkable ability to build or fix

just about anything. Notably, he built the barn that still stands on his property today. He also had a passion for gardening. Early in the spring he would start seeds in empty egg cartons along his windowsills, carefully tending to them until the frost had passed. His green thumb produced beautiful gardens year after year, and he took great joy in sharing his harvest with family.

Marvin is survived by his children, Martina McCurdy and husband David of Salem, Missouri, Jonathon Sidwell of Rolla, Missouri, Jennifer Sidwell of Iberia, Missouri, and Jason Sidwell of St. Louis, Missouri; his brother, Alvin Sidwell of Rolla, Missouri; his sister, Louise Giddeon and husband Wis of Illinois; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; as well as several nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

In addition to his parents, Marvin was preceded in death by ten siblings.

A private family graveside service will be held at Huskey Cemetery in rural Rolla, where Marvin will be honored with full military honors. All arrangements are under the direction of James & Gahr Mortuary.

Marvin will be remembered for his strong work ethic, his love of the outdoors, and the deep devotion he had for his family. His legacy lives on in the land he tended and the many lives he touched.